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THE CHILEAN PEOPLE WHILE THE GRANERIES OF THE UNITED STATES ARE EMPTIED FOR RUSSIA."

3. AFTER TOUCHING SEVERAL OTHER BASES, EL MERCURIO CONCLUDES BY DENYING THAT THERE HAS EVER BEEN ANY "UNCONFESSABLE" INCOME IN ITS HISTORY. EL MERCURIO'S BOOKS WERE SUBJECT TO MOST THOROUGH AND HOSTILE SCRUTINY DURING THE MARXIST REGIME WITHOUT ANYONE BEING ABLE TO SPECIFY IRREGULARITIES. THEREFORE, EL MERCURIO REJECTS "WITH LEGITIMATE DISDAIN THE IRRESPONSIBLE CHARGES MADE BY A CLOSE COLLABORATOR OF MR. KENNEDY AND FEELS AUTHORIZED TO CONJECTURE THAT THE ATTACK IS THE FRUIT OF JOURNALISTIC IRRESPONSIBILITY OR OF THE ANIMOSITY OF THE ADVISORS OF A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE WHO IS STOPPED SINCE SEVERAL YEARS AGO IN HIS AMBITIONS BY THE MORAL EXAMINATION

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OF HIS ACTIONS TO WHICH HE HAS BEEN SUBJECTED IN HIS COUNTRY".

4. PRESIDENT FORD'S STATEMENTS ON CHILE FROM HIS 16 SEPTEMBER NEWS CONFERENCE WERE CARRIED IN FULL BY "EL MERCURIO" UNDER FRONT PAGE HEADLING "FORD: U.S. HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH FALL OF ALLENDE." THERE WAS NO EDITORIAL COMMENT IN "EL MERCURIO" AND NO NEWS OR EDITORIAL COVERAGE OF THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT IN "LA TERCERA".