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CIA LATE ITEMS
TURKEY: Military Takeover
The Turkish military took control of the government early today out of exasperation with the growing anarchy and political stagnation in the country. Preliminary indications are that the military will stay in power long enough to make some fundamental political and constitutional changes while keeping Turkey on a solid pro-Western course.
A National Security Council, composed of principal military commanders and headed by Chief of Staff Kenan Evren, has assumed power. The Council has abolished the civilian government, canceled parliamentary immunity, and suspended the constitution. Martial law has been extended throughout the country and a curfew imposed. A military communique issued shortly after the coup singles out the politicians' constant bickering and failure to come together to stem terrorism as justification for the takeover.
The military's move apparently occurred after General Evren met with service commanders under the pretext of discussions concerning NATO exercises in western Turkey. The takeover was accomplished with no violence, however, and the curfew appears to be effective. According to press reports Prime Minister Demirel and opposition leader Eccuit have been temporarily placed under house arrest.  The Intervention
The timing of the intervention was connected more to the worsening internal security situation and the continuing failure of the parties to agree on a president than to the economic situation. There were more than 600 deaths in July and August and these included prominent political and trade union leaders as well as military officers and policemen.  The last straw for the military appears to have been the efforts by the opposition Republicans and Demirel's
erstwhile partner, the Islamic-oriented National Salvation Party, to bring down the Demirel government. The com-

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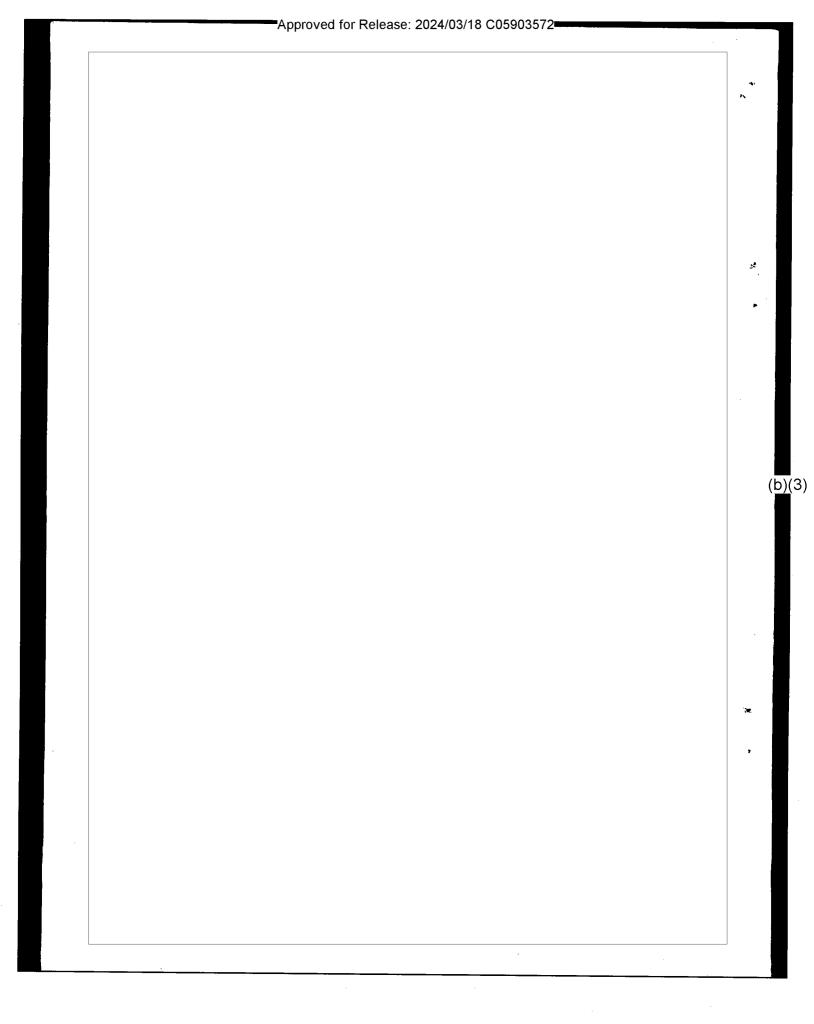
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