

20 October 1970

TRACK II

A. [REDACTED]

1. General Valenzuela advised [REDACTED] that the military was ready to launch a coup. Valenzuela's plan includes the abduction of General Schneider and the resignation of President Frei and most of his Cabinet.

2. Santiago Station has authorized [REDACTED] ||

3. Station false flag officer met with [REDACTED] who reported that the coup was now set for Wednesday night and that the abduction of General Schneider is the first step in the coup attempt. [REDACTED] Viaux [REDACTED] leaving for Valparaiso on 19 October.

4. [REDACTED] arranged a meeting between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on 18 October.

5. According to Radio Balmaceda, Major Arturo Marshall was arrested on the morning of 19 October.

6. Station false flag officer contacted [REDACTED] who seemed sincere in his dedication to remove Allende from power. He is not, however, sanguine about the chances of blocking Allende.

7. [REDACTED]

B. Accomplishments:

In recent weeks Station false flag officers and [REDACTED] have made a vigorous effort to contact, advise, and influence key members of the military in an attempt to rally support for a coup. Valenzuela's announcement that the military is now prepared to move may be an indication of the effectiveness of this effort.

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C. Situation:

At last, the military is pulling itself together in an effort to deny Allende the presidency. Apparently a number of senior military leaders [REDACTED] have joined together and have agreed to move against the government. This development was brought to the attention of the Station late Sunday evening when General Camilo Valenzuela called upon [REDACTED] to alert him that the Chilean military was ready to attempt to overthrow the government. The first step in this coup will be the abduction of General Schneider which was scheduled to take place last night.

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