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1. FERNANDO OSTORNOL, A LEADER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHILE (PCCH) WHO WAS ARRESTED IN MID-APRIL, SENT WORD [REDACTED] THAT SINCE HIS ARREST, HE HAS BEEN UNDER INTENSIVE INTERROGATION, INCLUDING THE USE OF SODIUM PENTATHOL. OSTORNOL SAID THAT THE BASIC OBJECTIVE OF THE INTERROGATIONS WAS TO OBTAIN DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUNDING MECHANISMS OF THE PCCH, HE IDENTIFIED HIS INTERROGATORS AS OFFICERS OF THE

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DIRECTORATE OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE (DINA), AND SAID THAT THEY WERE VERY WELL INFORMED ABOUT INTERNAL PCCH AFFAIRS. OSTORNOL SAID HE FEARED WHAT HE MIGHT HAVE SAID UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE PCCH DECLARE A MONTH-LONG MORATORIUM ON ALL POLITICAL ACTIVITY, IN VIEW OF THE EXTENT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S KNOWLEDGE OF ITS AFFAIRS.

2. OSTORNOL IS BEING HELD AT THE TRES ALAMOS DETENTION CAMP, [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED] PRESS OF 16 APRIL REPORTED THAT OSTORNOL'S LAWYER'S HAD SUBMITTED A REQUEST FOR HABEAS CORPUS. THE NEW SECURITY LAW, WHICH WENT INTO EFFECT ON 6 MAY, STATES THAT NO ONE CAN BE DETAINED FOR MORE THAN FIVE DAYS UNLESS CHARGES ARE PLACED AGAINST HIM. PRESUMABLY, THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOW HAVE TO CHARGE OR RELEASE OSTORNOL.)

3. PRIOR TO HIS ARREST, OSTORNOL WAS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL PCCH LEADERS INVOLVED IN CONTACTS WITH THE MODERATE FACTION OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY (PS), [REDACTED] OSTORNOL [REDACTED] THAT HE AND SERGIO T E I T E L B O I M HAD BEEN DESIGNATED BY PCCH LEADERS LUIS C O R V A L A N AND JOSE C A D E M A R T O R I, WHO ARE STILL UNDER DETENTION BY THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT, TO COORDINATE DIRECTLY

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WITH BRIONES IN EFFORTS TO FORM A SINGLE OPPOSITION BLOC TO
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4. COMMENT: [REDACTED]

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