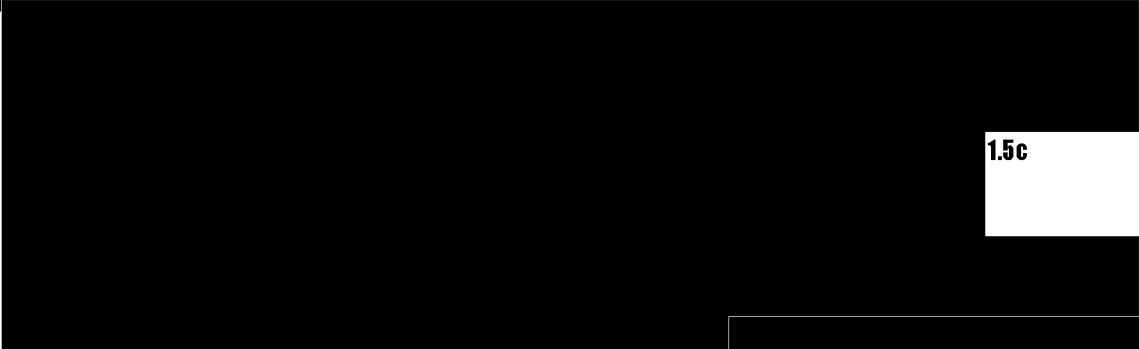
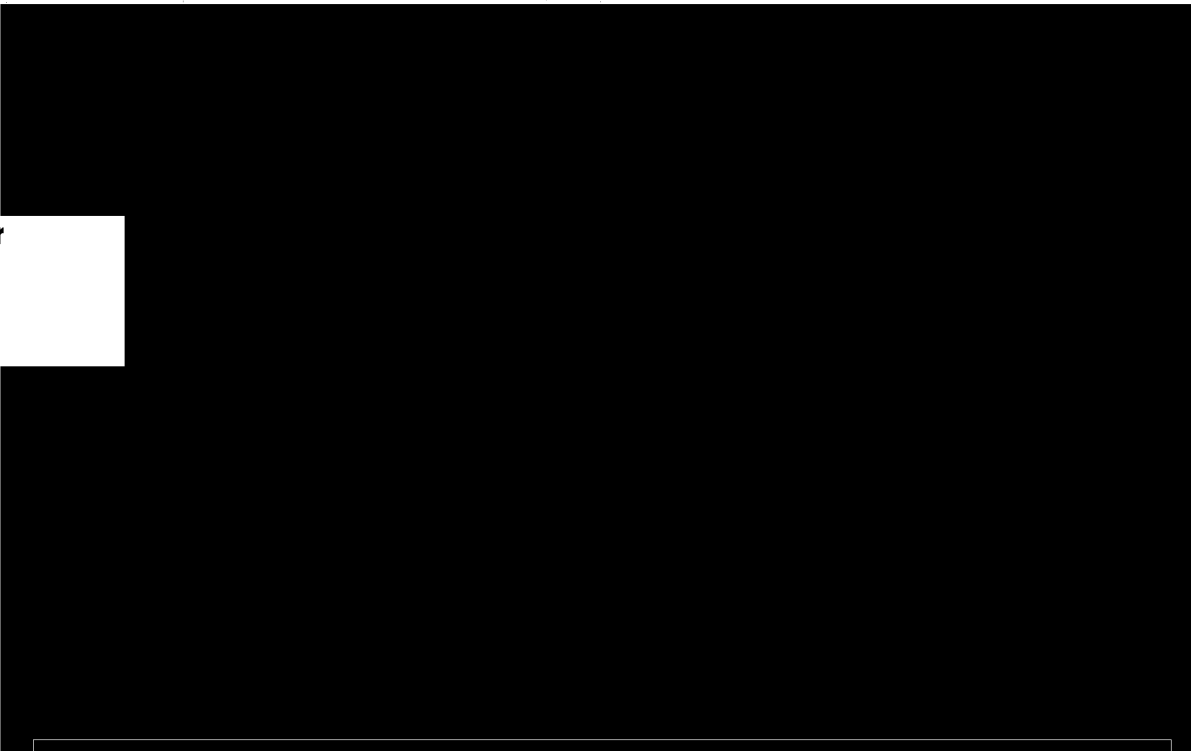


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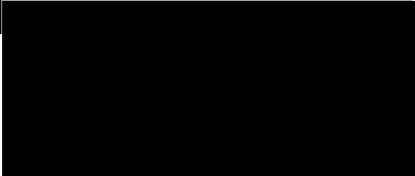
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-- The Chilean government has lifted the banishment order against the 12 Christian Democrats who were sent to the remote northern part of the country in mid-January. All 12 returned to Santiago on March 4 in apparently good health and in a defiant mood. Several of them said the experience of internal exile only reinforced their beliefs, and that they were neither asking for nor offering apologies. President Pinochet told newsmen  the day before that the group of exiles had had

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*"enough time to think," and that it was now "necessary" that they return. Pinochet warned, however, that if they "break the rules of the political recess" they may be dealt with more harshly.*

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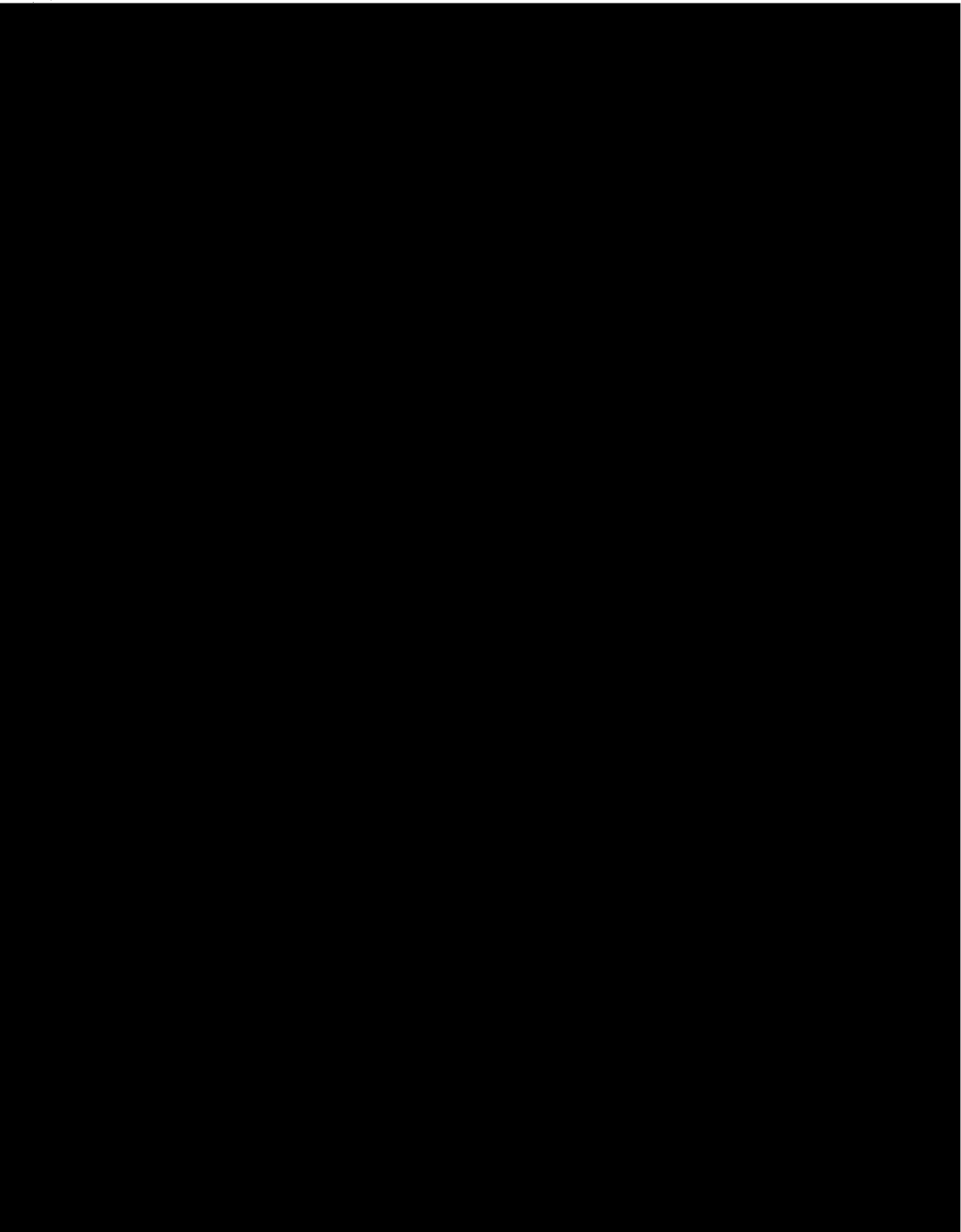
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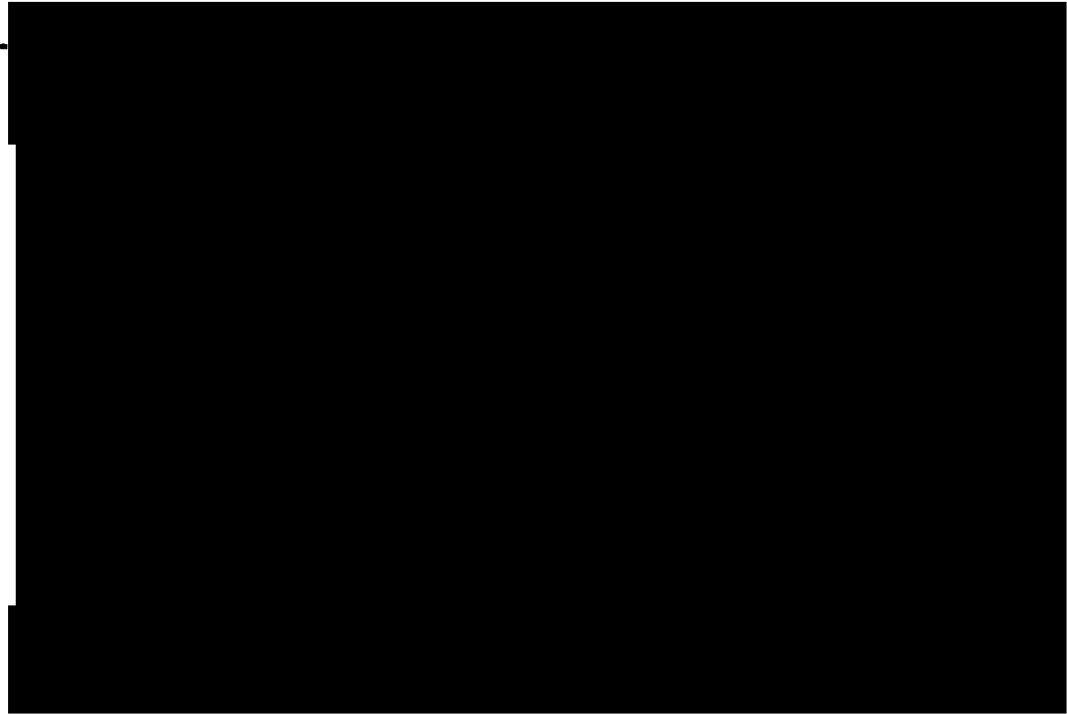
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