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BRIEF 08 [REDACTED] DIRECTOR [REDACTED]  
TO: PRIORITY LATIN AMERICA BRIEF [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICA BRIEF [REDACTED] FOR 08 APRIL 1987.

FROM: DDI/O/CPAS.

ITEMS

- 1. CHILE: IMPACT OF PAPAL VISIT
- 2. [REDACTED]
- 3. [REDACTED]

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1. CHILE: IMPACT OF PAPAL VISIT

THE POPE'S BALANCED SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRACY AND HIS CONDEMNATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES AND POLITICAL VIOLENCE DURING HIS SIX-DAY VISIT TO CHILE WILL BENEFIT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND POLITICAL MODERATES, WILL FURTHER ISOLATE THE FAR LEFT, AND MAY NARROW PRESIDENT PINOCHET'S MANEUVERING ROOM.

[REDACTED] DESPITE NUMEROUS DISRUPTIONS PRECIPITATED BY THE FAR LEFT, MILLIONS GREETED THE POPE ENTHUSIASTICALLY. THE CROWDS AT EACH OF THE PONTIFF'S PUBLIC APPEARANCES WERE ESPECIALLY RESPONSIVE TO HIS SUPPORT FOR WORKERS' RIGHTS AND GREATER POLITICAL FREEDOM, DEFENSE OF THE CHURCH'S COMMITMENT TO THE POOR, AND REJECTION OF VIOLENCE.

[REDACTED] PRESIDENT PINOCHET WAS NOT HUMBLLED BY THE POPE'S PUBLIC STATEMENTS FAVORING A POLITICAL OPENING IN CHILE OR RESPONSIVE TO HIS REQUESTS FOR AN END TO POLITICAL EXILE FOR REGIME OPPONENTS AND IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH THE CHURCH.

[REDACTED] THE HARDLINE SPEECH PINOCHET GAVE WHEN GREETING THE POPE AT THE AIRPORT--IN WHICH HE BRISTLED AT

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CHURCH INTERVENTION IN POLITICS AND DEFENDED HIS TREATMENT OF THE  
OPPOSITION--CAME ACROSS TO THE PUBLIC AS SMALL MINDED WHEN COMPARED  
WITH THE PONTIFF'S CONCILIATORY APPEALS. [REDACTED]

THE PROVOCATIONS THAT MARRED THE VISIT WERE CONDEMNED BY THE  
CHURCH, THE GOVERNMENT, AND ALL MAJOR POLITICAL GROUPS, INCLUDING  
THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE FAR LEFT POLITICAL COALITION IT HEADS.  
[REDACTED] THE INSTIGATORS OF THE MOST SERIOUS INCIDENTS  
PROBABLY WERE MEMBERS OF THE SMALL, PRO-CUBAN MOVEMENT OF THE  
REVOLUTIONARY LEFT. [REDACTED]

COMMENT: THE CHURCH GAINED THE MOST FROM THE VISIT BY  
DEMONSTRATING IT COULD ORGANIZE AN INTENSIVE SCHEDULE AND MANAGE THE  
HUGE CROWDS AND BY DRAMATIZING ITS COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL REFORM AND  
POLITICAL FREEDOM. THE FAR LEFT SUFFERED A SHARP SETBACK LARGELY  
BECAUSE OF POPULAR REPUDIATION OF THE VIOLENCE DURING THE VISIT--  
WHICH MOST CHILEANS WILL BLAME ON THE COMMUNISTS--AND THE POPE'S  
CENSURE OF MARXIST IDEOLOGY, AND IT MAY BECOME EVEN MORE ISOLATED  
FROM THE MODERATES. [REDACTED]

THE MODERATE OPPOSITION PROBABLY EXPECTS TO CAPITALIZE ON THE  
POPE'S MESSAGE TO PUSH AHEAD WITH ITS CAMPAIGN FOR FREE ELECTIONS.  
EVEN SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS AND BUSINESS LEADERS, MOVED BY THE  
POPE'S PLEA FOR RECONCILIATION, MAY BECOME MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE  
MODERATES, WHICH COULD LIMIT PINOCHET'S MANEUVERING TO BE REELECTED  
IN 1989. [REDACTED]

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