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ED 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PTER, CI
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2. FEDERICO WILLOUGHBY TOLD CHARGE JULY 13 THAT CRISTIAN LABBE, WHOSE APPLICATION FOR ACCREDITATION AS A CIVIL ATTACHE OF THE CHILEAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON IS CURRENTLY PENDING, HAD BEEN, TOGETHER WITH ARMANDO FERNANDEZ LARIOS, A MEMBER OF THE SMALL GROUP OF ARMY PERSONNEL ASSEMBLED IN 1973 TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE NEW CHIEF OF STATE, AUGUSTO PINOCHET. THE ENTIRE GROUP WAS AT A LATER DATE FOLDED INTO DINA. MORE RECENTLY, ACCORDING TO WILLOUGHBY, LABBE HAD BEEN WORKING IN A SPECIAL UNIT INSIDE THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PRESIDENCY, IN CHARGE OF "PROJECTION OF THE REGIME," AND LIAISON BETWEEN THE PRESIDENCY AND THE ARMY ON PROJECTS RELATING TO THAT GOAL. WILLOUGHBY SAID THE UNIT IS HEADED BY A RETIRED ARMY COLONEL WHOSE NAME HE COULDN'T RECALL. IT IS NOT, HE SAID, AN INTELLIGENCE OR SECURITY OFFICE, BUT A POLITICAL PLANNING STAFF; OF COURSE, IN ORDER TO DO THAT, THEY DO NEED AND DO COLLECT WHAT HE CALLED POLITICAL INTELLIGENCE ON WHAT THE OPPOSITION IS DOING AND SAYING.

3. WILLOUGHBY SAID A MUTUAL FRIEND OF HIS AND LABBE'S TOLD HIM THAT LABBE HAD BEEN SENT TO WASHINGTON, IN PART TO TAKE A COURSE AT A UNIVERSITY ON POLITICAL SCIENCE, ELECTION MANAGEMENT, OR SOME SUCH TOPIC RELATED TO HIS WORK ON THE "PROJECTION," BUT ALSO, THE FRIEND SAID, TO "COLLECT ALL THE INFORMATION HE COULD ON FERNANDEZ LARIOS -- WHERE HE IS AND WHAT HE'S TELLING THE USG." THE FRIEND IS AN ARMY OFFICER WHO ALSO WORKS IN THE SPECIAL UNIT.

4. WILLOUGHBY SAID THERE WAS AN ADDITIONAL REASON FOR GETTING LABBE OUT OF TOWN AT THIS TIME: IT WAS HE, NOT BRIG. GEN. OSCAR VARGAS, WHO WAS THE FATHER OF THE ILLEGITIMATE CHILD BORN RECENTLY TO JACQUELINE PINOCHET. VARGAS HAD BEEN DATING ANOTHER DAUGHTER, LUCIA, AND THE FAMILY PROBABLY WANTED HIM OUT OF THE COUNTRY FOR A WHILE TOO, BUT WILLOUGHBY SAID HE WAS QUITE CERTAIN THE RELATIONSHIP WITH JACQUELINE WAS LABBE'S.

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