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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE COMMUNIST ASSASSINATION CAMPAIGN AGAINST
CARABINEROS

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1. (C) SUMMARY: RECENT RASH OF TERRORIST ATTACKS IN SANTIAGO
ATTRIBUTED TO NEWLY ACTIVE COMMUNIST GROUP, THE FRENTE CERO.
TO DATE, TWO CARABINEROS HAVE BEEN KILLED, TWO PATROLS
AMBUSHED, A PRO-GOVERNMENT NEIGHBORHOOD LEADER ASSASSINATED
AND NUMEROUS BOMBING ATTACKS CARRIED OUT. GOC SECURITY
FORCES HAVE ARRESTED FOUR PERSONS WHO HAVE LINKED THESE
ATTACKS TO NEW COMMUNIST TERRORIST ACTIVITY BY SMALL
COMPARTMENTALIZED CELLS TOTALLING PERHAPS 60 MEMBERS.
FRENTE CERO MAY HAVE LINKS TO ETA IN SPAIN AND SENDERO
LUMINOSO IN PERU. NEW TERRORISM UNLIKELY TO BE MORE

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ISTORIC LINKS TO MIR AND SPLITS WITHIN COMMUNIST PARTY
BSCURE TRUE NATURE OF FRENTE CERO. END SUMMARY.

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4. (U) FRENTE CERO: UNLIKE THE TERRORISTS OF RECENT YEARS IN CHILE, MOST OF WHOM CAME FROM THE MIR, THE FRENTE CERO APPEARS TO HAVE ITS ROOTS IN THE PCCH. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS BASED ON SECURITY SOURCES, IT OPERATES IN 4-5 PERSON CELLS WHICH ARE LARGELY INDEPENDENT OF EACH OTHER, THUS MAKING PENETRATION DIFFICULT. THESE SAME SOURCES TRACE THE ORIGINS OF THE "FRENTE" TO 1981 IN THE VALPARAISO AREA. THE CELLS, WHICH ARE DEDICATED TO TERRORIST ACTIONS IN THE LARGER CITIES OF SANTIAGO, VALPARAISO AND CONCEPCION, HAVE REPORTEDLY RECEIVED TERRORIST TRAINING WITH THE ETA IN SPAIN. THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP FO THE TERRORIST CELLS IS REPORTEDLY SMALL, PERHAPS 60, WITH MOST OF THEM UNDER 30 YEARS OF AGE. FROM CAPTURED DOCUMENTS, IT APPEARS THERE MAY BE SOME LINKS BETWEEN THE PERUVIAN SENDERO LUMINOSO AND THE FRENTE CERO.

5. (LOU) OTHER RECENT PCCH ARRESTSC OTHER RECENT GOC
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ACTIONS AGAINST ALLEGED PCCH MEMBERS MAY OR MAY NOT BE
RELATED TO THE FRENTE CERO. ON AUGUST 12, FOUR ALLEGED

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PCCH MEMBERS WERE ARRESTED IN THE NORTHERN CHILEAN CITY OF ARICA AND CHARGED WITH TERRORIST ACTIVITIES. AT THE TIME OF THEIR ARREST, POLICE SOURCES CLAIMED THE GROUP HAD LINKS WITH THE SENDERO LUMINOSOS BUT, TO DATE, NO EVIDENCE HAS BEEN MADE PUBLIC.

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