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FOR ADMIRAL POINDEXTER FROM DCM GEORGE JONES

E. O. 12356: DECL:OADR
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SUBJ: YOUR APPOINTMENT WITH CHILEAN AMBASSADOR

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ ENTIRE TEXT.
2. I UNDERSTAND YOU WILL VERY SHORTLY BE SEEING CHILEAN AMBASSADOR ERRAZURIZ, IN RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST TO DELIVER A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT FROM PRESIDENT PINOCHET. THIS IS PRESUMABLY PINOCHET'S REPLY TO THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER OF NOVEMBER 7, WHICH AMBASSADOR BARNES DELIVERED WHEN HE PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS. YOU WILL RECALL THAT THAT LETTER HAD ITS GENESIS IN THE AMBASSADOR'S CONVERSATION WITH YOU LAST FALL, WHEN YOU DISCUSSED ANALOGOUS SITUATIONS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.
3. AMBASSADOR BARNES IS ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO ANOTHER PART OF CHILE, BUT WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE FORTHCOMING MEETING WITH ERRAZURIZ AND THE POINTS YOU MIGHT WISH TO INCLUDE IN YOUR COMMENTS TO HIM. FIRST, IN A MEETING IN CARTAGENA WITH ELLIOTT ABRAMS, FOREIGN MINISTER DEL VALLE MADE THE OUTRAGEOUS SUGGESTION THAT THE PRESIDENT MAY NOT

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HAVE BEEN AWARE OF WHAT HIS NOVEMBER 7 LETTER SAID (85 STATE 380128). ALTHOUGH ERRAZURIZ HAS ALREADY BEEN TAKEN TO TASK FOR THIS, I RECOMMEND YOU TOUCH ON THIS

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AGAIN, ESPECIALLY IF PINOCHET'S LETTER SAYS ANYTHING SIMILAR.

4. SECOND, YOU MIGHT ASK BOB GELBARD TO GIVE YOU THE GIST OF THE AMBASSADOR'S LETTER TO HIM OF JANUARY 14, REPORTING ASPECTS OF PINOCHET'S MEETING WITH CONGRESSMAN MCCAIN. IF PINOCHET'S LETTER REFLECTS HIS CURRENT MOOD, AS REPORTED BY MCCAIN AND BY INTELLIGENCE REPORTS WE RECEIVED ON THE EARLIER STAGES OF ITS DRAFTING, THEN IT MAY INCLUDE A STIFF REJECTION OF U. S. POLICY TOWARD CHILE. IF SO, YOU MAY WISH TO COMMENT ON THE SPOT.

5. FINALLY, I UNDERSTAND YOU ALREADY PLAN TO REINFORCE MIKE ARMACOST'S PROTEST TO ERRAZURIZ CONCERNING GOC HANDLING OF SECURITY FOR SENATOR KENNEDY'S VISIT, DURING WHICH HE WAS UNABLE TO LEAVE THE AIRPORT FOR TWO HOURS AND THE AMBASSADOR'S CAR WAS STONED, SMASHING A WINDOW. (STATE 18743.) SINCE THEN, WE LEARNED THAT A MAID EMPLOYED BY ONE OF THE PEOPLE WHO MET WITH KENNEDY, THE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHILEAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WAS KIDNAPPED AND INTERROGATED FOR 12 HOURS BY UNKNOWN PERSONS ABOUT HER EMPLOYER'S MEETINGS WITH KENNEDY, KENNEDY STAFFERS, U. S. EMBASSY PERSONNEL, AND THE UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR (SANTIAGO 382). YOU MIGHT WISH TO TELL ERRAZURIZ THAT WHEN ARMACOST ASKED FOR AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE KENNEDY INCIDENT, THE MAID'S INTERROGATION WAS NOT WHAT WE HAD IN MIND. BARNES

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