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PRESIDENTIAL EVENING READING

Plan to Disrupt Chile's Plebiscite: We take seriously intelligence reports that Chilean army elements, using violence as a pretext, may try to suspend Wednesday's scheduled plebiscite if Pinochet appears to be losing. I called in the Chilean Ambassador Sunday and asked him to tell Pinochet that such plans should not be carried out or there will be serious consequences for Chile's relations with the U.S. and the world. Meanwhile, Ambassador Barnes, U.S. military officers in Washington and SOUTHCOMM and, at our request, the British have passed messages of concern to Chilean military contacts. In response to press reports from Chile, we have publicly expressed our concern that nothing take place to disrupt the plebiscite. In Chile all is still relatively quiet, so far. Our Embassy has cautioned the numerous American observers -- some of whom are U.S. Congressmen -- to be careful and to keep in close touch with the Embassy.

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