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DURING THE WEEK OF 9 MAY, THE DIRECTORATE OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE (DINA) ARRESTED THE FOUR HIGHEST RANKING MEMBERS OF THE POLITICAL COMMISSION OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHILE (PCCH). THE FOUR PCCH LEADERS ARE: VICTOR D I A Z. ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE POCH IN THE ABSENCE OF IMPRISONED SECRETARY GENERAL LUIS

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AND MAHIO 2 A M O R A N O. THE FOUR PARTY OFFICIALS HERE HOLDING A CLANDESTINE HEETING AT THE TIME OF THE ARRESTS.

ZAMORANO WAS MUUNDED WHILE ESCAPING AND AFTER A THREE-HOUR PURSUIT WAS ARRESTED.

REPORTED THE ARREST OF DIAZ ON 9 MAY AS HELL AS OTHER LEFTISTS BY SECURITY FORCES IN ORDER TO AVERT SUBVERSIVE ACTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE UPCOMING SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (OASGA).)

COMMENT: PCCH OFFICIALS REGARD THIS AS
THE SEVEREST SETBACK THE PARTY HAS SUFFERED SINCE THE
SEPTEMBER 1973 COUP D'ETAT. THE PCCH BELIEVES THAT IN
ORDER FOR DINA TO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT THE
ARRESTS IT PROBABLY HAS HAD THE FOUR LEADERS UNDER
SURVEILLANCE FOR SOME TIME. THE PCCH IS HORRIED THAT
DIAZ. WHO IS SERIOUSLY ILL HITH ASTHMA AND ARTHRITIS, MAY
NOT SURVIVE THE CONFINEMENT.)

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DISCOVERED. THE TERRORIST CENTER, TO BE LOCATED IN THE RICOLETA AREA UF SANTIAGO, HAS TO BEGIN OPERATING DURING THE WEEK OF 16 MAY AND HOULD CONTINUE TO FUNCTION DURING. THE OASGA.

CENTER HAS DESIGNED TO CARRY OUT ASSASSINATIONS, KIDNAPPINGS, BOMBINGS AND SABOTAGE.

COMMENT: IN ORDER TO FACILITATE ARRESTS, THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT PUBLICIZING

THE DISCUVERY OF THE CENTER.)

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