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BIOGRAPHIC DATA

CHILE
Gen Augusto PINOCHET Ugarte
January 1975

(U) NAME: Gen Augusto Pinochet Ugarte
(pee-noh-CHET), Army.

(U) POSITION: President (chief of state since 12 Sept 1973; position officially named President of the Government Junta, 12 Sept 1973-June 1974; Supreme Chief of the Nation and Head of the Executive Branch June-Dec 1974; President since 18 Dec 1974); and Commander in Chief of the Army (since 24 Aug 1973).



(U) 1973

~~(S/NFD)~~ SIGNIFICANCE: Gen Pinochet, an intelligent, ambitious, professionally competent and experienced Infantry officer, is widely admired and respected by fellow officers. He became President and the strongest member of the Government Junta (composed of the four service commanders) following the 11 Sept 1973 military coup, the first in Chile since 1931, which overthrew the government of Marxist-Socialist Salvador Allende Gossens (President, 1970-1973). In June 1974, the Junta structure changed and Pinochet became head of the executive branch of the government, while continuing as head of the Junta, which became the legislative branch. Gen Pinochet would have preferred that the Armed Forces, and particularly the Army, remain in their traditional role as a professional, apolitical force that does not involve itself with partisan politics. The deteriorating economic and political situation, however, forced Pinochet reluctantly to join in the military intervention. The Junta abolished Congress and all political parties but claims to be moving towards a return to democracy. It is most concerned with rebuilding Chile, especially the economy; obtaining foreign arms purchases and making other preparations against the threat of war with Peru; and improving Chile's world image regarding human rights.

~~(S/NFD)~~ POLITICS:

~~(C/NFD)~~ International: Anti-Communist and anti-Cuban, Gen Pinochet has always spoken favorably of, and desires to keep close ties with, the United States. He has twice travelled to the U.S. He favors the acquisition of U.S. equipment and the training of Chilean military personnel in U.S. service schools. He shares the common concern of most Chilean Army officers over the threat of a possible invasion of Chile by Peru. Pinochet has served as an Instructor at the Ecuadorean Army War College and has travelled to Mexico and the Canal Zone.

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~~(S/NFD)~~ Internal: Gen Pinochet is conservative in his political thinking. It is believed that he remained basically apolitical during the administration of President Allende, viewing the government as legally and constitutionally elected. Pinochet enjoyed the complete confidence of Eduardo Frei Montalva (President, 1964-1970).

~~(C/INT)~~ PERSONAL DATA:

(U) Birth: 25 Nov 1915 in Valparaíso, Chile.

~~(C/NFD)~~ Family: Wife, Lucía Hierriart Rodríguez de Pinochet (born about 1926; of French ancestry; Roman Catholic; married about 1943; charming, attractive; socially at ease; family is very close; has long been interested in and directed a Catholic assistance program for illegitimate children; in 1973 allegedly strongly denounced the then Army Commander in Chief, Carlos Prats González, for his "lackey" relationship with President Allende). Children (5): Lucía (f), born about 1944 (married; is an infant-welfare specialist); Augusto (m), born about 1946 (a military officer); María Verónica (f), born about 1950 (married; is a computer programmer); Marco Antonio (m), born about 1957; Jacqueline Marie (f), born about 1959. One daughter lived with her husband, an engineer, in Panama.

~~(C/NFD)~~ Description: Caucasian. Large build (5'10", 180 lbs); dark brown hair, green eyes, oval face; fair complexion; has a mustache; wears glasses for reading; quiet; mild-mannered; very businesslike. Very honest, hard working, dedicated. A devoted, tolerant husband and father; lives very modestly. Drinks scotch and pisco sours; smokes cigarettes; likes parties. Sports interests are fencing, boxing, and horseback riding. Member of Geographic Society of Chile. He is well known as a military geographer and has authored three geography books, at least one of which is used as a secondary-school textbook. Enjoys discussing world military problems and would respond to a frank, man-to-man approach.

(U) Languages: Native Spanish, some French and English.

(U) Religion: Roman Catholic.

(U) Decorations: Colombian Order of Merit General José María Córdoba. Ecuadorean Abdón Calderon Star (Gold). Peruvian Military Order of Ayacucho. Chilean Military Star of the Armed Forces (Grand Star for Military Merit, for 30 years' service); Goddess Minerva Medal; Minerva Medal.

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(U) CIVIL EDUCATION: Secondary school presumably in Chile. Attended courses on judicial and social sciences at the University of Chile for 2 years (dates not known).

(U) CAREER:

1933-1937 -Cadet, Military Academy, Santiago, Mar 1933-Jan 1937.
Commissioned Probationary 2d Lt in Infantry, 1 Jan 1937.

1937-1938 -Assigned to 6th "Chacabuco" Infantry Regiment. Promoted to 2d Lt, 1937; to 1st Lt, 1938.

1939 -Assigned to 2d "Maipo" Infantry Regiment.

1940-1941 -Student, Infantry School, San Bernardo.

1942-1946 -Instructor, Army War College, Santiago. Promoted to Capt, 1946.

1947 -Assigned to 5th "Carampangue" Infantry Regiment, Iquique.

1948 -Government Delegate to the Schwager Coal Mines (merged with Lota Coal Mines in 1963), located near Concepción.

1948 -Assigned to 9th Infantry Regiment.

1949-1951 -Student, Command and General Staff Course, Army War College.

1952 -Assigned to the Military Academy. Promoted to Maj, 1952.

1953 -Operations Officer, 4th "Rancagua" Infantry Regiment, Arica.

1954 -Instructor, Army War College.

1955 -Aide to Subsecretary for Army, Ministry of National Defense.

1956-1959 -Instructor, Military Geography, Ecuadorean Army War College, Quito.

1960 -Staff Officer, Headquarters, 1st Infantry Division, Antofagasta. Promoted to Lt Col, 23 Jan 1960.

1961-1963 -Commander, 7th "Esmeralda" Infantry Regiment, Antofagasta.

1964-1968 -Deputy Commandant, Chilean Army War College, Jan 1964-Jan 1968. Member, orientation tour of U.S. and Canal Zone, Jan-Feb 1965. Promoted to Col, 23 Jan 1966.

1968 -Chief of Staff, 2d Army Division, Santiago. Official visit to U.S. and Canal Zone, Jan-Feb. Promoted to Brig Gen, 31 Dec 1968.

1969-1971 -Commander, 6th Army Division, Iquique. Promoted to Maj Gen, 30 Dec 1970.

1971-1972 -Commander, Santiago Garrison, Mar 1971-Jan 1972.

1972-1973 -Chief of the Army General Staff, Jan 1972-Aug 1973. Concurrently served as Acting Commander in Chief of the Army, Nov 1972-Mar 1973, Apr-June 1973, and Aug 1973. Official visit to Mexico for Independence Day celebrations and to the Canal Zone, Sept 1972.

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1973-Present

-President (Chief of State from 12 Sept 1973; position officially named President of the Government Junta, 12 Sept 1973-June 1974), Supreme Chief of the Nation and Head of the Executive Branch June-Dec 1974, President from 18 Dec 1974, and Commander in Chief of the Army (from 24 Aug 1973). Promoted to Gen, 24 Aug 1973. Official visit to Brazil for the inauguration of President Ernesto Geisel and to Paraguay, Mar 1974; official visit to Paraguay and Argentina, May 1974.

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