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## **Chile: General Augusto Pinochet's Nephew To Run As Presidential Candidate**

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Gonzalo Townsend Pinochet, a nephew of Army chief Gen. Augusto Pinochet, was the seventh and final presidential candidate to register with authorities before the Aug. 13 deadline. General elections in Chile are scheduled for Dec. 11. Electoral authorities now have ten days to review the 36,000 signatures and candidacy petitions required of each contender (see NotiSur 08/13/93 for overview of the other six candidates). Townsend Pinochet, who is not formally affiliated with any political party, insists that he is the only candidate who faithfully represents the "achievements" of Pinochet's military regime (1973-1990). Referring to National Renovation (Renovacion Nacional, RN) candidate Jose Pinera a cabinet minister who served in the Pinochet regime Townsend Pinochet recently commented: "When Pinera says he represents the modernization achieved during the Pinochet government, he is lying. If he in some way participated in the modernization of Chile it was marginal, because it was Pinochet who put the country on the correct course for development." [Sources: El Mercurio (Chile), La Nacion (Chile), 08/14/93]

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