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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: WRAPUP 12:00 SEPT 15

1. THRUST OF GOVT'S MESSAGE IS THAT SITUATION NORMALIZING THROUGHOUT COUNTRY AND THAT SERVICES AND GOODS SUCH AS FUEL, OIL AND BREAD WILL BE BACK TO SUFFICIENT LEVELS WITH A FEW DAYS. FIGHTING, NEVERTHELESS, CONTINUES IN SANTIAGO - ALTHOUGH GOVT APPEARS TO BE MAKING SLOW PROGRESS IN REDUCING SNIPER ACTIVITY AND ELIMINATING POCKETS OF ORGANIZED RESISTANCE. POLICE CONDUCTING BUILDING BY BUILDING SEARCH OF DOWNTOWN AREA. MILITARY CONTENDS THAT SITUATION IN PROVINCES UNDER CONTROL.
2. WHILE CONTINUING TO PROMISE WORKERS THAT GAINS ACHIEVED UNDER ALLENDE WILL NOT BE WITHDRAWN, GOVT PROPAGANDA TAKING AN EXTREMELY HARD ANTI-MARXIST LINE WITH REPETITIVE MENTION OF INTERNATIONAL MARXIST CONSPIRACY THEMES.
3. MINEC, ARMY GEN GONZALES, HAS ABOLISHED NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPLY AND PRICE BOARDS (JABS) KEYSTONE OF ALLENDE GOVT'S FOOD DISTRIBUTION TO LOWER CLASS NEIGHBORHOODS. NATIONAL SECRETARIAT OF DISTRIBUTION HEADED BY AIR FORCE GEN BACHELET HAS SIMILARLY BEEN DISSOLVED AND REPLACED WITH NEW NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF COORDINATION AND DISTRIBUTION UNDER CONTROL OF A COL. DEYSLER WHICH WILL REORGANIZE DISTRIBUTION IN CONCERT WITH MERCHANT GUILDS. GOVT HAS HOWEVER WARNED AGAINST PRICE SPECULATION WHICH WILL BE HEAVILY PUNISHED.
4. SEPT 15 EL MERCURIO CARRIES STORY DATED LINED VALPARAISO THAT OBSERVERS IN PORT HAVE SEEN NUMEROUS UP PRISONERS PLACED

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ABOARD MERCHANT AND NAVY SHIPS. ARTICLE SPECULATES THAT PRISONERS' DESTINATION IS JUAN FERNANDES' ISLANDS. VENERABLE PDC LEADER BERNARDO LEIGHTON PRESENTED PETITION TO SANTIAGO APPEALS COURT FOR PROTECTION OF LEGAL RIGHTS (RECURSO DE AMPARO) OF SEVERAL PRISONERS INCLUDING BRIONES, ALMEYDA, TAPIA AND OSCAR WAISS. COURT REJECTED LEIGHTON'S PETITION ON BASIS THAT WIDE-RANGING ARREST POWERS GRANTED TO MILITARY IN STATE OF SIEGE SITUATION.

5. MILITARY GOVT CONTINUES TO MAKE NEW APPOINTMENTS. ARMY GENERAL EDUARDO CANO QUIJADA NAMED TO HEAD CENTRAL BANK. HIS FIRST ACT WAS TO ANNOUNCE REINSTATEMENT OF 28 EMPLOYEES FIRED DURING OCTOBER 1972 SHUTDOWN. CANO ALSO STATED THAT BANKS EMPLOYMENT TOTAL HAD MORE THAN DOUBLED UNDER UP AND PROMISED THOROUGH HOUSECLEANING. SIMILAR CLEANUP SENTIMENTS HAVE BEEN PUT IN ACTION BY NEWLY APPOINTED INVESTIGATIONS POLICE HEAD ARMY GEN ERNESTO BAEZA, WHO CURRENTLY WEEDING THAT ORGANIZATION.

6. BOTH SEPT 15 TERCERA AND EL MERCURIO HAVE HEAVY COVERAGE OF LARGE QUANTITIES OF ARMS FOUND IN ALLENDE'S TOMAS MORO RESIDENCE AND STATEMENTS MADE IN YESTERDAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE BY MININT BONILLA REGARDING MILITARY'S DECISION TO ACT AGAINST GOVT BEFORE MILITARY ITSELF ALONG WITH CONSTITUTION WERE TOTALLY DESTROYED. BONILLA ALSO PRESENTED EVIDENCE AT CONFERENCE THAT FAMED 13 CUBAN PARCELS WHICH WERE CENTER OF LONGRUNNING CONTROVERSY ACTUALLY CONTAINED ARMS AND NOT WORKS OF ART AS ALLENDE HAD CLAIMED. BONILLA ALSO REFERRED TO LARGE NUMBER OF FOREIGN EXTREMISTS IN NATION. THIS THEME ALSO BEING PLAYED HARD ON RADIO-TV PROPAGANDA.
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SUBJ: SITREP #28 - 2130 HOURS

1. LITTLE CHANGE IN SITUATION IN SANTIAGO LAST FEW HOURS. FIRING HAS DIED DOWN TO ISOLATED SHOTS AND SCATTERED BRIEF FIREFIGHTS AS MILITARY CONSOLIDATE CONTROL. CURFEW APPEARS EFFECTIVE, AND REPORTS FROM VARIOUS RESIDENTIAL AREAS OF CITY INDICATE GENERAL QUIET AND UTTERLY DESERTED STREETS. WE HAVE NO REPORTS HOWEVER FROM INDUSTRIAL AREAS WHERE ENGAGEMENTS MAY WELL BE UNDER WAY. ALL PUBLIC UTILITIES ARE OPERATING NORMALLY. WE HAVE NO RPT NO REPORTS OF AMERICAN INJURIES OR FOR THAT MATTER INJURY TO ANY OTHER ALIENS EXCEPT PERHAPS CUBANS.
2. ARMED FORCES RADIO NETWORK CARRYING STEADY STREAM OF ANNOUNCEMENTS AND TAPED STATEMENTS BY LEADERS OF ASSOCIATIONS, FEUC AND GUILDS, ALL SUPPORTING MILITARY GOVT AND CALLING UPON MEMBERS GO BACK TO WORK TOMORROW TO BEGIN RECONSTRUCTION OF NATIONS NOW FREED FROM MARXISM. EFFORT CLEARLY IS BEING MADE TO PRESENT IMPRESSION OF COMPLETE SUCCESS OF COUP, CRUSHING OF ALL OPPOSITION, AND READINESS OF ALL RESPONSIBLE CHILEANS TO RETURN TO NORMALITY AFTER ABERRATION OF UP GOVT INTERVAL. STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT BY UNIONS OR ANY OTHER WORKERS' ORGANIZATIONS CONSPICUOUSLY ABSENT FROM AIR, EXCEPT FOR EARLIER APPEAL BY FORMER CUT HEAD TODAY (SITREP 26). THERE HAVE BEEN NO STATEMENTS OF ANY SORT FROM POLITICAL PARTIES.
3. AT 2120 ORDER BROADCAST IN NAME OF GENERAL HERMAN BRADY,

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