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(DIRECTORATE OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE)  
(DINA)

DINA was the name of the Chilean Intelligence Service until late 1977, when it was renamed the Centro Nacional de Informaciones (National Information Center) (CNI).

Former Assistant United States Attorney Eugene M. Propper, the chief prosecutor in the Orlando Letelier assassination case, and author Taylor Branch are collaborating in writing a book detailing the United States investigation of the assassination of Orlando Letelier, the former Chilean Ambassador to the United States, who was killed on September 21, 1976, in Washington, D.C. Propper and Branch advised that during their research they secured a number of letters which were sent from the United States by self-admitted DINA agent, Michael Vernon Townley, to Gustavo Etchepare, his DINA/CNI "cut-out" in Chile. They made copies of these letters available to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in September, 1981. In many instances the letters were extremely cryptic and Townley utilized code words and code names throughout. The subject matter of the letters, among other topics, covered DINA activities circa 1974-1976.

Set forth below is a topical summary of information contained in Townley's letters:

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