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GOVERNMENT COUNTERTERRORISM

MEASURES FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION OF PROMINENT

RIGHTIST SENATOR JAIME GUZMAN ERRAZURIZ

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TEXT: 1. IN EARLY APRIL 1991,

GOVERNMENT COUNTERTERRORISM MEASURES FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION OF PROMINENT RIGHTIST SENATOR JAIME ((GUZMAN)) ERRAZURIZ.

THE GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZED CARABINEROS (NATIONAL UNIFORMED POLICE) AND INVESTIGATIONS POLICE (PICH) EXTENSIVE SEARCHES IN THE SANTIAGO SLUM AREAS TO LOCATE THE CULPRITS, DESPITE THE LIKELY OUTCRY FROM EXTREME LEFTIST ORGANIZATIONS DUE TO THE SIMILARITY WITH ACTIONS BY THE FORMER MILITARY REGIME. THE GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO COUNTENANCE SHORT TERM, 24 HOUR OR LESS, DETENTIONS OF POTENTIAL SUSPECTS AS LONG AS THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS ARE RESPECTED. SHOULD ANY SUSPECTS PROVE OF INTEREST IN THE GUZMAN OR OTHER TERRORIST CASES, THE GOVERNMENT WILL ASSIST THE SECURITY SERVICES IN OBTAINING A FORMAL ARREST ORDER FROM THE COURTS.



4. THE EFFORT TO INSERT DINE INTO THE COUNTERTERRORIST FIELD UNDERSCORES EFFORTS BY MAJOR GENERAL JORGE ((BALLERINO)) SANDFORD, HEAD OF THE CINC'S POLITICAL ADVISORY COMMISSION (CAPE), TO JUSTIFY THE HUMAN RIGHTS EXCESSES OF THE PINOCHET YEARS.

CAPE IS

TRYING TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO TAKE COUNTERTERRORIST MEASURES SIMILAR TO THOSE CARRIED OUT UNDER PINOCHET. THIS, IN TURN, WOULD VINDICATE THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT'S PAST COUNTERTERRORIST ACTIONS AND SERVE TO DENIGRATE THE RETTIG COMMISSION REPORT'S STRONG CRITICISM OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES UNDER THE PINOCHET REGIME.

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