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SUBJECT: (Optional) **Chile: Likelihood and Possible Consequences of a Military Coup**

FROM: **G/WED** [Redacted] [Redacted] EXTENSION NO. [Redacted]
DATE: **18 SEP 1972**

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building) DATE RECEIVED FORWARDED OFFICER'S INITIALS COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)

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5	<i>[Signature]</i>		<i>[Signature]</i>	[Redacted]	3 to 5 <i>I have 5 a.m.</i> <i>The situation</i> <i>is too murky</i> <i>for me to want</i> <i>to advocate any</i> <i>specific plan</i> <i>of action.</i>
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[REDACTED] FOLLOWING IMPRESSION: SITUATION VERY BAD WITH ALLENDE INCAPABLE OF MAINTAINING CONTROL OR RUNNING GOVT. NO COUP PLANS AFOOT, BUT ALL BELIEVE OVERTHROW ATTEMPT CAN DEVELOP SOON. YOUNG OFFICERS PARTICULARLY DISCONTENTED WITH HIGH COMMAND COMPLIANCE WITH ALLENDE POLICIES.

2. PINOCHET, PREVIOUSLY THE STRICT CONSTITUTIONALIST, RELUCTANTLY ADMITTED HE NOW HARBORING SECOND THOUGHTS: THAT ALLENDE MUST BE FORCED TO STEP DOWN OR BE ELIMINATED ("ONLY ALTERNATIVES"). PINOCHET (WHO PRATS MAN) BELIEVES PRATS LEADING CANDIDATE TO HEAD NEW GOVT BUT ADMITS THAT IF COUP IS LED BY YOUNGER OFFICERS (FAR OUT POSSIBILITY), PRATS WON'T HAVE CHANCE BECAUSE HE TOO CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH ALLENDE.

3. ALLENDE CONTINUES TO PRESSURE HIGH COMMAND TO BUY SOVIET

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MILITARY EQUIPMENT, BUT SENIOR OFFICERS RESISTING SUCCESSFULLY. ARMY DOES NOT WANT NEW LINE OF WEAPONS NOR PRESENCE OF SOVIET ADVISERS OR TECHNICIANS. MOST ARMY WILLING ACCEPT WOULD BE ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONS OR GENERAL LOGISTIC ITEMS. PINOCHET WAS IN PANAMA BEFORE COMING MEXICO TO NEGOTIATE PURCHASE OF TANKS FROM U.S. GOVT. HE FELT HE WAS VERY WELL TREATED AND CAME AWAY BELIEVING U.S. WILL SUPPLY TANKS AFTER ALL. (WHILE IN PANAMA, TALKED WITH MORE JUNIOR U.S. ARMY OFFICERS HE KNEW FROM DAYS AT SCHOOL OF AMERICAS AND WAS TOLD U.S. WILL SUPPORT COUP AGAINST ALLENDE "WITH WHATEVER MEANS NECESSARY" WHEN TIME COMES.)