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WASHINGTON — It has been our lot to chronicle the tragedy of Chile.

In 1972, we published secret documents which proved the CIA and ITT had plotted together to block the late Salvador Allende from coming to power.

But Chile had such strong democratic traditions that Allende, although a Marxist, couldn't be stopped from assuming the presidency because he had more votes than any other candidate.

Thereafter, the CIA and ITT sought to undermine the Allende Regime, we reported, by sabotaging the Chilean economy. We quoted from secret U.S. embassy cables of a "sharpening economic crisis."

Still, the embassy advised Washington: "Chileans have great ability to rush to the brink, embrace each other and back off. With Russian and East European help, some debt relief...and some breaks, Chile just might be able to rock along for some time to come."

Chile's democratic traditions, we reported, should keep the army at bay. Again we quoted the embassy's secret cables: "Prospects of military intervention for foreseeable future are extremely small."

The embassy was wrong: The generals moved against Allende, left him dead in the presidential palace and imposed a military dictatorship upon Chile.

This most democratic of South American nations suddenly was transformed into a harsh police state. Evidence was smuggled to us of widespread political arrests and torturing.

Now we have received even more depressing documents smuggled out of Chile by our sources — as before, at great risk to themselves and their families.

These documents show that the military junta has taken over the nation's schools, has forced upon them a curriculum of "national security" studies, has assigned soldiers to monitor the classrooms and has organized a secret spy system to check upon the loyalty of students, teachers and administrators.

Our own National Education Association, which has been keeping track of teacher oppression in Chile, reports that hundreds of professional educators have been dismissed and jailed. Some of them, according to reliable reports, have been cruelly tortured.

We have obtained copies of a "denunciation" form, which the junta has distributed to students and teachers for use in reporting on the attitudes and behavior of their peers.

The form asks for a "history" of the subject, including information that would help at "the interrogatory." Persons filling out the form are asked to "evaluate" their colleagues on a scale of one to 10 for "fanaticism," "audacity," "dangerousness," and "possibilities of a re-education."

The smuggled documents also include a memo from the education minister to the defense minister, discussing "the teaching of national security courses in educational institutions."

The memo instructs the defense minister to appoint "advisers to the schools" and to name "the officers who will be appointed to teach the classes."

At the university level, according to the memo, students will receive 96 hours of "theoretical" and "practical" instruction. The theoretical program covers such subjects as "internal threats," "subversion," "political deviations" and "political and ideologic aggression."

The practical program consists of "attendance in a national defense department installation or unit for the minimum period of three months."

Not only students but their parents are summoned to the high schools to attend meetings. "Failure to attend," warns one notice, "will be more than sufficient reason to proceed with your immediate arrest."

Footnote: The Chilean embassy in Washington explained to us that the "denunciation" forms, used by students and teachers to report derogatory information on one another, were circulated immediately after the military dictatorship seized power to uncover the radicals on the campuses. Our own sources report, on the contrary, that the forms were still in use just a couple of months ago. The Chilean embassy offered no comment on the other charges.

WATCH ON WASTE: Tall, tweedy Secretary of the Interior Rogers C.B. Morton, the country squire from Maryland's eastern shore, likes to fly around in chartered airplanes and drive around in rented limousines. The taxpayers, of course, are stuck with the bills.

We have had access to his travel vouchers, which show he has chartered private planes to fly as far as Alaska and

as near as his Easton, Md., home. A single charter flight to Alaska cost the taxpayers \$21,868.

When Morton arrives at an airport, he doesn't hail a cab like lesser passengers. He rents a Cadillac to drive him around. His vouchers show he often spends more than \$200 for limousine service on a single trip.

By an interesting coincidence, Morton did most of this traveling during the 1972 presidential election. He ran up a whopping \$121,682 in travel bills in 1972, compared to only \$43,982 the following, nonpolitical year.

All of these bills, of course, were charged to the taxpayers. The vouchers show, moreover, that most of his 1972 charter flights were billed during the campaign months of August through September. At most stops, he gave political speeches urging the re-election of President Nixon.

Morton has just been appointed secretary of commerce, with worldwide responsibilities. He will now have an excuse to add international jet flights to the bills he charges to the taxpayers.