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CHILEAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON RECOMMENDS STATEMENT TO BE ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT ON MURDER INVESTIGATION
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TO SANTIAGO: FOREIGN MINISTRY
22 FEB 78 URGENT 244-245

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TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE VICE FOREIGN MINISTER.

1. DURING HIS USUAL PRESS CONFERENCE ((THE STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN)) *SAID, IN REGARD TO THE SENDING OF THE LETTERS *ROGATORY CONCERNING THE CASE OF THE FORMER CHILEAN AMBASSDOR TO WASHINGTON: 'THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN WASHINGTON HAS SENT SUCH A REQUEST THROUGH THE FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT HERE TO THE CHILEAN SUPREME COURT. THIS REQUEST IS FOR TESTIMONY BY CERTAIN CHILEAN MILITARY OFFICERS. THEY GO THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS AND THE DOCUMENTS WERE SENT TO OUR EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO FOR DELIVERY BY OUR EMBASSY TO THE CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTRY.'((A))

IN *RESONSE TO THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THESE PERSONS MUST COME TO THE UNITED STATES TO TESTIFY, HE *SAID: 'I BELIEVE IT WOULD REQUEST STATEMENTS THERE AND NOT THEIR RETURN HERE. BUT THE FACT OF THIS REQUEST IN NO WAY SHOULD BE TAKEN AS A PRESUMPTION OF GUILT. I AM NOT TRYING TO LEAVE THE IMPRESSION OF GUILT HERE.'((A))

2. IN VIEW OF THE POSSIBILITY OF WIDE-RANGING INTERNATIONAL REPERCUSSIONS, I SUGGEST THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IMMEDIATELY ISSUE A STATEMENT WHICH WOULD INCLUDE AMONG OTHERS, THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:

A) NOTE NR. 193 OF 21 SEPTEMBER 1976 FROM OUR AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE, WHICH STATES:

*'HAVING HEARD OF THIS OMINOUS ACT, WHICH HAS COST THE LIVES OF A FORMER CHILEAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES AND ONE OF HIS SIDES, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY, ON BEHALF OF MY GOVERNMENT,

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THF STRONGEST REPUDIATION OF SUCH A REPREHENSIBLE ACT.

*'PERMIT ME TO REQUEST THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY'S GOVERNMENT URGENTLY ORDER THE FULLEST INVESTIGATION POSSIBLE OF THIS ACT OF TERRORISM, IN ORDER TO CLARIFY ALL THE EVENTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH SURROUND IT, LEADING TO THE ARREST AND PUNISHMENT OF THOSE *RESSPONSIBLE';

B) THE CONTINUOUS COOPERATION GIVEN BY THE EMBASSY AND GOVERNMENT OF CHILE TO THE INVESTIGATION WHICH HAS BEEN TAKING PLACE; AND

C) THE PROPOSAL THAT A LEGAL APPEAL BE SENT, WHICH WAS MADE *PRSONALLY TO THE ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY IN CHARGE OF THE INVESTIGATION IN THE UNITED STATES BY THE LEGAL ADVISOR OF THE CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTRY DURING THE MEETING HELD IN WASHINGTON ON 18 OCTOBER 1977.

3. PLEASE INFORM ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON THE DECISION MADE WITH RESPECT TO THE ABOVE POINT.

((*)) TEXT IN ENGLISH.

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CHILEAN AMBASSADOR REPORTS ON MEETING WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY OF
STATE RE INVESTIGATION OF DEATH OF FORMER CHILEAN AMBASSADOR
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FM WASHINGTON: CHILEAN AMBASSADOR CAUAS
TO SANTIAGO: FOREIGN MINISTRY
17 FEB 78 213-219
((EXTRACT))((A))

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TO THE MINISTER

REFERENCE MY TELEX NRS. 208((B)) AND 209((C)).

1. AT 1530 HOURS, I HAD A MEETING WITH ((THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE)), WHO TOLD ME THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO INFORM ME THAT THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WAS SENDING LETTERS *ROGATORY OR INTERNATIONAL JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE CHILEAN SUPREME COURT IN REGARD TO THE CASE OF ((THE FORMER CHILEAN AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON)). HE TOLD ME THAT THE MATTER WAS REFLECTED IN THE AIDE-MEMOIRE WHICH I AM TRANSMITTING BELOW: ...((A))

...2. HE ALSO GAVE ME A COPY OF LETTERS *ROGATORY NR. 78-0027 IN ENGLISH, AS WELL AS A SPANISH TRANSLATION WHICH I AM TRANSCRIBING BELOW: ...((A))

...3. HE THEN INFORMED ME THAT ((THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO CHILE)) WAS SIMULTANEOUSLY INFORMING YOU OF THE ABOVE AND THAT THE SEALED ENVELOPE CONTAINING THE QUESTIONS THAT THE PERSONS MENTIONED IN THE DOCUMENTS ARE REQUESTED TO ANSWER WOULD BE SENT, THROUGH YOU, TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR FORWARDING TO THE SUPREME COURT. HE ALSO INFORMED ME THAT TODAY, OUR CONSULATE WILL BE ASKED TO CERTIFY THE RESPECTIVE DOCUMENTS WHICH WILL BE SENT TO CHILE IN ITS POUCH, FOR PRESENTATION TO YOU BY ((THE U.S. AMBASSADOR)) DURING THE MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK, A PROCEDURE WHICH THEY HAVE JUST COMPLETED (1640 HOURS).

4. FINALLY, I WAS INFORMED THAT THIS TYPE OF JUDICIAL ACTION WAS REPORTED PUBLICLY BY THE COURT ONCE IT HAS BEEN COMPLETED. THAT NOTIFICATION WILL CONSIST OF THE DOCUMENT WHICH I SENT IN POINT 2 OF THIS TELEX AND WILL BE DELIVERED NEXT TUESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY.

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5. SEVERAL TIMES DURING OUR CONVERSATION, ((THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE)) TOLD ME THAT, IN HIS OPINION, ANY COOPERATION WHICH OUR AUTHORITIES IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND THE JUDICIAL BRANCH MAY LEND IN THIS ACTION WOULD BE OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE, BECAUSE IT IS IMPORTANT TO BOTH PARTIES TO HAVE THIS MATTER DULY RESOLVED. HE ALSO MENTIONED REPEATEDLY THAT THE PROCEDURE BEING FOLLOWED DID NOT IMPLY ANY ACCUSATION, BUT RATHER, WAS THE RESULT OF THE INVESTIGATIONS WHICH THE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES HAD CONDUCTED ON THE MATTER AND WHICH WERE TO BE DULY CLARIFIED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. THE COPIES I WAS GIVEN OF THE DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN POINTS ONE AND TWO OF THIS TELEX WILL BE SENT IN THE NEXT POUCH.

7. PLEASE GIVE A COPY OF THIS TELEX TO HIS EXCELLENCY, THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC.

((A)) OMITTED PORTIONS CONTAIN THE TEXTS OF THE *AIDE-*MEMOIRE AND THE LETTERS *ROGATORY.

((B)) ON 17 FEBRUARY, AMBASSADOR CAUAS REPORTED THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT WAS ARRANGING FOR A MEETING WITH HIM TO DISCUSS THE INVESTIGATION OF THE MURDER OF A FORMER CHILEAN AMBASSADOR.

((C)) ON 17 FEBRUARY THE AMBASSADOR REPORTED THAT A MEETING WITH THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE HAD BEEN ARRANGED FOR 1530 HOURS.

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