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(S/WR) This IR forwards comments on the state of training for personnel of the National Intelligence Directorate (DINA), its personnel strength and some problems and conflicts with the Armed Forces Counterintelligence Center (CECIPA). It also contains comments concerning interrogation techniques used by the DINA and the CECIPA. Source is a long time, experienced and generally accurate reporter who is in a position to have access to information of this nature, though source has a vested interest in the CECIPA and is an opponent of the DINA.

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(S/WR) Source offered the following comments and observations concerning the DINA, its problems and those which it has created for the CECIPA and other intelligence services (Some of the DINA problems were discussed in reference (a)):

The DINA, contrary to original plans (see reference (b)), is directly subordinate to Junta President General PINOCHET. When R.O. asked why this was so, source replied "That's too sensitive to discuss, even with you".

b. Though not yet up to its projected strength of 1,100 men the DINA is rapidly reaching its personnel goal, it now has about 700 members. The major problem of DINA is that its personnel, a mix of military and civilians, are not properly trained for their jobs. They especially lack elementary training in

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intelligence and interrogation techniques, and tend to be extremely secretive. This has caused serious problems for the other intelligence services. When DINA personnel, many of whom work clandestinely, detains someone or go on an operation they tell people that they are with Army, Navy, etc. Intelligence. Subsequently, when complaints are made about incidents related to the detention or operation they are directed to the Ministry of Defense or the individual services. Checks inevitably reveal that the DINA was involved. This has the services extremely upset because they must spend considerable time checking out the complaints and because it is giving them a bad name.

c. Another major problem of the DINA is its system of interrogation. Source said that their techniques are straight out of the Spanish Inquisition and often leave the person interrogated with visible bodily damage. The CECIPA and service intelligence departments are upset about this, essentially feeling that in this day and age there is no excuse for the use of such primitive techniques. Source said that CECIPA and service intelligence department interrogations usually take place in the presence of a qualified medical doctor to insure no permanent physical or mental damage is done to the person being interrogated.

d. S-s referred to the Ministry of Defense Circulars (references (c) and 1)) and said that the Circulars have been generally well received by all levels of the military and Carabinero establishments and that the instructions are being followed with few exceptions. Last week three Army generals were sent to Temuco to investigate a violation of the Circulars and another violation was investigated in Valparaiso. Source said that the CECIPA is very concerned about the treatment of detainees but that the supervision of interrogations is a very difficult thing here as there are so many things for the armed forces to do at one time that some things naturally go unreported or uncontrolled.

e. The Chief of CECIPA, LCDR Raul MONSALVE, has strongly opposed the methods employed by the DINA and critical of its subordination to General PINOCHET vice the Ministry of Defense. After one recent meeting at the Ministry, he was told by General Nicanor DIAZ, Acting Chief of the National Defense Staff, to moderate his objections about DINA or face the possibility that DINA personnel wouldabricate an "incident" which would destroy his career and get him out of their way. (LCDR MONSALVE's reaction to this warning was not stated.)

f. The service intelligence departments and the CECIPA personnel refer to DINA as "the monster", reflecting their apprehension about its growing power and size.

~~(S/SECRET)~~ COMMENTS: A. If source's comments on the DINA are true, even admitting source is prejudiced on the matter, it seems as though it is developing into a BG-type organization as originally predicted in reference (d).

The matter of physical coercion during interrogations is one of extreme sensitivity, but evidently being practiced by the various intelligence services. Source admits that it takes place, even though s-e evidently sees it, controlled or uncontrolled, as regrettable and something which must be controlled.

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