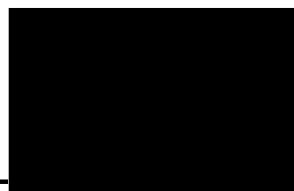
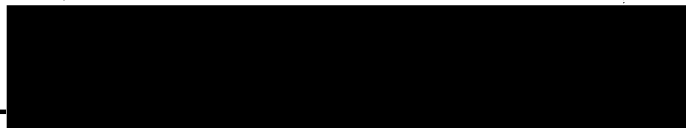




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1. CHILE: CHILEAN PRESIDENT PINOCHET'S DECISION TO ADVANCE THE TIMETABLE FOR A TRANSITION TO CONSTITUTIONAL RULE WAS MADE IN RESPONSE TO CONTINUING INTERNATIONAL AND EXTERNAL PRESSURES ON HIM TO NORMALIZE POLITICAL LIFE IN CHILE. THE ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWED OTHER RECENT CHANGES DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE COUNTRY'S INTERNATIONAL IMAGE.

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IN A NATIONWIDE SPEECH ON 5 APRIL, PINOCHET SAID A NEW CONSTITUTION WILL BE READY BY THE END OF THE YEAR AND THAT A PLEBISCITE COULD BE HELD ON IT SOME TIME THEREAFTER. THIS ADVANCES BY FIVE YEARS THE SCHEDULE OUTLINED BY PINOCHET LAST YEAR.

PINOCHET DID NOT MENTION PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS AND WAS VAGUE ABOUT THE OVERALL TIMING. NEVERTHELESS, HIS STATEMENT LEFT THE DOOR OPEN TO EVEN FURTHER MODIFICATIONS.

ALTHOUGH HE EMPHASIZED THAT IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE ARMED FORCES TO RETAIN THE "ESSENCE" OF POWER, PINOCHET SAID CIVILIANS WOULD SHARE A LARGER ROLE IN GOVERNMENT.

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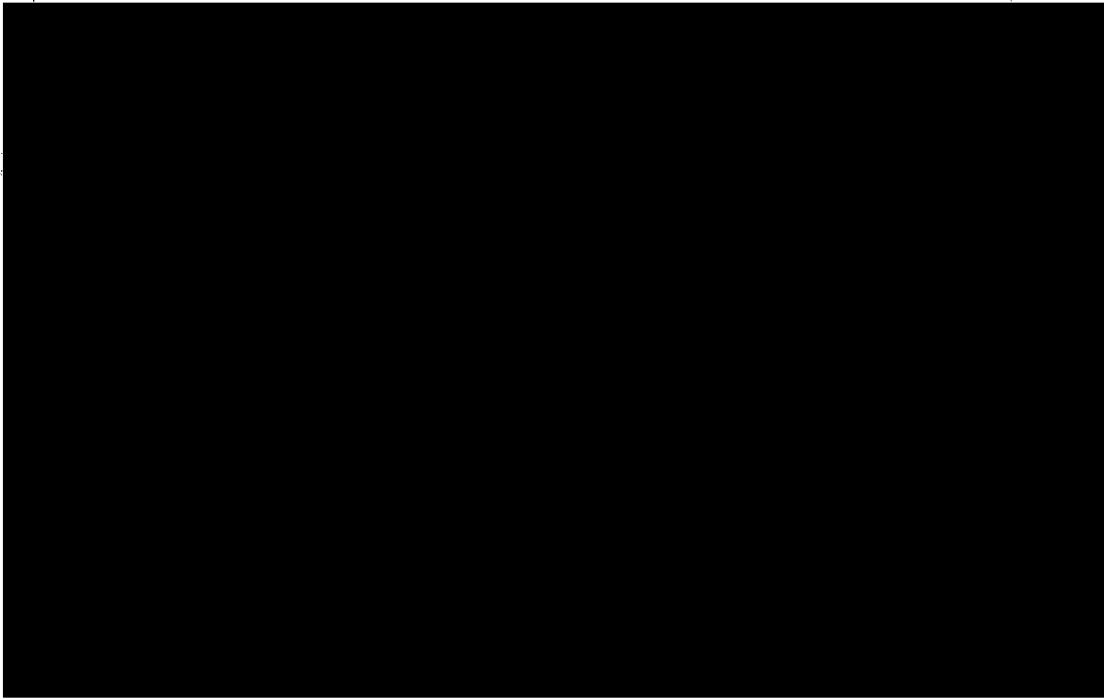
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