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COUNTRY: CHILE/NORTH VIETNAM/NORTH KOREA/CHINA

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SUBJECT: CHINESE COMMUNIST SUGGESTION THAT CHILE OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZE NORTH VIETNAM AND NORTH KOREA DURING PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT TO CHINA

ACQ: CHILE, SANTIAGO (12 FEBRUARY 1972)

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1. PRESIDENT SALVADOR A L L E N D E AND THE CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTRY HAVE RECEIVED A CABLE FROM RODRIGO A M B R O S I O, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED POPULAR ACTION MOVEMENT (MAPU), WHO IS NOW ON A VISIT TO COMMUNIST CHINA, STATING THAT THE MOST OPPORTUNE TIME FOR CHILE TO GRANT OFFICIAL RECOGNITION TO NORTH VIETNAM AND NORTH KOREA

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WOULD BE DURING THE VISIT OF PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON TO COMMUNIST CHINA IN LATE FEBRUARY 1972. [Redacted] COMMENT: THE MAPU IS ONE OF THE COMPONENTS OF THE POPULAR UNITY (U.P.) COALITION GOVERNMENT.) (b)(1) (b)(3)

AMBROSIO ADVISED IN HIS CABLE, WHICH WAS RELAYED FROM PEKING VIA PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA, THAT HIGH-LEVEL CHINESE COMMUNIST OFFICIALS HAD MADE THIS PROPOSAL TO HIM. [Redacted] COMMENT: HE DID NOT NAME ANY OF THESE OFFICIALS.) ACCORDING TO AMBROSIO, THE PERIOD COINCIDING WITH PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT WOULD BE PROPITIOUS BECAUSE "THE UNITED STATES COULD NOT RESPOND" IN HIS ABSENCE AND THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS COULD SMOOTH OVER ANY PROBLEMS WITH PRESIDENT NIXON. (b)(1) (b)(3)

2. [Redacted] COMMENT: A COPY OF AMBROSIO'S MESSAGE WAS FORWARDED TO FOREIGN MINISTER CLODOMIRO ALMEYDA, WHILE HE WAS IN PARIS RENEGOTIATING THE CHILEAN FOREIGN DEBT, BUT ALMEYDA DID NOT REPLY TO IT. IT IS QUESTIONABLE THAT ALLENDE WILL RECOGNIZE EITHER COUNTRY IN VIEW OF HIS DESIRE NOT TO JEOPARDIZE THE DEBT RENEGOTIATIONS IN ANY WAY.) (b)(1) (b)(3)

3. [Redacted] (b)(1)

4. [Redacted] COMMENT: THE NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY ANNOUNCED ON 6 FEBRUARY 1972 THAT ON THE EVENING OF 6 FEBRUARY, PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI AND OTHER CHINESE OFFICIALS MET AND HAD A CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY CONVERSATION WITH AMBROSIO AND CARLOS ALBERTO PORTABLES, MEMBER OF MAPU'S INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF THE NATIONAL DIRECTION.) (b)(3) (b)(3)

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