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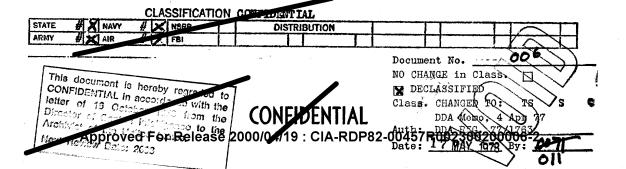
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- 1. Arturo Alessandri Palma, Liberal Party member and President of the Chilean Senate, is becoming increasingly hostile to President Gonzalez Videla, and it is said that he fancies himself as the next president and savior of Chile in spite of his advanced age. Alessandri Palma still has wide popular appeal, as well as the support of many who held posts of greater or lesser importance during his presidency. There are also indications that he may gain the temporary adherence of other persons desirous of provoking the fall of the present government in the interests of their personal advancement.
- 2. Since Alessandri Palma, who recently was given the Argentine decoration of the Order of the Liberator, has assumed the role of champion of Argentina and Peron in Chile, it has been observed that he is frequently visited by Argentine Ambassador Luis Lopez Munix. Alessandri Palma is currently engaged in writing pro-Argentine letters to his friends throughout Latin America.
- 3. Alessandri Palma's violent attacks on Luis Brun d'Avoglio, Directer General of Investigaciones, in which the latter was accused of a dishonest and malicious attitude toward Argentina, are now believed to have been motivated by personal animosity. Alessandri Palma's unconcealed hatred for Brun d'Avoglio stems from the arrest by Investigaciones of Gilberto Godoy, well-known as a bookmaker and notorious for his activities in the drug and white slave traffic. Though known as the Al Capone of the Matadero district of Santiago, Godoy has been an intimate friend of Alessandri Palma since 1920 and served loyally as his political agent in the district. In return, he allegedly was given a free hand and police immunity during the presidency of Alessandri Palma.
- 4. It is noted that Vital Guzman, private secretary of the former president, frequently visits Oscar Feluchonneaux Bustamante, the Chief Prefect or second-ranking officer of Investigaciones, who was very close to Alessandri Palma and Carlos Ibanes del Campo during their presidential terms. Peluchonneaux Bustamante is said to be desirous of replacing Brun d'Avoglio as Director General of Investigaciones. Several of the highly placed Investigaciones officers believe that Peluchonneaux Bustamante has turned over to Alessandri Palma information to be used as ammunition against both Gonzalez Videla and Brun d'Avoglio. (25X1A68 Comment. Peluchonneaux Bustamante, however, was appointed by Gonzalez Videla and it is considered unlikely that the President would have given this strategic post to an individual of uncertain loyalty.)



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5. The rapprochement between Alessandri Palma and Carlos Ibanez del Campo is thought to be very important. Until recently the two men were bitter enemies. Ibanez del Campo, who was absolved of complicity in the recent abortive military conspiracy, also is known to be extremely friendly toward the Peron government.

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