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2. CHILE: OPPOSITION KEEPS UP PRESSURE

THE COMMUNIST-LED OPPOSITION COALITION, WITH TACIT SUPPORT FROM MODERATE POLITICAL AND LABOR GROUPS, HAS CALLED FOR NEW PROTESTS AGAINST THE REGIME TODAY, BUT [REDACTED] A MINIMAL PUBLIC RESPONSE. MEANWHILE, THE MAJOR OPPOSITION FORCES HAVE FORMED A NATIONAL PROTEST COMMITTEE, ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, AND ARE PLANNING TO CHALLENGE THE CURFEW AND ENGAGE IN CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE IN COMING WEEKS. IN ADDITION, [REDACTED] LEFTIST TERRORISTS RECENTLY HAVE BEGUN USING ANTI-PERSONNEL EXPLOSIVES AND ARE ATTACKING SUCH PUBLIC PLACES AS THE SANTIAGO SUBWAY. [REDACTED]

COMMENT: OPPOSITION LEADERS PROBABLY CALCULATE THAT POPULAR SUPPORT FOR THE REGIME WILL WEAKEN IF THEY CAN PROVOKE PRESIDENT PINOCHET INTO COMMITTING LARGE NUMBERS OF SECURITY FORCES REPEATEDLY DURING THE SUMMER VACATION PERIOD. THEY MAY ALSO BELIEVE THAT FRICTIONS IN THE GOVERNMENT WILL INTENSIFY IF HE CONTINUES HIS HEAVYHANDED METHODS. IN ANY EVENT, PERSISTENT TERRORIST ACTIVITY

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WILL STRENGTHEN PINOCHET'S RESOLVE TO CONTINUE THE STATE OF SIEGE
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