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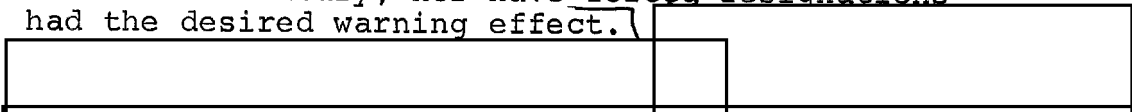
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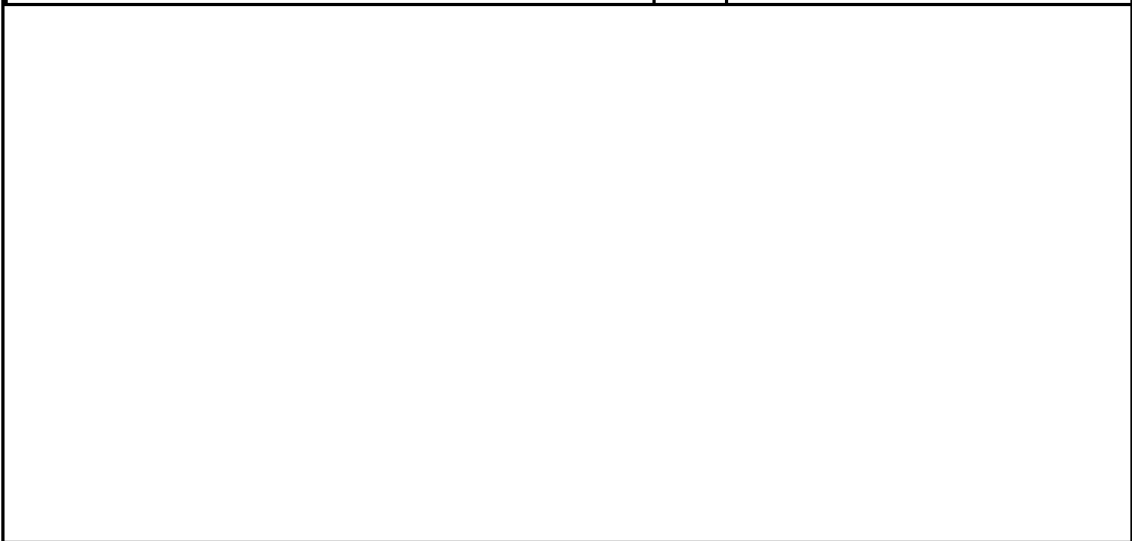
Chile: Army commanders believe they cannot wait for delivery of US military equipment and will probably seek European suppliers instead, according to a senior Foreign Ministry official. Although the Chileans have not completely followed through on their request for 40 tanks and 25 recoilless rifles, they want them delivered well before the presidential elections in September 1970. The haste to acquire new equipment is accompanied by continued unrest in the armed forces, much of it inspired by politicians. Recent government loans have not placated the military, nor have forced resignations had the desired warning effect.

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