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SUBJ: 6:00 PM WRAPUP - SEP 11

REF: SANTIAGO 4106 (NUTAL)

DEPT PASS ARA AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS

1, CHILE APPEARS TO BE FIRMLY IN HANDS OF MILITARY JUNTA. MONEDA PALACE TAKEN MID-AFTERNOON AFTER AERIAL DOWNBARDMENT, TANK FIRE AND INFANTRY PENETRATION. ALL RADIOS TRANSMITTING MUSIC INTERSPERSED BY ARMED FORCES NETWORK ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EDICTS (DAHDOS). THESE ANNOUNCEMENTS SUGGEST NO SIGNIFICANT FIGHTING TOOK PLACE OUTSIDE SANTIAGO.

2. SNIPER FIRE IN CENTER OF SANTIAGO WAS HEAVY THROUGH MID-AFTERNOON AND OCCASIONAL BURSTS OF FIRE STILL HEARD. HOWEVER, SITUATION DOWNTOWN QUIET ENOUGH FOR MILITARY TO URGE OCCUPANTS OF BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS TO GO HOME BEFORE 1900 CURFEW, WHICH WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED WITH NO SAFE CONDUCT PASSES ISSUED.

3. SOME WORKERS IN INDUSTRIAL AREAS OF SANTIAGO APPARENTLY HEEDED LABOR CONFEDERATION (CUT) CALL TO OCCUPY FACTORIES. THEY HAVE BEEN WARNED TO GO HOME PEACEFULLY LEAVING RESPONSIBLE GUARDS BEHIND WHO WILL BE HELD TO ACCOUNT FOR ANY DAMAGE.

4. WE HAVE HEARD REPORTS THAT ALLENDE IS DEAD BUT THERE IS NO OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION SO FAR. NEITHER DO WE HAVE ANY INDICATION THAT ANY OF 69 NAMED LEADERS OF UP PARTIES AND MEMBERS OF ALLENDE'S CABINET HAVE RESPONDED TO JUNTA'S SUMMONS TO TURN THEMSELVES IN.

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