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COUNTRY: CHILE

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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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1. [redacted]
[redacted] ON [redacted] SEPTEMBER 1973, PRESIDENT SALVADOR ALLENDE
HELD A MEETING [redacted]
ALLENDE SAID THAT HE BELIEVES THAT THE PRESENT MILITARY MINISTERS

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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. [REDACTED], ALLENDE FEELS THAT THE ARMED FORCES CONSIDER IT IMPOSSIBLE TO COOPERATE 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 THE NAVAL OFFICERS IN VALPARAISO WERE EXERTING CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE ON ADMIRAL RAUL M O N T E R O, NAVY COMMANDER IN CHIEF, TO RESIGN AS CINC.

2. [REDACTED] 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 ATTENDING THE RALLY WERE PEOPLE WHO SUPPORTED THE GOVERNMENT, BUT HE NOTED THAT THEY WERE NOT

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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. ALLENDE 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.

3. ALLENDE HAS ACCEPTED THE FORMATION OF AN "OPERATIONAL COMMAND," WHICH WILL BE HEADED BY FORMER GENERAL CARLOS (P R A T S,) AND WILL INCLUDE ADONIS S E P U L V E D A AND ERIC S C H N A K E OF (PS), ANSELMO S U L E AND HUGO M I R A N D A OF THE RADICAL PARTY (PR), ORLANDO M I L L A S AND VICTOR D I A Z OF THE PCCH, OSCAR G A R R E T O N AND

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MOVEMENT (MAPU), ALBERTO J (E R E Z) OF THE CHRISTIAN LEFT,
AND RAUL (DAVID) 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 CONCEN-
TRATIONS OF U.P. MEMBERS IN DESIGNATED ZONES IN SANTIAGO AND
THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

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