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1. [REDACTED] OCTOBER PRESIDENT ALLENDE
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HE SAID THAT THE STRIKE BY THE TRUCK OWNERS HAD BEEN CALLED WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF OVERTHROWING HIS GOVERNMENT AND THAT IT HAD BEEN DIRECTED BY THE NATIONAL PARTY (PN), PATRIA Y LIBERTAD (P&L, AN EXTREME RIGHT-WING ORGANIZATION) AND THE U.S. EMBASSY. HE CLAIMED THAT THE U.S. EMBASSY HAS INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE EXPERTS IN PROVOKING COUP ATTEMPTS, AND ADDED THAT THE LEADERS OF THE ANTI-GOVERNMENT MOVEMENT WERE USING TACTICS WHICH PROVED TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN TOPPLING GOVERNMENTS IN INDONESIA, BRAZIL AND GUATEMALA. ALLENDE CONTENDED THAT IF THE U.P. GOVERNMENT WERE OVERTHROWN, CHILE WOULD

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BE FACED WITH FACISM AND REPRESSION OF SUCH MAGNITUDE THAT 40,000 OR 50,000 PERSONS COULD DIE. HE ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH HE HAD ONCE CONSIDERED RESIGNING BECAUSE OF FAILURES AND THE LACK OF UNITY IN HIS COALITION, HE WOULD NOT QUIT AS A RESULT OF THE PRESENT PROBLEMS AND COULD ONLY BE REMOVED AS PRESIDENT BY HIS DEATH.

2. THE PRESIDENT ADMITTED THAT THE SELECTION OF TRUCK DRIVERS TO COMMENCE THE STRIKE WAS A GOOD MANEUVER BECAUSE THE U.P. IS WEAK IN THAT UNION. THE FIRM STANCE BY THE CONFEDERATION LEADERS IS AMPLE EVIDENCE THAT THE OPPOSITION SELECTED ITS COURSE WISELY. THE PRESIDENT ALSO ADMITTED U.P. WEAKNESS IN THE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION. ALLENDE ALSO REFERRED TO THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC), SAYING THAT IT HAD ALLIED ITSELF WITH THE PN IN THIS CRISIS. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS WOULD ONLY HELP THE PN AND HURT THE PDC, FOR THE LATTER WILL SEE ITS STRENGTH ERODED BY THE APPARENT CONTRADICTIONS.

3. ALLENDE THEN TURNED TO THE TACTICS WHICH THE U.P. SHOULD USE TO RESOLVE THE CRISIS.

A. HE SAID HE DID NOT WANT U.P. MEMBERS OR THE YOUTH IN THE STREETS BECAUSE THIS COULD LEAD TO CONFRONTATIONS AND TO A "BLOOD BATH." IT WAS FOR THIS REASON, HE SAID, THAT HE HAD ORDERED THE

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SOCIALIST PARTY (PS) YOUTH WHO HAD BEEN DEMONSTRATING IN SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES. HE CLAIMED THAT THE OPPOSITION, FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES, WAS HOPING THAT ONE OF ITS LEADERS WOULD BE KILLED.

B. THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT HE WANTS THE MEMBERS OF THE CHILEAN LABOR CONFEDERATION (CUT) TO REMAIN WORKING AND TO DEFEND THE FACTORIES. IF AN OWNER ATTEMPTS TO CLOSE A FACTORY, THE PRESIDENT SAID THE WORKERS SHOULD TAKE IT OVER, BOTH TO KEEP PRODUCTION GOING AND TO HELP ADVANCE SOCIALISM.

C. IF WORKERS IN THE STATE-CONTROLLED BANKS VOTE TO GO ON STRIKE, THE U.P. SUPPORTERS WITHIN THOSE INSTITUTIONS SHOULD CONTINUE WORKING BUT NOT MOLEST THE STRIKERS.

D. THE PRESIDENT SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD INITIATE A LEGAL COMPLAINT AGAINST THE DAILY NEWSPAPER "EL MERCURIO" AND AGAINST OTHER NEWSPAPERS WHICH WERE CONSIDERED TO HAVE BEEN SEDITIOUS. THE GOVERNMENT, HE SAID, INTENDS TO TAKE A STRONG STAND ON THIS ISSUE AND WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CLOSE DOWN THESE NEWSPAPERS.

E. ALLENDE SAID THAT WHEN THE TIME COMES, THE WORKERS SHOULD SUPPORT THE POLICE AND MILITARY IN REOPENING THE LARGE STORES IN SANTIAGO. HE ADDED THAT THE STORE OWNERS MUST BE MADE

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TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEIR BUSINESSES WILL BE TAKEN OVER, IF THEY MUST BE REOPENED BY FORCE.

4. FINALLY, ALLENDE COMMENTED ON THE DAMAGE WHICH HAD BEEN CAUSED BY DYNAMITING OF CHILEAN RAIL LINES, CLAIMING THAT THE SABOTAGE HAD BEEN WELL DONE. THE PRESIDENT EMPHASIZED THE FACT THAT A U.S. NEWSPAPER HAD REPORTED THE INCIDENT AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME IT OCCURRED. HE SAID HE HAD INSTRUCTED THE CHILEAN AMBASSADOR IN THE UNITED STATES TO DETERMINE HOW AND FROM WHOM THE NEWSPAPER OBTAINED ITS INFORMATION. IF IT APPEARS THAT A REPORTER KNEW OF THE DYNAMITING IN ADVANCE, THE PRESIDENT STATED HE WOULD ORDER THE CORRESPONDENT OUT OF THE COUNTRY AND THE OFFICE HE REPRESENTS WILL BE CLOSED.

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