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FROM AMBASSADOR

FO 11652: XGDS-2
TAGS: PINR, PINS, PINT, AR, UY, CI
SUBJECT: OPERATION CONDOR

REF: STATE 209192

Chile Project (#S199900030)
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1. WHILE I APPRECIATE IMPORTANCE OF OBJECTIVE SOUGHT IN
REFTEL, I SERIOUSLY DOUBT THAT AN APPROACH TO PRESIDENT
PINOCHET IS THE BEST WAY TO ACHIEVE IT.

2. IN MY JUDGMENT, GIVEN PINOCHET'S SENSITIVITY REGARDING
PRESSURES BY USG, HE MIGHT WELL TAKE AS AN INSULT ANY
INFERENCE THAT HE WAS CONNECTED WITH SUCH ASSASSINATION
PLOTS. FURTHERMORE, COOPERATION AMONG SOUTHERN CONE NATIONAL
INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES IS HANDLED BY THE DIRECTORATE OF
NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE (DINA), APPARENTLY WITHOUT MUCH
REFERENCE TO ANY ONE ELSE. IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE, EVEN
PROBABLE, THAT PINOCHET HAS NO KNOWLEDGE WHATEVER OF
OPERATION CONDOR, PARTICULARLY OF ITS MORE QUESTIONABLE
ASPECTS.

3. []
PURPOSE OF INSTRUCTION WILL BE BEST ACHIEVED IF HE CONVEYS
THE MESSAGE TO []
HE CAN DO IT IN THE CONTEXT OF HAVING HEARD A RUMOR WHICH
HE CANNOT BELIEVE, BUT WHICH IF SUBSTANTIATED WOULD BE DISASTROUS

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FOR THE PERPETRATORS. [REDACTED] BELIEVE THIS
WOULD BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY OF GETTING THE MESSAGE
ACROSS WITHOUT UNDESIRABLE COMPLICATTONS.

4. I NOTE THAT THE INSTRUCTION IS CAST IN URGENT TERMS.
HAS DEPARTMENT RECEIVED ANY WORD THAT WOULD INDICATE THAT
ASSASSINATION ACTIVITIES ARE IMMINENT? THE ONLY SUCH INFO
WE HAVE SEEN IS ONE REPORT FROM [REDACTED] UNCONFIRMED BY
OTHER SOURCES.

5. PLEASE ADVISE.
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