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SUBJ: UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY INTO CHILEAN EMBASSY; FONMIN STATEMENT
SANTIAGO 2450 POL 17014 US

1. FOLLOWING IS OUR INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF STATEMENT (UNNECESSARY WORDS OMITTED) FONMIN UNDERSECRETARY PALMA GAVE PRESS EVENING MAY 15: QUOTE: CHILEAN AMBASSADOR IN US HAS INFORMED THIS MINISTRY THAT OVER WEEKEND CHANCERY OF EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WAS ENTERED ILLEGALLY (VIOLADA) BY UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS WHO PROCEEDED TO FORCE OPEN DESKS AND KARDEXES OF EMBASSY'S POLITICAL AFFAIRS OFFICE.

OTHER CHANCERY OFFICES, IN ADDITION, WERE ENTERED ILLEGALLY ALBERT ON LESSER SCALE. PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED REMOVAL OF DOCUMENTS, BOOKS, RADIOS, ETC. AS RESULT THESE SERIOUS ACTS, CHILEAN AMB TO US ADVISED STATE DEPT WHICH EXPRESSED ITS DEEP REGRET AT WHAT HAD OCCURED.

"THIS AFTERNOON UNDERSECRETARY CALLED IN US AMBASSADOR TO EXPRESS GOC'S CONCERN ABOUT SECURITY OF ITS DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN US, REQUESTING RAPID AND RIGOROUS INVESTIGATION AS WELL AS ESTABLISHMENT OF POLICE GUARD TO PREVENT REALIZATION OF THESE LAMENTABLE ABUSES (DESMANES).

"FOR ITS PART OUR GOVT HAS ADOPTED MEASURES TO SAFEGUARD THE SECURITY OF OUR COMMUNICATIONS AND OBLIGATORY INVESTIGATION (SUMARIO) HAS BEEN ORDERED. UNOTE.

2. VIRTUALLY ALL SANTIAGO DAILIES THIS MORNING CARRY TEXT OR FAITHFUL SUMMARIES PALMA STATEMENT WITHOUT COMMENT OR FANCIFUL

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