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MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

SECRET NO FOREIGN DISTRIBUTION, DATT 604 SEP 73.

SUBJ: POSSIBLE MOVE BY CIVILIAN GROUPS TO FORCE PRESIDENT ALLENDE TO TURN THE GOVT OVER TO THE ARMED FORCES (C).

REF: A. USDAO SANTIAGO DATT 605 DTG 072036 SEP 73.

1. (S/NF) INFORMED INFORMED INFORMED INFORMED BY PERSON OF UNPROVEN CREDIBILITY THAT A JOINT EFFORT BY CIVILIAN GROUPS (CERTAIN UNIONS, STRIKING TRUCKERS, FARMERS, EXTREME RIGHT WING RADICAL GROUPS) IS PLANNED FOR EARLY MORNING HOURS OF 10SEP73. PROPOSED PLAN IS FOR THESE CIVILIAN GROUPS TO CUT THE MAIN ROADS INTO SANTIAGO, SAN ANTONIO, VALPARAISO AND OTHER MAJOR CITIES IN CHILE. THE ROADS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE BLOCKED WITH TRACTORS AND WHATEVER VEHICLES ARE AVAILABLE. IN ADDITION TO BLOCKING THE ROADS, THE AMMO IS TO BE PHYSICALLY CUT TO PREVENT VEHICLE MOVEMENT. IN THE CITY OF SANTIAGO ITSELF, PROPOSED PLAN REPORTEDLY CALLS FOR MANY DIFFERENT GROUPS THROUGHOUT THE CITY TO PERFORM ACTS OF VIOLENCE AND DISRUPT TRAFFIC. THIS SAME SOURCE CLAIMS THAT CERTAIN MILITARY LEADERS HAVE BEEN

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INFORMED OF THIS PROPOSED PLAN AND TOLD THAT THE CIVILIAN GROUPS WILL MOVE WITH OR WITHOUT MILITARY ASSISTANCE. THE PURPOSE OF THESE ACTS IS TO TRY AND CREATE SUCH A SITUATION THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL BE FORCED TO ASK THE ARMED FORCES TO TAKE OVER THE GOVERNMENT. COMMENT:

CHILEAN AIR FORCE APPEAR TO BE UNAWARE OF ANY SUCH PARTICIPATION BY ARMED FORCES. A MOVEMENT OF THIS MAGNITUDE SHOULD REQUIRE TREMENDOUS COORDINATION AND MOVEMENT OF VEHICLES WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN OBSERVED. CLAIMED THAT ONLY PREOCCUPATION THAT HE WAS AWARE OF WAS PRESENT TROUBLES IN CHILEAN NAVY (SEE REF A). XGDS-2.

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SUBJ: MILITARY COUP PLANNING FOR MORNING OF 11 SEP CONFIRMED (S/NFO)
REPI: USDAD SANTIAGO DATT 610 DTG 101635Z SEP 73.
1. (S/NFO)
HAVE INDEPENDENTLY VERIFIED THAT A TRI-SERVICE AND
CARABINEROS COUP IS PLANNED TO TAKE PLACE AT ABOUT 0600 HRS
LOCAL ON 11 SEP, THEY STATE THAT BEGINNING AT ABOUT 0500 HRS
ALL RADIO, T.V., AND POWER STATIONS WILL BE TAKEN OVER, AND
THAT TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE CUT. AIRFIELDS WILL
BE CLOSED. PREZ ALLENDE WILL BE SENT INTO EXILE BY MILITARY
AIRCRAFT, AT APPROXIMATELY 0830 HRS A MILITARY JUNTA WILL
ADDRESS THE NATION, WITH A PROCLAMATION STATING THAT THEY HAVE
TAKEN CONTROL OF THE COUNTRY, SOURCES FEEL THAT IF THE COUP
IS NOT SECURED BY 1000 HRS, IT WILL LIKELY FAIL.
2. (S/NFO) SOURCES SAID THAT IF WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF
THE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES IN THE UNITED STATES TO WARN ALL THEIR
AIRCRAFT AND SHIPS TO STAY OUT OF CHILE.
3. (U) MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW BY SEPARATE MESSAGE.

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SUBJ: MILITARY COUP PLOTTING FOR MORNING OF 11 SEP ( S/F PO )
REF: USDAO SANTIAGO DATT 615 DTG 11035Z SEP 73

A. AT APPROX 0500 HRS LOCAL ON THE MORNING OF 11 SEP
ALL COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA WILL BE TAKEN OVER BY THE ARMED FORCES,
ADDITIONALLY, ALL ELECTRIC POWER SOURCES AND OTHER
CRITICAL SOCIAL SERVICES WILL BE SEIZED. THIS WILL BE A TOTAL EFFORT
FOR THE ARMED FORCES TO FORCE A MILITARY COUP TO DUST PRES
ALLENDE.

B. AT APPROX 0830 HRS LOCAL ALL SEIZED RADIO STATIONS
WILL BROADCAST THAT THE ARMED FORCES HAVE TAKEN OVER THE GVT
AND COUNTRY. THEY WILL INFORM THE PEOPLE THAT THEY HAVE DONE
SO TO ALLEVIATE THE IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS FACING THE NATION AND
OFFER AN IMMEDIATE REMEDIAL SOLUTION AND ASK THE PEOPLE TO
BEAR WITH THEM WHILE THEY SEEK TO RESOLVE THE LONG TERM
PROBLEMS OF THE COUNTRY. THEIR STATEMENT TO THE PUBLIC WILL
EMPHASIZE THAT THIS IS AN INTERNAL PROBLEM THAT THERE
IS NO FOREIGN ASSISTANCE OR INTERVENTION IN THE COUP. THEIR
IMMEDIATE PROBLEM WILL BE TO FIND AN INSTANT SOURCE OF FLOUR,
MEDICINES AND AUTOMOBILE/TRUCK SPARE PARTS.

C. THE MILITARY GROUP WILL BE DEPENDENT UPON
PAGE 2 SECRET/NO FOREIGN DISSEMINATE DATT 616 1104307Z
FOREIGN SOURCES (ESPECIALLY THE U.S.) FOR THIS SUPPORT. THEY

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BELIEVE THAT THEY CAN APPEAL TO ALL GROUPS WITH THIS KIND OF REMEDIAL ACTION, THEY FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT THE U.S. CANNOT BE IMMEDIATELY FORTHCOMING WITH ASSISTANCE NOR CAN NOT SUSTAIN THEMSELVES FOR MORE THAN THREE WEEKS WITHOUT FOREIGN ASSISTANCE.

D. THEIR PLAN OF OPERATIONS APPEARS TO BE UNIFIED BETWEEN THE THREE ARMED FORCES AND THE CARABINEROS (NATIONAL POLICE.) THEY PLAN TO CLOSE ALL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS EARLY ON THE MORNING OF 11 SEP. THE FIGHTER A/C OF THE CHILEAN AIR FORCE (FACH) WILL BE STATIONED AT SANTIAGO'S INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (PUDAHUALI). THE AIRCRAFT AND PILOTS ON LAN-CHILE (THE NATIONAL AIRLINE) WILL BE HOUSED AT EL BOSQUE AFB (LOCATED IN THE SUBURBS OF SANTIAGO) AT 0630. THE ARMED FORCES WILL MAKE A PROCLAMATION TO THE COUNTRY EXPLAINING THE SITUATION, THE FACH WILL HAVE AN AIRCRAFT AT LOS CERILLOS AFB SANTIAGO READY TO TAKE PRES ALLENDE OUT OF THE COUNTRY, TO WHATEVER COUNTRY HE MAY WISH TO GO TO, THE CRITICAL ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSED FDOU SHOULD BE OVER BY 1000 HRS ON 11 SEP. COUP PLOTTERS FEEL THAT IF THEY HAVE NOT SUCCEEDED BY THIS TIME THEY WILL HAVE FAILED. MILITARY PLOTTERS EMPHASIZE THAT THEY ARE IN NO WAY POLITICAL BUT ARE ACTING OUT OF A SENSE OF DESPERATION TO SAVE THE COUNTRY.

E. PLOTTERS EMPHASIZE THAT THIS NOTIFICATION IS TO SERVE WARNING TO ALL U.S. GOVT AGENCIES TO TERMINATE ALL U.S. FLIGHTS, SHIPS, ETC., FROM ENTERING CHILEAN TERRITORY DURING THIS PERIOD TO PREVENT COMPROMISING THE U.S. GOVT THERE WILL BE SCANT TIME DURING THE MORNING OF 11 SEP TO PAGE 3. SECRET/NO FOREIGN DISSE. DATT 616 1105302 SEND SEPARATE MESSAGES TO THIS EFFECT.

F. PLOTTERS PLAN TO KEEP BLOODSHOT AT A MINIMUM, THE PRESIDENT WILL BE FLOWN OUT OF THE COUNTRY, AND HIS MOST ARDENT FOLLOWERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO FLEE TO VARIOUS LATIN AMERICAN EMBASSIES IN SANTIAGO, WITHOUT BEING MISTREATED. HOWEVER, SOURCE STATED THAT CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WILL BE DETAINED FOR UNPARDONABLE CRIMES AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF CHILE.

(HE ALSO CONFIRMED STORY ABOUT DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED COUP.) HE SAID HE CAME TO SAY THAT THE PRO-GOVT

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4. (TS/NOFOR) COMMENT: THE SITUATION AT THE WRITING OF THIS MESSAGE APPEARS NORMAL, BUT THE EARLY MORNING OF 11 SEP APPEARS TO BE THE MOMENT FOR THE ARMED FORCES TO MOVE. THE SOURCES INDICATED IN THIS MESSAGE ARE WELL KNOWN AND THERE IS EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THEY MEAN WHAT THEY SAY.