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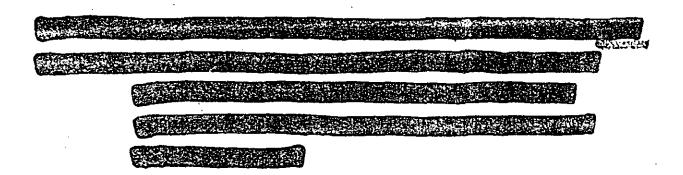
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SUBJECT: COMMENTS BY PRESIDENT SALVADOR ALLENDE ON

THE CURRENT ATTITUDE OF THE MILITARY TOWARDS

HIS GOVERNMENT AND THE CURRENT POLITICAL

SITUATION

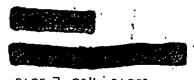


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WILL LEAVE THE CABINET IF HE DOES NOT CHANGE HIS PRESENT ECONOMIC

AND POLITICAL POLICIES. ALLENDE SAID THAT HE BELIEVES THERE EXISTS

AN AGREEMENT AMONG THE THREE BRANCHES OF THE ARMED FORCES THAT

WHEN THE MILITARY MINISTERS LEAVE, THE ARMED FORCES WILL REQUEST HIS

RESIGNATION. ALLENDE ALSO SAID THAT THE PRESENT

ATTITUDE OF THE ARMED FORCES IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE U.P.

GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES.

WITH THE U.P. GOVERNMENT, AND HE BELIEVES THAT THEY WILL

CONFRONT THE GOVERNMENT WITH FORCE. ALLENDE WENT ON TO SAY

THAT HE HAD INFORMATION THAT THE SITUATION WITHIN THE NAVY WAS

VERY DELICATE AND THAT HE NAVAL OFFICERS IN VALPARAISO WERE

EXERTING CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE ON ADMIRAL RAUL MONTERO,

ALLENDE WAS ASKED TO COMMENT
ON THE MASS RALLY HELD ON 4 SEPTEMBER TO CELEBRATE THE THIRD
ANNIVERSARY OF ALLENDE'S ELECTION. ALLENDE SAID THAT HE FELT
AS THOUGH HE HAD JUST ATTENDED THE FUNERAL OF THE COUNTRY.
HE SAID THAT MOST OF THOSE ATTENEDING THE RALLY WERE PEOPLE
WHO SUPPORTED THE GOVERNMENT, BUT HE NOTED THAT THEY WERE NOT

NAVY COMMANDER IN CHIEF, TO RESIGN AS CINC.

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AN ARMED FORCE TO BE USED IN A CONFRONTATION WITH THE MILITARY.

HE SAID THAT THE POPULAR POWER WAS A GOOD TERM FOR SPEECHES,

BUT. REALISTICALLY. THE PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT HIM ARE WITHOUT

WEAPONS. AND THEY COULD NOT FACE THE ARMED FORCES FIRE POWER

SUCCESSFULLY. HE SAID THAT IT WAS HIS BELIEF THAT HIS PRESENCE

AT THE HEAD OF THE GOVERNMENT MIGHT LEAD TO A CONFRONTATION

WHICH COULD RESULT IN 100,000 DEATHS. MEMBERS OF

THE SOCIALIST PARTY (PS) AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY (PCCH) WHO WERE

AT THE MEETING PROPOSED PROVIDING ARMS TO THEIR PARTY MEMBERS.

ALLEDE REJECTED THE IDEA SAYING THAT IT WAS TOO

DANGEROUS BECAUSE THE ARMED FORCES PROBABLY WOULD REACT

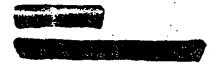
FORCEFULLY AS SOON AS THEY LEARNED OF ANY EFFORTS TO ARM PARTY

MEMBERS. ALLENDE CONCLUDED THAT THE ONLY SOLUTION TO THE CRISIS

IS A POLITICAL ONE.

"OPERATIONAL COMMAND," WHICH WILL BE HEADED BY FORMER GENERAL CARLOS (PRATS,) AND WILL INCLUDE ADON'S SEPULVED A AND ERIC SCHNAKEOF (PS), ANSELMO SULE AND HUGO MIRANDA OF THE RADICAL PARTY (PR), ORLANDO MILLAS AND VICTOR DIAZ OF THE PCCH, OSCAR GARRETON AND

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MOVEMENT (MAPU), ALBERTO J(E R E Z) OF THE CHRISTIAN LEFT.

AND RAUL (JAVID) L E B O N OF THE INDEPENDENT POPULAR ACTION.

THE COMMAND HAS DECIDED TO TAKE SECURITY MEASURES SUCH AS

REMOVING FILES FROM U.P. OFFICES. ALSO DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN HELD

BUT NO DECISIONS HAVE BEEN REACHED REGARDING THE POSSIBLE

CREATION OF "LIBERATED ZONES" TO BE USED IN THE CASE OF A

MILITARY COUP D'ETAT: THESE ZONES WOULD CONSIST OF CONCENTRATIONS OF U.P. MEMBERS IN DESIGNATED ZONES IN SANTIAGO AND

THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

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