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- 1. "EXCELSIOR" OF 10 AUGUST CARRIES BANNER HEADLINE ON PAGE 3 "CIA ENGAGED IN DESTABILIZATION OF SIX LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS." LEAD COLUMN GIVEN OVER TO AFP DISPATCH DATELINED RIO DE JANEIRO WHICH CITES "ULTIMA HORA" STORY ATTRIBUTED TO UNNAMED BRAZILIAN MILITARY SOURCES.
- 2. STRIKES OCCURRING IN BRAZIL DURING PAST SEVERAL MONTHS ARE SAID TO BE ONE PHASE OF OFFENSIVE UNLEASHED BY CIA AND THE TRANS-NATIONAL COMPANIES TO DESTABILIZE REGIME OF GENERAL ERNESTO GEISEL AND SECURE ANNULMENT OF NUCLEAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN WEST GERMAN AND BRAZIL.
- 3. ACCORDING TO "ULTIMA HORA" BRAZILIAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THAT THERE WAS AN ATTEMPT AT DESTABILIZATION IN BOLIVIA, AND THAT THE ARMED FORCES INTERVENED AND BROUGHT BRIGADIER JUAN PERED A ASBUN TO POWER WHEN THEY DETECTED A COUP IN THE MAKING TO REPLACE THE PRESIDENT-ELECT, BEING ORGANIZED BY ELEMENTS WHICH HAD THE BACKING OF WASHINGTON.
- 4. THE SAME SOURCES, ACCORDING TO "ULTIMA HORA," POINTED OUT THAT THE RECENT EVENTS IN CHILE AND THE ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE U.S. REGARDING THE SUPPOSEDLY IMMINENT FALL OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHILEAN MILITARY JUNTA, GENERAL AUGUSTO P I N O C H E T, REVEAL CIA ACTION TO DESTABILIZE THE GOVERNMENT OF THAT COUNTRY.
- 5. FURTHERMORE THEY CONSIDER THAT THE CONSTANT WORK STOPPAGES IN THE SUBSIDIARIES OF THE TRANS-NATIONALS IN ARGENTINA-- THE MOST RECENT BEING IN THE GENERAL MOTORS PLANT--TOGETHER WITH BUENOS AIRES! ADVANCES AND RETREATS ON THE DIPLOMATIC FRONT, THESE DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF GENERAL JORGE V I D E L A FAVORS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF

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A COMMON FRONT AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF WASHINGTON, DEMONSTRATE THE CIA ACTION AGAINST THE ARGENTINE REGIME. THIS FRONT WOULD BRING TO-GETHER URUGUAY, PARAGUAY, BOLIVIA, CHILE, AND ARGENTINA, FORMING "THE HOLY ALLIANCE OF THE SOUTHERN CONE," SAID "ULTIMA HORA."

- 6. "LA PRENSA" RAN SAME AFP DISPATCH, WITH ADDITION OF FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH: THE ALLEGED EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN THE PRESENT CANDIDATE FOR THE BRAZILIAN PRESIDENCY, GENERAL JOAD BAPTISTA DEFIGE IGUERIR REDO, WHEN HE WAS HEAD OF THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SNI) AND GENERAL SEPULVED A CONTRERAS, WHEN THE LATTER HEADED THE CHILEAN DINA, WAS ALSO LAID TO THE CIA BY THE BRAZILIAN MILITARY SOURCES MENTIONED BY "ULTIMA HORA." ACCORDING TO THESE SOURCES, GEISEL IS NOT DYING WITH LOVE FOR GENERAL AUGUSTO PINOCHET BUT THE CONSTANT ATTACKS OF THE NORTH AMERICANS DICTATED THAT BRAZIL DISCREETLY SUPPORT THE REGIME IN SANTIAGO.
- 7. "NOVEDASES" LIKEWISE PUBLISHED THIS WIRE STORY BUT IN TRUNCATED FORM, INCLUDING ONLY FIRST PARAGRAPH ABOUT BRAZIL AND COMMENTS ON BOLIVIA.
 - 8. FILE: 200-120-102. E2 IMPDET.