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SUBJECT CATEGORY: COUP

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SUBJECT: U.S. ATTITUDE TOWARD JUNTA

REF 1: SANTIAGO 4154

1: WE WELCOME GENERAL PINOCHET'S EXPRESSION OF JUNTA DESIRE FOR STRENGTHENED TIES BETWEEN CHILE AND U.S. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO CONVEY AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY INFORMAL RESPONSE TO GENERAL PINOCHET ALONG FOLLOWING LINES AND BY WHATEVER PRIVATE MEANS YOU DEEM MOST APPROPRIATE:

2: THE U.S. WISHES MAKE CLEAR ITS DESIRE TO COOPERATE WITH THE MILITARY JUNTA AND TO ASSIST IN ANY APPROPRIATE WAY. WE AGREE THAT IT IS BEST INITIALLY TO AVOID TOO MUCH PUBLIC IDENTIFICATION BETWEEN US. IN MEANTIME WE WILL BE PLEASED TO MAINTAIN PRIVATE, UNOFFICIAL CONTACTS AS THE JUNTA MAY DESIRE. WE WILL HAVE RESPONSES TO OTHER POINTS RAISED BY GENERAL PINOCHET AT AN EARLY DATE. RUSH