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PERCENT OF ITS TOTAL HARD-CORE MILITANCY IS LEFT INTACT IN CHILE. THE MIR CALCULATES THAT ABOUT 988 MILITANTS OF ALL LEVELS HAVE BEEN EITHER KILLED, ARRESTED OR HAVE DISAPPEARED.

COMMENT: SANTIAGO EMBASSY AIRGRAM A-381 OF 28 DECEMBER 1972 ESTIMATED THAT THE MIR HAD ABOUT 888 HARD-CORE MILITANTS. AND UPWARDS OF 28,888 SUPPORTERS IN ITS VARIOUS FRONT GROUPS. BY THE MIR'S OWN ESTIMATE, IT MUST HAVE HAD JUST OVER 1888 MILITANTS AT THE TIME OF THE SEPTEMBER 1973 MILITARY TAKEOVER.)

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KNOW OF ONLY THREE NATIONAL-LEVEL LEADERS WHO ARE STILL WORKING UNDERGROUND IN CHILE. THEY ARE HERNAN A G U I L O MARTINEZ, A MEMBER OF THE POLITICAL COMMISSION AND SECRETARY OF THE SANTIAGO REGIONAL COMMITTEE; JUAN O L I V A R E S. MEMBER OF THE SANTIAGO REGIONAL COMMITTEE AND OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE; AND B A R R I E N T O S (FNU) (NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED).

SAID THAT AGUILO AND OLIVARES HAVE RISEN TO LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AS A RESULT OF THE GAPS LEFT BY THE CONTINUING ACTIONS OF GOVERNMENT SECURITY FORCES.

A. IN THE VIEW OF MIR MILITANTS, ANDRES PASCAL

ALLENDE HAS BEEN COMPLETELY DISCREDITED BECAUSE HIS DECISION

TO SEEK ASYLUM IN THE COSTA RICAN EMBASSY CONTRADICTS HIS OWN

STATED PRINCIPLES AND MAKES HIM SUBJECT TO AUTOMATIC EXPULSION

FROM THE ORGANIZATION, JUST AS HE EXPELLED HUMBERTO

SOTOMAYOR, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE POLITICAL COMMISSION,

WHEN THE LATTER SOUGHT ASYLUM IN OCTOBER 1974. IN CONTRAST,

HIR MILITANTS ACCEPT THE FACT THAT NELSON Q U T I E R R E Z,

THIRD IN COMMAND OF THE MIR, TOOK ASYLUM AT THE SAME TIME IN

THE PAPAL MUNCIATURE BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN MOUNDED IN A SHOOTOUT

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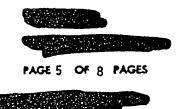
IN CUBA, WHERE HE IS UNDERGOING A "REHABILITATION" PROCESS IN

5. THE MIR BLAMES THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHILE (PCCH) FOR THE MOST RECENT SUCCESSES OF THE SECURITY FORCES. MIR MILITANTS ARE CONVINCED THAT THE DETENTION OF MANY PCCH HEMBERS IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER LED TO NUMEROUS BETRAYALS OF THE MIR. THE ARREST OF MARTIN HERNAND ET VASQUEZ, PASCAL'S BODYGUARD WHO ALSO HANDLED MUCH OF THE MIR'S FINANCES, WAS ANOTHER KEY FACTOR.

REPORTED THAT AS A RESULT OF THE FOREGOING, MIR MILITANTS ARE FOLLOWING CURRENT ORDERS TO RETREAT AND REORGANIZE, WITH CADRE-LEVEL LEADERS = ESCAPING FROM CHILE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. HE ADDED THAT WHAT REMAINS OF THE PARTY LEADERSHIP HOPES TO BEGIN RESTRUCTURING THE ORGANIZATION IN ARGENTINA, WITH THE HELP OF THE REVOLUTIONARY

COORDINATING JUNTA (JCR).

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7. REFERRING AGAIN TO DISENCHANTHENT WITH ITS LEADERSHED,

THE GOVERNMENT'S RECENT PUBLICATION OF A LETTER EXCHANGE
BETHEEN PASCAL AND SOTOMAYOR IN WHICH THE LATTER ACCUSED
PASCAL OF MISUSING U.S. ONE MILLION DOLLARS OF PARTY FUNDS.
PUBLICATION OF THE LETTER CAME ON THE MEELS OF INFORMATION
THAT CARMEN
C A S T I L L O, FORMER COMMON-LAW HIFE OF DECEASED MIR
SECRETARY GENERAL MIGUEL E N R I Q U E 2. AND FRENCH
REVOLUTIONARY REGIS D E B R A Y WERE LIVING A VERY HIGH LIFE
IN MARSEILLES, FRANCE, PAID FOR BY HIR FUNDS. THE COMBINATION
OF INTERNAL MIR CHARGES AGAINST CASTILLO AND DEBRAY AND THE
REVELATIONS IN THE PASCAL/SOTOMAYOR LETTER EXCHANGE REPRESENTS
STRONGLY CONVINCING EVIDENCE IN THE VIEW OF MIR MILITANTS.

THEY ESTIMATE THAT EVEN IF PORTIONS OF THE LETTERS PUBLISHED BY THE GOVERNMENT HERE SPURIOUS, THE ESSENCE OF THE

CORRESPONDENCE WAS PROBABLY TRUE.

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OPINED THAT THE HIR HAS BEEN EFFECTIVELY ELIMINATED WITHIN

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CHILE. THEY MAINTAUN THAT DESPITE THE MIR'S BRAVE FRONT AND TALK OF RETREATING TO REORGANIZE AND FORM A UNITED NATIONAL RESISTANCE. COMMAND (CNR) IN CHILE, THE FACT IS THAT THE MIR NO LONGER HAS A LEADERSHIP GROUP WITH SUFFICIENT CREDENTIALS TO HAINTAIN AND ATTRACT THE NECESSARY SUPPORT FOR CONTINUED ACTIVITY. IN ADDITION, THE SCANDAL OVER FINANCES MEANS IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT OTHER REVOLUTIONARY GROUPS WILL BE FORTHCOMING WITH CONTINUED FUNDING FOR THE ORGANIZATION.

COMMENT: THE FOREGOING REASONING LEADS NON-VIOLENT LEFTIST POLITICAL LEADERS TO BE CONCERNED THAT THE REMNANTS OF THE MIR WILL GRAVITATE BACK TOWARD THE MORE RADICAL SECTORS OF THE TRADITIONAL PARTIES. WITH THIS THOUGHT IN MIND, THE PCCH RECENTLY CIRCULATED AN INTERNAL COMMUNIQUE CASTIGATING THE MIR LEADERSHIP, ITS PRINCIPLES AND TACTICS, AND WARNING PARTY HEMBERS TO BE VIGILANT TOWARD ANY INFILTRATION OF FORMER MIR MILITANTS INTO THE PARTY,)

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11. SAID

DAMAGED BY THE ASYLUM OF PASCAL AND GUTIERREZ, AND THAT THE BASES ARE NOW ISOLATED.

SAID THAT ALL CONTACT WILL BE BROKEN FOR AT LEAST THE NEXT FIVE TO SIX MONTHS.

HOWEVER, THAT IN FACT IT WILL BE AT LEAST A YEAR OR MORE BEFORE THE MIR IS ABLE TO REORGANIZE TO THE STRENGTH IT HAD TWO OR THREE MONTHS AGO, WHEN IT HAS AT LEAST ENGAGING IN ACTS OF ARMED PROPAGANDA. HE ADDED THAT THE BASES ARE FRIGHTENED.

BUT MORE IMPORTANT THEY ARE DISGUSTED OVER THE ATTITUDE OF THEIR LEADERS IN SEEKING ASYLUM. HIR MILITANTS ARE ALSO AWARE THAT THE PS HAS ISSUED ORDERS TO ITS MEMBERS TO BREAK ALL CONTACT WITH THE HIR. UNTIL THE SITUATION CLARIFIES.

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