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SUBJECT: CHILEAN PAROLE PROGRAM

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1. FOLLOWING ARE REPLIES TO QUESTIONS POSED IN REFTEL.

2. PARA 2(A): AS DEPT AWARE, GOC ANNOUNCED A DETAINEE RELEASE PROGRAM IN SEPT 1974. U.S. PAROLE PROGRAM BEGAN JULY 1975. BY THE TIME WE BECAME INVOLVED, MOST REFUGEES HAD APPLIED TO GO TO OTHER COUNTRIES. WHEN WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH ICEM WAS ESTABLISHED AND DETAINEES WERE ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF TRAVEL TO U.S., THEIR PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS TO OTHER COUNTRIES WERE WELL ON THE WAY TO COMPLETION. CONSEQUENTLY, BY THE TIME EMBASSY BEGAN PROCESSING, COMPLETED REQUIRED CLEARANCES, ETC., MANY OF OUR APPLICANTS HAD DEPARTED CHILE FOR THIRD COUNTRIES (SEE PARA 6). SECURITY CHECKS WITH CHILEAN AGENCIES TAKE A MINIMUM OF 15 WORKING DAYS. EMBASSY HAS EXPERIENCED ELAYS OF UP TO SIX WEEKS IN RECEIVING GOC AGENCY RESPONSES TO OUR SECURITY CHECKS. MISSION HAS SOUGHT AND RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM GOC SECURITY AGENCIES THAT RESPONSES TO OUR CHECKS WILL BE EXPEDITED. WE HOPE THIS WILL BE THE CASE. IN SUMMARY, THE EXPLANATION FOR "SLOW DEVELOPMENT" OF PROGRAM IS THAT WE ENTERED THE PROGRAM AT A LATE DATE AND SINCE THIRD COUNTRIES APPEAR

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TO HAVE LESS STRINGENT SECURITY REQUIREMENTS, THEY ARE ABLE TO PROCESS APPLICANTS QUICKER THUS REDUCING THE NUMBERS FROM THE POOL OF DETAINEES AVAILABLE FROM ICEM.

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3. PARA 2(B): ICEM RECEIVES ITS CASES FOR REFERRAL TO EMBASSY FROM VARIOUS SOURCES. THE PRIMARY SOURCE IS THE CHILEAN NATIONAL SECRETARIAT FOR DETAINEES (SENDET) WHICH PASSES ON TO ICEM THE NAMES OF THOSE DETAINEES WHO HAVE BEEN ISSUED EXILE DECREES. ICEM RECEIVES ADDITIONAL NAMES FROM ICRC, UNHCR, THE PEACE COMMITTEE, AND THE EMBASSY (U.S. INTEREST CASES). DURING VISITS TO DETENTION CENTERS ICEM ALSO DISCUSSES THE PAROLE PROGRAM WITH THE DETAINEES SELECTED TO REPRESENT EACH CELL BLOCK. THERE APPEARS NO DOUBT THAT THE DETAINEES ARE WELL AWARE OF THE PAROLE PROGRAM AND THE PROCEDURES FOR MAKING KNOWN THEIR DESIRE FOR PAROLE INTO THE U.S.

4. PARA 2(C): THE EMBASSY PROCESSES ALL CASES RECEIVED FROM ICEM. TO DATE, EMBASSY HAS REFUSED ELEVEN (11) CASES, THREE (3) UNDER SECTION 212(A)(28)(C) OF INA BECAUSE OF CP AND MIR MEMBERSHIP AND EIGHT (8) UNDER SECTION 212(A)(28)(F) FOR AFFILIATION OR ACTIVITIES WITH LEFTIST REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MIR) OR OTHER TERRORIST GROUPS. ALSO, THREE (3) ARE BEING FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER SECTION 212(A)(27).

5. PARA 2(D): EMBASSY HAS NOT USED AND WILL NOT USE AS GROUNDS FOR REFUSAL CONVICTIONS BY CHILEAN GOVERNMENT WHICH WE JUDGE TO HAVE BEEN POLITICALLY MOTIVATED. EMBASSY'S ONLY BASIS FOR REFUSAL IS EXISTENCE OF EVIDENCE WE FIND PERSUASIVE OF APPLICANT'S INELIGIBILITY UNDER PROVISIONS OF INA OTHER THAN SECTIONS 212(A)(14) AND (15).

6. PARA 4: THE 48 CASES MENTIONED IN REFTTEL ARE LISTED BELOW INDICATING DISPOSITION OF CASES:

(A) DEPARTED FOR THIRD COUNTRIES: RENE ENRIQUE ALTAMIRANO CORNEJO; MARIO OSVALDO ARMIJO PEREZ; MARIO REINALDO ARTIGAS CONTRERA; LUIS ROBERTO AVARIA BERRIOS; JOE GERMAN BASULTO BASULTO; JUAN CARLOS BICHET LUCO; JORGE WASHINGTON CONCHA

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CORTES; SERGIO SEGUNDO CRUZ FLORES; JORGE FARAH DAGACH TORRES; LUIS BERNARDO DIAZ URIBE; JORGE ROSALINDO ELGUETA CERPA; JAIME ARTURO DONOSOPARRA; JUAN ANDRES GALAZ VAWENZUELA; HECTOR RODOLFO GATICA HERNANDEZ; RUBEN IDO GODOY RIVERA; GERMAN MAX HESS AGUILAR; JORGE ERNESTO HOCES PINTO; ESTANISLAO ANDRES LASTRA TORRES; JORGE ENRIQUE MARTINEZ PEREZ; JOSE EDUARDO MORA SANCHEZ; CARLOS GABRIEL MORALES CARDENAS; NOLBERTO ARIEL MUNOZ SEQUEL; JUAN ANDRES OYARZO AGUILAR; LAUTARO AUGUSTO PEREDO MALDONADO; RAMON RUFINO PEREZ PAINEL; LIBIO

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EDUARDO PEREZ ZUNIGA; EDUARDO PUEBLA HERMOSILLA; CARLOS ROGELIO REYES MANSO; JOSE SABINO ROMERO SALAZAR; LEONCIO RUPERTO SAAVEDRA CONCHA; FREDDY FERNANDO SALGADO URRIOLOA; PATRICIO ANTONIO SALINAS AGURTO; JUAN ALBERTO SANHUEZA JARA; JUAN ENRIQUE SEKULOVIC RIVERA; WALTER IVAN TOGNARELLI JEREZ.

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B) DECREES CANCELLED: ANDRES ALLENDE ASTUDILLO; JORGE AGUSTIN BORQUEZ VEGA; JUAN SERGIO CABELLO PIZARRO; RICHARDSNELSON HERESMAN MUNOZ.

C) APPLICATION WITHDRAWN; JOSE FLORENCIO ANTIAO NAMUNCURA; PATRICIO DIAZ MELEN DIEZ; SERGIO IVAN FABA BEAUMONT; JULIAN JORGE RICCI DEL VALLE; RUBEN ANGEL ROCA ZAPATA; NORAH DEL CARMEN TOLEDO MARTINEZ.

D) RELEASED FROM PRISON: ALFONSO BERNABE DANOBEITYA ROJAS; MANUEL JESUS DONOSO PARRA.

E) REFUSAL 212(A)(28)(C); ENRIQUE LEYTON SANCHEZ.

7. RE PARA 5: A) MEDIA - US PAROLE PROGRAM WAS GIVEN AMPLE FACTUAL COVERAGE IN ALL CHILEAN MEDIA AT INCEPTION OF PROGRAM IN RESPONSE TO US ANNOUNCEMENT. SINCE THAT TIME IT HAS RECEIVED VERY LITTLE MEDIA ATTENTION. B) PROSPECTIVE PAROLEES - INTEREST SHOWN BY PROSPECTIVE PAROLEES HAS BEEN QUITE LIMITED. OUT OF POTENTIAL UNIVERSE OF SOME 4,000 DETAINEES POSSIBLY ELEGIBLE FOR RELEASE, INTEREST IN RESETTLEMENT IN US HAS BEEN INDICATED ON BEHALF OF ONLY 141 DETAINEES, IN MANY CASES WITHOUT DETAINEE INITIATIVE OR KNOWLEDGE.. CONSULAR OFFICERS

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VISITING PRISONER TO INTERVIEW PROSPECTIVE PAROLEES GENERALLY FIND ABSENCE OF SPECIFIC INTEREST IN RESETTLEMENT IN US BUT WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER US PAROLE PROGRAM, LIKE OTHER NATIONAL RESETTLEMENT PROGRAMS, AS MEANS OBTAIN RELEASE FROM PRISON. C) GOC - CHILEAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT TAKEN A PUBLIC POSITION WITH REGARD TO OUR PAROLE PROGRAM. AT PROGRAM'S INCEPTION WE RECEIVED PRIVATE ASSURANCES THAT GOC HAD NO DIFFICULTY WITH IT AND WOULD COOPERATE WITH US IN ITS IMPLEMENTATION. THESE ASSURANCES HAVE BEEN LIVED UP TO. WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED NO DIFFICULTIES WITH OFFICIALS IN CARRYING OUT PROGRAM. INDEED PRISON OFFICIALS, THE ONLY GOC OFFICIALS WITH WHOM WE HAVE REGULAR CONTACT IN CONDUCT OF PROGRAM, HAVE BEEN FULLY COOPERATIVE. WE BELIEVE GOC HAS AN INTEREST IN SUCCESSFUL CONDUCT OF US PAROLE PROGRAM AS IT HAS IN OTHER RESETTLEMENT PROGRAMS AS MEANS OF REDUCING NUMBER OF DETAINEES AND HENCE DIMENSIONS OF ITS INTERNATIONAL IMAGE PROBLEM

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