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[REDACTED] This IR discusses the developing relationship between the several branches of the Chilean Armed Forces and the Directorate of National Intelligence (DINA); relationship between members of the governing Junta and DINA; general comments about the growing personnel strength of DINA; and its new 24 floor office building currently being constructed. (NOTE: This information provides updating information to that provided in paragraph D. of reference (a).)

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1. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] a conversation was held regarding the Directorate of National Intelligence (DINA) and its activities. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] President PINEGRE has established DINA as the sole responsible agency for internal subversive matters. As such, service intelligence agencies are obliged to inform DINA immediately when subversive activities have been uncovered within their services, and turn over to DINA any detainees held. For DINA's part, however, when they have encountered subversive information about the individual services, they are only required to inform the services that an investigation is underway without turning over the

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2. [REDACTED] Additionally, the original DINA personnel manning level of 1500 persons has blossomed to approximately 2000 regular members (the great majority of which are active duty military personnel), augmented by some 2100 additional civilian personnel located throughout the country, that work on an on-call basis (most part time but some full time). The 2100 civilians (only some of which are paid for their services) constitute a subordinate unit to DINA named BRIGADA INTELIGENCIA CIUDANA (Citizens Intelligence Brigade). During operations, members of this civilian unit work in company with regular DINA operatives if arrests are to be made.

[REDACTED]

DINA tasked Navy to provide an additional 40 female/clerical personnel to their rolls. When the Navy indicated their lack of personnel/assets, DINA independently contracted 40 civilian females to work for their organization, and subsequently assigned pay and housing responsibilities to the Navy. This [REDACTED] measure reportedly received the approval of President PINOCHET, and the Navy has had to accept the situation.

[REDACTED]

The end result was that DINA now has one Director, and two Deputy Directors.

3. [REDACTED] The relationship between DINA and the several branches of the armed forces vary considerably. The NAVY has adopted a rather pragmatic attitude, recognizing that they have neither the monetary, material nor personnel assets to conduct the widespread anti-subversion activities that characterize DINA operations. As a result, they seldom find themselves with conflicting interests vis a vis DINA (the personnel situation discussed above representing an exception). Usually, when DINA uncovers subversive activities within the Naval community, they advise Navy Intelligence who then is kept abreast of the DINA operation. The CARABINEROS have a working relationship with DINA very similar to that of the Navy for the same reasons. However, ARMY/DINA relations have been considerably less cordial. Army Intelligence, headed by a general officer and operating with an impressive budget has been most reluctant to "knuckle under" to the wishes of DINA, headed by an Army Colonel.

[REDACTED]

Much of the blame is attributed to poorly trained DINA agents operating under inadequate supervision. The AIR FORCE, like the Army, has strained relations with DINA.

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The Air Force center of anti-subversive activities located at the Air Force War Academy was disestablished and all duties previously under Air Force cognizance have been transferred to

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4. [REDACTED] Junta relations with DINA have changed considerably since the early days of the intelligence organizations establishment.

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since the promulgation of Decree Law No. 521, officially establishing DINA as the national intelligence arm of the government (ref (b) refers), Colonel CONTRERAS has reported exclusively to, and received orders only from President PINOCHET.

5. [REDACTED] When DINA was first setting-up operations, their headquarters were located in three houses on Belgrado Street, in Santiago (near the intersection of Vicuna McKenna and Rancagua). Presently, however, they [REDACTED] are building a 14 story building at the end of Belgrado Street to serve as their national headquarters. The expected completion date of this new headquarters is as yet unknown.

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