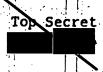


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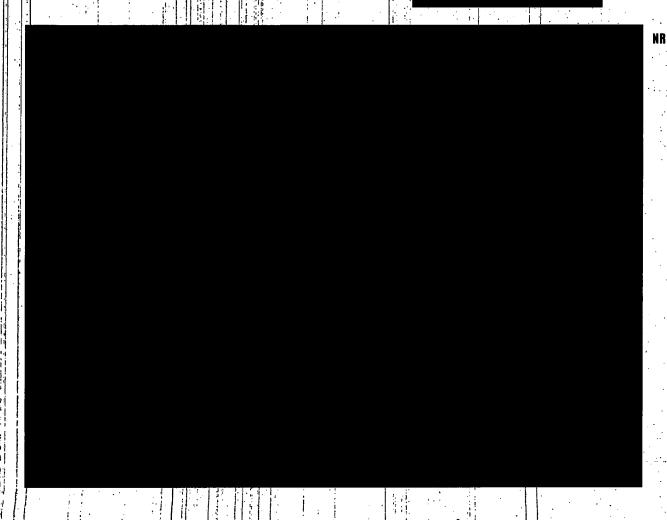
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CHILE: Referendum Results

After his 2-to-1 victory in the constitutional plebiscite on Thursday, President Pinochet has attempted to
placate the opposition by insisting there were "neither
winners nor losers" in the voting and by promising to use
his remaining time in office to improve living conditions.
Opposition leaders, who resented the plebiscite's failure
to offer voters a reasonable alternative to continued
military rule, have rejected the referendum results and
repeated their preelection call for a transitional civilian-military government. Frustrated by a constitutional
arrangement guaranteeing Pinochet eight to 16 more years
in office, they probably feel they have little to lose by
stepping up antiregime activities.



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