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SUBJECT: UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY INTO CHILEAN EMBASSY

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY SUB-SECRETARY PALMA ASKED ME TO CALL ON HIM TODAY AT 5:30 P.M. I JUST READ A STORY FROM WASHINGTON ABOUT UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY INTO CHILEAN EMBASSY - AND KNEW WHAT TO EXPECT. PALMA EMPHASIZED THAT AMBASSADOR'S OFFICE SHOWED SIGNS OF HAVING BEEN CAREFULLY SEARCHED FOR PAPERS WHILE VALUABLES HAD NOT BEEN TOUCHED. HE SAID CHILEAN GOVERNMENT ASSUMED MOTIVE HAD BEEN POLITICAL. FROM HIS OWN RECENT EXPERIENCE IN WASHINGTON, PALMA SAID, HE KNEW PROTECTION GIVEN CHILEAN EMBASSY WAS LESS EFFECTIVE THAN IT MIGHT BE. HE SAID CHILEAN GOVERNMENT MADE SPECIAL EFFORTS TO PROTECT U.S. OFFICES AND RESIDENCES IN SANTIAGO IN PART BECAUSE OF DELICACY OF OUR RELATIONS - AND HE THOUGHT USG SHOULD ALSO STRIVE TO GIVE CHILEAN OFFICES AND HOMES BETTER THAN RUN-OF-THE-MILL PROTECTION. PALMA ASSURED ME THAT GOC HAS NO DESIRE THAT THIS INCIDENT BE MAGNIFIED. IN FACT, HE APPEARED SLIGHTLY TAKEN ABACK WHEN I MENTIONED THAT INCIDENT WAS ALREADY ON PRESS SERVICE WIRES.

2. I EXPRESSED REGRET THAT INCIDENT HAD OCCURRED AND THANKED PALMA FOR PROTECTION U.S. OFFICES ARE RECEIVING. (CARABINEROS BROKE UP DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF CONSULATE A FEW HOURS AGO.) I SAID I WOULD PASS ON GOC REQUEST FOR INCREASED PROTECTION.

3. STATE 84655 ARRIVED A FEW MOMENTS AGO. PALMA MADE NO MENTION OF PROPERTY DAMAGE OR THEFT OF RADIO.

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