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SUBJ: POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS OF VIOLENT DEATHS  
OF POLITICAL FIGURES ABROAD

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1. CLEARLY, OTHER ADDRESSEE EMBASSIES ARE BETTER ABLE THAN WE TO COMMENT ON WILLINGNESS OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO COOPERATE WITH CHILEANS. WE NOTE IN GENERAL THE SIMILARITY IN OUTLOOK OF ALL COUNTRIES QUERIED, AND SIMILAR SITUATION IN MOST. WE ASSUME (1) THAT ARMED FORCES AND INTELLIGENCE SERVICES OF ALL THESE COUNTRIES COOPERATE TO SOME EXTENT, (2) THAT ALL THESE GOVERNMENTS ARE CAPABLE OF COVERT KILLING, BUT THAT (3) NATIONAL INTERESTS OF EACH COUNTRY DETERMINE EXTENT TO WHICH COOPERATION WOULD EXTEND TO SUCH VIOLENCE.

2. SPECIFIC COMMENTS FOLLOW:

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(A) EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT DEATHS OF CHILEAN POLITICAL REFUGEES COULD HAVE BEEN ARRANGED BY GOC THROUGH INSTITUTIONAL TIES TO GROUPS OR GOVERNMENTS IN COUNTRIES WHERE DEATHS TOOK PLACE. ARGENTINA IS THE SPECIFIC CASE. PROBABLY MOST CHILEANS KILLED THERE WERE ENGAGED IN EXTREMIST ACTIVITY AGAINST GOA FORCES, BUT WE CAN BELIEVED THAT CHILEAN DIRECTORATE OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE (DINA), FOR EXAMPLE, SOUGHT COOPERATION WITH ARGENTINE FORCES OR GROUPS SUCH AS AAA.

(B) DEATHS OF FOREIGN POLITICAL REFUGEES/ASYLEES IN CHILE: SINCE THE PERIOD IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SEPTEMBER 1973 COUP, WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY FOREIGN REFUGEES/ASYLEES KILLED IN CHILE. IF ANY WERE, THEY PROBABLY WERE ENGAGED IN EXTREMIST ACTIVITY. THOUSANDS OF FOREIGN POLITICAL ACTIVISTS CAME TO CHILE DURING THE ALLENDE PERIOD, AND SOME WERE KILLED DURING TURBULENCE SOON AFTER THE COUP. WE WOULD NOT EXCLUDE COOPERATION IN SUCH DEATHS, BUT FOREIGNERS ALSO MAY HAVE BEEN CAUGHT UP IN ACTION AGAINST CHILEANS OF SIMILAR POLITICAL BACKGROUND. SINCE 1973 CHILE HAS NOT BEEN A LIKELY PLACE OF REFUGE FOR PEOPLE HOSTILE TO GOC.

(C) WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT OR DENY ALLEGATIONS OF SUCH INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS. WE BELIEVE THESE ARRANGEMENTS ARE POSSIBLE, AND THAT IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE CHILEAN AGENTS HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN KILLINGS ABROAD, POSSIBLY IN COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.

(D) WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE OF ARRANGEMENTS AMONG GOVERNMENTS TO RETURN POLITICAL ASYLEES AGAINST THEIR WILL, BUT WE DO NOT FIND IT INCONCEIVABLE THAT GOVERNMENTS MIGHT HAVE COOPERATED IN SPECIFIC CASES.  
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