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TAGS: PREL, PGOV, PHUM, CI UK  
SUBJECT: FCO, CHILEAN EMBASSY COMMENTS ON RECENT VISIT  
TO BRITAIN BY CHILEAN "SPECIAL ENVOY"

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1. **UNCLASSIFIED** CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.

2. A CHILEAN EMBASSY OFFICER RECENTLY BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION THE APPARENTLY UNPUBLICIZED JUNE 8 VISIT HERE OF JAIME LAGOS, DESCRIBED AS A SENIOR MFA OFFICIAL. LAGOS, WE WERE TOLD, HAD BEEN IN EUROPE IN CONNECTION WITH AN ILO CONFERENCE IN GENEVA AND HAD STOPPED OFF FOR TALKS HERE AND IN BONN, BRUSSELS AND MADRID. THE CHILEAN WAS VAGUE AS TO THE OSTENSIBLE PURPOSE OF LAGOS' VISIT BUT VENTURED THE "PERSONAL" GUESS THAT SANTIAGO WANTED AN INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF WHETHER THE BRITISH WERE BECOMING MORE HARDNOSED ON CHILE, AS THE CHILEAN EMBASSY HERE WAS SUPPOSEDLY REPORTING. HE CLAIMED THAT SANTIAGO CONSIDERED THATCHER AND HOWE "FRIENDS" AND IMPLIED THERE WAS CONCERN AT EMBASSY REPORTS OF A STIFFENING UK VIEW TOWARD CHILE. HE DID NOT DISGUISE

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HIS APPARENT BELIEF THAT WHATEVER SHIFT THERE HAD BEEN IN THE UK POSTURE WAS PARTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO U.S. PRESSURE. (AND HE SEEMED, IN DISCUSSING THE LAGOS VISIT, PREOCCUPIED WITH THE QUESTION OF WHAT WOULD HAPPEN, INCLUDING IN UK-CHILEAN RELATIONS, IF PINOCHET WON THE PLEBISCITE.)

3. THE CHILEAN SAID LAGOS HAD LUNCHEDED WITH FCO ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY ROBIN FEARN AND FCO SOUTH AMERICA DEPARTMENT HEAD CHARLES DE CHASSIRON AND HAD LATER MET WITH FCO PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY TIM EGGAR. JUST BEFORE THE EGGAR MEETING, LAGOS HAD PERSONALLY WITNESSED PART OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS EXCHANGE BETWEEN EGGAR AND BIPARTISAN QUESTIONERS ON HMG'S CHILE POLICY (REPORTED REFTEL).

4. ACCORDING TO THE CHILEAN, LAGOS WAS GIVEN A POLITE BUT STRONG MESSAGE OF HMG DISAPPROVAL REGARDING THE POLITICAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN CHILE. WHILE DECLINING TO GO INTO DETAIL, HE MENTIONED THAT EGGAR HAD HARPED ON OPPOSITION ACCESS TO THE MEDIA. THE BRITISH OFFICIALS HAD MADE NO THREATS, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, BUT LAGOS' MEETINGS HERE AND WHAT HE HAD SEEN IN THE COMMONS, THE CHILEAN CLAIMED, HAD LEFT HIM "SHAKING."

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7. COMMENT: WE DO NOT KNOW HOW SENIOR OR WELL-CONNECTED LAGOS IS OR HOW "SPECIAL" HIS STOP HERE MAY HAVE BEEN. OBVIOUSLY, BOTH THE (WELL-INFORMED) CHILEAN EMBASSY AND FCO OFFICIALS HAVE AN INTEREST IN OUR PERCEIVING THAT HMG IS GETTING TOUGHER ON CHILE AND THAT THE CHILEANS KNOW IT. THAT SAID, OUR GUESS IS THAT LAGOS DID GET A POLITE BUT STRONGER-THAN-EXPECTED WARNING OF BRITISH CONCERN. THE BRITS' INTEREST IN CHILEAN HUMAN RIGHTS NOTWITHSTANDING, THEY ARE WELL AWARE THAT A UNIVERSALLY-CONDEMNED PINOCHET "VICTORY" COULD PUT CONSIDERABLE ADDITIONAL AND UNWANTED STRAIN ON UK-CHILEAN TIES.  
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