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17 OCT 1988

Mr. Jeffrey T. Richelson
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Reference: F89-0062

Dear Mr. Richelson:

During its search for documents in response to your Freedom of Information Act request dated 14 October 1988, the Defense Intelligence Agency located documents originated by this agency and referred them to us for review and direct response to you.

Enclosed, Tab A, are documents 1 through 12 which are being released to you in their entirety.

Enclosed, Tab B, are documents 13 through 17 which are being released to you in segregable form. Deletions have been made from documents 13 through 16 on the basis of the (b)(1) and (b)(3) exemptions of the Freedom of Information Act and from document 17 on the basis of the (b)(3) exemption. An explanation of the Freedom of Information Act exemptions is enclosed, Tab C.

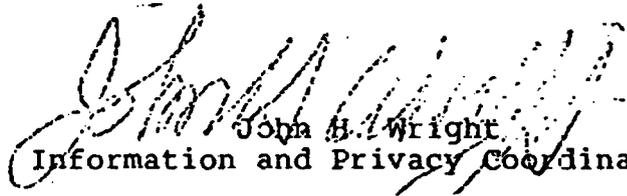
In addition there are properly classified documents exempt from release on the basis of the (b)(1) and (b)(3) exemptions of the Freedom of Information Act.

The CIA officials responsible for the above determinations are Lee E. Carle, former Directorate of Operations Information Review Officer, Donald R. McCrory, Director, Management and Planning, Directorate of Science and Technology, and Kathryn I. Dyer, Directorate of Intelligence Information Review Officer. You have a right to appeal the above determinations by addressing your appeal to the CIA Information Review Committee, in my care. Should you decide to do this, please explain the basis of your appeal.

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Thank you for your patience and consideration while we were processing your request.

Sincerely,


John H. Wright
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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((TEXT)) SANTIAGO, CHILE, 21 SEP--GEN AUGUSTO PINOCHET, PRESIDENT
 OF THE GOVERNMENT, TODAY FLATLY DENIED THAT ANY FOREIGN GOVERNMENT
 HAD INTERVENED IN THE 11 ONE ONE SEPTEMBER COUP. GENERAL PINOCHET,
 COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES, MADE THIS STATEMENT TO
 FOREIGN NEWSMEN THIS MORNING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD IN THE MAIN
 HALL OF THE MILITARY ACADEMY.

A U.S. NEWSMAN ASKED ABOUT POSSIBLE U.S. INTERVENTION IN THE
 OVERTHROW OF THE POPULAR UNITY GOVERNMENT IN CHILE. THE PRESIDENT
 OF THE JUNTA REPLIED:

"OURS WAS A NATIONAL MOVEMENT. NEITHER THE UNITED STATES NOR
 ANY OTHER COUNTRY WAS INVOLVED. THE SECRET WAS SO WELL KEPT THAT
 NOTT EVEN MY WIFE KNEW WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN. IT WAS OUR
 PROBLEM AND NO ONE ELSE'S."

THE GENERAL AGAIN POINTED OUT THAT THE ARMED FORCES WERE COMPELLED
 TO ACT BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT WAS LEADING THE COUNTRY TO CHAOS. THE
 COUNTRY WAS IN MORAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL DANGER. THE ARMED FORCES
 COULD NOTT REMAIN ALOOF FROM THE SITUATION.

HE SAID THAT THE DECISION HAD NOTT BEEN ADOPTED JOYFULLY. HE
 SAID, "WE THE COMMANDEPS IN CHIEF HAVE REACHED THE SUMMIT OF OUR
 CAREERS. WE COULD HAVE LOOKED FORWARD TO RETIREMENT AND IT WOULD
 HAVE BEEN EASIER FOR US TO REMAIN QUIET...HOWEVER, SINCE THE
 BEGINNING OF THE YEAR ALLENDE TALKED ABOUT DIALOG BUT HIS POLICY
 DID NOTT CHANGE. HE SAID HE WAS OPPOSED TO CIVIL WAR, AND YET AT
 HIS TOMAS MORO RESIDENCE AS WELL AS AT THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE
 THERE WERE VERITABLE ARSENALS.

"EVERYTHING WAS READY FOR A CIVIL WAR. OURS WAS A PREVENTIVE
 ACTION TO WARD OFF A REVOLUTIONARY ACTION." GENERAL PINOCHET SAID
 THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S MAIN GOAL WAS TO RETURN THE COUNTRY TO
 ECONOMIC WELL-BEING. HE REPEATED THAT 48 FOUR EIGHT HOURS AFTER
 THE OVERTHROW OF THE ALLENDE GOVERNMENT THE SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY
 WAS PRACTICALLY NORMAL.

"TODAY," HE SAID, "NATIONAL ACTIVITY HAS BEEN RENEWED. WE MUST
 ORGANIZE INTENSE NATION-WIDE PLANNING. THIS HAS ALREADY BEGUN
 AND SOON WE CAN LET THE PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT THESE PLANS."

FINALLY, HE SAID THAT THE JUNTA WILL MAKE IT A POINT TO RETURN
 THE COUNTRY TO CIVILIANS ONCE IT IS COMPLETELY RECOVERED. HE DID
 NOTT SPECIFY ANY DATE, HOWEVER, AND SAID, "WHEN A MAN IS ILL CAN
 YOU PREDICT WHEN HE WILL BE CURED?" 211823 [REDACTED]
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