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ANNOTATIONS:

MESSAGE:

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USCINCSO QUARRY HEIGHTS CZ
MAC SCOTT AFB IL
WHITE HOUSE WASH DC

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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/NFO) 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 THE ROADS ARE 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 PER-
FORM 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:

HAS BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM THIS REPORT

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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USCOMSOLANT FOR ADM MONROE'S EYES ONLY
SUBJ: MILITARY COUP PLANNING FOR MORNING OF 11 SEP CONFIRMED ~~(S/NFO)~~
REF: USDAO SANTIAGO DATT 610 DTG 101635Z SEP 73.

1. ~~(S/NFO)~~
HAVE INDEPENDENTLY VERIFIED THAT A TRI-SERVICE AND CARABINERO 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. AIR FIELDS WILL BE CLOSED. PRES 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/NFD)
REF: USDAO SANTIAGO DATT 615 DTG 110335Z 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 ANOTHER 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 OUST PRES ALLENDE,

B. AT APPROX 0830 HRS LOCAL ALL SEIZED RADIO STATIONS WILL BROADCAST THAT THE ARMED FORCES HAVE TAKEN OVER THE GOVT 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 AND 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
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FOR AGING 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 (PUDAHUAL). THE AIRCRAFT AND PILOTS ON LAN-CHILE (THE NATIONAL AIRLINE) WILL BE HOUSED AT EL BOSQUE AFB (LOCATED IN THE SUBURBS OF SANTIAGO) AT 0830 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 COUP 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
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SEND SEPERATE MESSAGES TO THIS EFFECT.

F. PLOTTERS PLAN TO KEEP BLOODSHED 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 MOLESTED. 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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ELEMENTS HAD PLANNED TO KIDNAP CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND HOLD THEM AS RANSOM FOR THOSE GOVT MEMBERS TO BE HELD BY THE MILITARY GOVT FOR QTC CRIMES AGAINST THE PEOPLE UNQTE. HE SAID THAT FIRST PRIORITY WAS THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR, SECOND THE U.S. AIR ATACHE, AND THIRD THE COMMANDER OF THE U.S. MILGP CHILE.

3. (S/NFD)

/ AN ARMY

GENERAL WHO VENTURED THAT A MILITARY COUP WAS A NECESITY, AS THE PRESIDENT MUST BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE. HE SAID THAT A COMPROMISE IS NO LONGER A POSSIBILITY. THE GENERAL'S MAIN THEME WAS QTE WILL THE U.S. HELP OUT AFTER THE COUP? UNQTE. HE SAID FOR THE COUP TO BE LASTING SUCCESS THEY (THE MILITARY) MUST OBTAIN FLOUR, OTHER FOODS AND MEDICINES FOR THE PEOPLE. HE SAID THAT HE KNEW AND UNDERSTOOD THAT THE U.S. COULD NOT AND WOULD NOT IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZE A MILITARY JUNTA WHICH HAS TAKEN OVER THE COUNTRY, BUT HE SAID THAT THEY MUST HAVE SOME HELP AND HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE. HE FURTHER SAID A COUP, WHEN IT COMES, WILL BE COORDINATED BETWEEN THE THREE SERVICES AND THE NATIONAL POLICE.

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4. (S/NFD) COMMENT: THE SITUATION AT THE WRITTING 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.

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