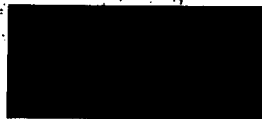
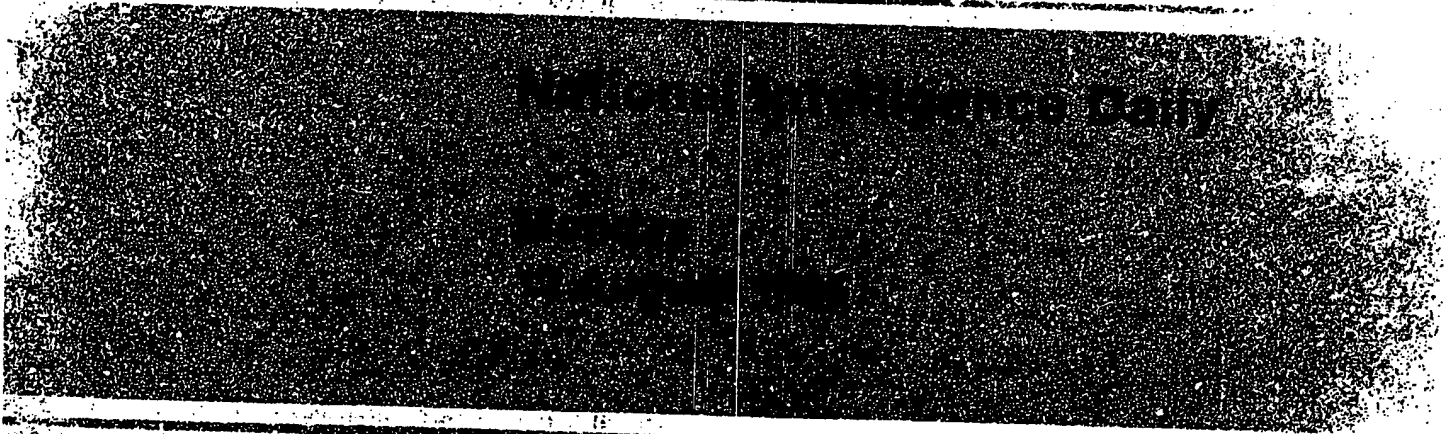
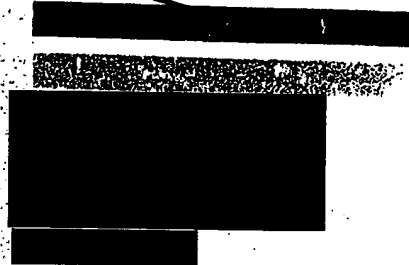




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Continued Political Turmoil

The Pinochet regime is increasingly preoccupied with squabbling among the security services and a persisting scandal over police involvement in recent death squad actions. At the same time, opposition political groups are planning new protests. [REDACTED]

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Last week Pinochet held two unusual mass assemblies with police and other military officers to call for armed forces unity and observance of high professional standards. Regime spokesmen would not explain why Pinochet fired 29 senior police officers on Thursday, even though the press is portraying it as the largest military shakeup since he came to power. [REDACTED]

Meanwhile, bombings by leftist terrorists have occurred almost daily since early this month, with police as the most frequent targets. Moderate opposition leaders say that they will resume antiregime demonstrations on 4 September and that they believe Pinochet can no longer suppress their efforts through harsh measures. [REDACTED]

Comment: Although the regime is on the defensive over the police scandal, the armed forces are unlikely to offer serious resistance to Pinochet over the police shakeup or even the prosecution and sentencing of officials implicated in death squad activities. Should terrorist attacks continue unchecked and if opposition groups stage sizable demonstrations in coming weeks, however, Pinochet may reimpose the state of siege or adopt other harsh measures. In that case, senior military officers might criticize Pinochet for overreacting and begin to question his ability to contain the challenge. [REDACTED]

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