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 SUBJECT: PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT CRITICIZES STATE
 - DEPARTMENT REPORT AND HR GROUPS

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1. *(C)* SUMMARY: PRESIDENT FUJIMORI ASSERTED FEB. 28 THAT THE GOP WILL STUDY THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT IN ORDER TO REFUTE ERRONEOUS AND INACCURATE STATEMENTS ABOUT PERU, ALTHOUGH HE ADMITTED SOME OF THE CHARGES WERE "EXACT." HE AND HIS SUPPORTERS CONTINUE TO CRITICIZE HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS FOR NOT DENOUNCING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BY TERRORISTS (WHICH IS PATENTLY UNTRUE). AT A TIME WHEN THE GOP SHOULD BE MOVING TO COOPERATE WITH HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS, SOME CONTINUE TO BLAME THEM FOR PERU'S

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"DISTORTED IMAGE ABROAD." END SUMMARY.

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GOP TO EXAMINE STATE DEPARTMENT REPORT

2. (U) THE GOP, SOME OF ITS MEDIA SUPPORTERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CONSTITUENT CONGRESS (CCD) DENY THE EXISTENCE OF "SYSTEMATIC" VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN PERU. PRESIDENT FUJIMORI ANNOUNCED FEBRUARY 28 THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL CLOSELY STUDY THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT ON PERU IN ORDER TO "REFUTE INCORRECT STATEMENTS." HE WENT ON TO DESCRIBE SOME OF THE REPORT'S CONTENTS AS "INACCURATE," BUT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT "SOME OF THE CHARGES ARE

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3. (U) FUJIMORI ADMITTED TO THE PRESS THAT HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS MIGHT OCCUR IN PERU -- "EVEN DURING MY ADMINISTRATION" -- BUT THAT THEY "ESCAPE THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTROL" AND ARE NOT PART OF GOVERNMENT POLICY. HE ONCE AGAIN REPEATED HIS ARGUMENT THAT HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS SHOULD "DENOUNCE VIOLATIONS COMMITTED BY TERRORIST GROUPS," NOT ONLY THOSE PERPETRATED BY PERUVIAN AUTHORITIES.

4. (U) HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES WERE FURTHER CRITICIZED BY A TV INTERVIEWER AND A CCD MEMBER DURING A FEBRUARY 28 AIRING OF A NEWS MAGAZINE/TALK SHOW ON LIMA'S CHANNEL FOUR. FOLLOWING AN INTERVIEW OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTERAMERICAN AFFAIRS ARONSON, THE HOST OF "LA REVISTA DOMINICAL" ("SUNDAY MAGAZINE"), NICOLAS LUCAR SPOKE WITH CCD VICE PRESIDENT RAFAEL REY REY AND TWO PROMINENT HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS, FORMER SENATOR ENRIQUE BERNALES AND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION PRESIDENT PABLO ROJAS, OSTENSIBLY ON THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT. THE INTERVIEW QUICKLY DEGENERATED INTO AN ACRIMONIOUS EXCHANGE THAT INCLUDED A LENGTHY CALL-IN TIRADE BY RICARDO MULLER, NEWS DIRECTOR OF TV CHANNEL TWO. MULLER

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CALLED ROJAS AND BERNALES "PSEUDO-DEFENDERS" OF
HUMAN RIGHTS, ASSERTING THAT "THE POSITION YOU
ASSUME IS REPUGNANT BECAUSE YOU ONLY CARE ABOUT
THE RIGHTS OF TERRORISTS, THOSE CRIMINALS WHO
HAVE KILLED SO MANY INNOCENT PEOPLE."

5. (U) MULLER WAS JOINED BY REY AND LUCAR IN
BLASTING THE STATE DEPARTMENT REPORT,
INSINUATING THAT IT WAS BASED ENTIRELY ON
SLANTED DATA SUPPLIED BY THE NATIONAL
COORDINATOR FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (COORDINADORA).
REY REITERATED FUJIMORI'S DECLARATION (AND THAT
OF A RECENT CCD RESOLUTION) THAT THERE IS NO
SYSTEMATIC VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN PERU,

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 ADDING THAT THE U.S. HAD NO MORAL RIGHT TO
 QUESTION PERU'S RECORD. REY, SMUG AND SELF-
 RIGHTEOUS, WAS SEVERELY CRITICAL OF BOTH THE
 USG REPORT AND THE COORDINADORA.

6. (LOU) IN A SEPARATE TV INTERVIEW FEBRUARY 28
 WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE "COUNCIL FOR PEACE,"
 FRANCISCO DIEZ CANSECO AND PABLO ROJAS, THE
 COMMENTATOR INSISTED ON MISUNDERSTANDING ROJAS
 BY CLAIMING THAT THE COORDINADORA HAD ONLY
 FIFTEEN WORKERS PROCESSING INFORMATION ON HUMAN
 RIGHTS. THE COMMENTATOR THEN ASSERTED IT WAS
 IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE COORDINADORA TO MONITOR THE
 COUNTRY'S HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION, ESPECIALLY
 CONSIDERING THAT MOST TERRORIST ATTACKS OCCUR IN

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THE UPPER HUALLAGA VALLEY. PABLO ROJAS COUNTERED THE COMMENTATOR BY NOTING THAT THE COORDINADORA RECEIVES INFORMATION AND SUPPORT FROM OVER THIRTY HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS WITH A FEW HUNDRED WORKERS AROUND THE COUNTRY. HOWEVER, THE COMMENTATOR'S MISREPRESENTATION WAS EXPANDED UPON BY THE PRINT MEDIA THE NEXT DAY, WHEN THE COMMENTATORS ERRONEOUS CONCEPTIONS WERE ATTRIBUTED TO FRANCISCO DIEZ CANSECO. HOWEVER, DIEZ CANSECO TOOK ADVANTAGE OF A BELEAGUERED ROJAS TO WREST A PROMISE FROM ROJAS TO HAVE THE COORDINADORA RECONSIDER ITS DECISION TO JOIN HIS "COUNCIL FOR PEACE." THE COUNCIL FOR PEACE IS, ACCORDING TO A COORDINADORA SOURCE, A ONE-MAN, PRO-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION THAT RECEIVES MOST

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PAGE 03 LIMA 02368 02 OF 03 021323Z OF ITS FUNDING FROM THE GOP. IT IS A POLITICAL VEHICLE FOR FRANCISCO DIEZ CANSECO THAT HAS NOT BEEN GENERALLY ACTIVE IN HUMAN RIGHTS CASE WORK.

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PRESS STOPS BLASTING U.S.

7. (L) IN AN ENCOURAGING ABOUT-FACE, THE DAILY "EXPRESO," A NEWSPAPER CONSIDERED PRO-FUJIMORI AND WHICH FOR A WEEK HAD RUN OP-ED PIECES CRITICIZING THE U.S. DECISION TO POSTPONE THE SUPPORT GROUP, PUBLISHED AN EDITORIAL FEBRUARY 28 THAT RECOGNIZED THE EXISTENCE OF DISAPPEARANCES, EXTRA-JUDICIAL EXECUTIONS AND OTHER "EXCESSES." THE EDITORIAL CALLED ON THE CCD TO REFORM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT AND ENSURE ITS INDEPENDENCE. IT ADDED THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SHOULD WORK TO "NEUTRALIZE" THE ANTI-GOP "CAMPAIGNS" IN WASHINGTON. THE MORE INFLUENTIAL "EL COMERCIO," WHICH HAD ALSO BEEN CRITICIZING THE DELAY IN FORMING THE SUPPORT GROUP, CALLED ON THE GOP IN A MARCH 1 OP-ED PIECE TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THE REAL PROBLEM OF RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. WITHOUT NAMING RAFAEL RAY, IT DESCRIBED HIS ARGUMENTS ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE AS "PEURILE" AND "LAUGHABLE."

8. (L) COMMENT: FUJIMORI'S PUBLIC ADMISSION OF PROBLEMS IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD IS ENCOURAGING. MANY OF HIS SUPPORTERS IN THE

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MEDIA AND THE CCD, THOUGH, HAVE NOT GIVEN UP THE
LINE THAT THE COUNTRY'S MAIN PROBLEM IS ONE OF A
"DISTORTED IMAGE" ABROAD. IN THEIR VIEW

THE
AUTHORS OF PERU'S BAD REPUTATION ARE HUMAN
RIGHTS GROUPS, EXPATRIATE POLITICIANS (SUCH AS
MARIO VARGAS LLOSA AND ALBERTO BOREA) AND
RESENTFUL JOURNALISTS, ALL OF WHOM THEY PUBLICLY
LUMP TOGETHER UNDER THE CATEGORIES "AMBASSADORS
OF TERROR" AND "DISINFORMATION LOBBYISTS." THE
ATTACKS ON HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS ARE WHOLLY
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ALL OF THESE GROUPS HAVE FOR YEARS ROUNDLY
CONDEMNED TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS AS THE MAIN
VIOLATORS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN PERU. NONETHELESS,
FUJIMORI'S ADMISSION THAT VIOLATIONS OCCUR IN
PERU IS HELPFUL, AS IS THE MORE BALANCED
PERSPECTIVE THE PRESS SEEMS TO HAVE ADOPTED.

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 9. (C) THE OFFICIAL AND MEDIA CRITICISMS OF THE
 STATE DEPARTMENT'S HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT SEEM
 DESIGNED TO DISTRACT ATTENTION FROM THE REAL
 ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN PERU. THE
 COORDINADORA WAS ONE OF THE SOURCES OF DATA FOR
 THE REPORT, BUT SO WERE VARIOUS PERUVIAN
 GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS. AT A TIME WHEN THE GOP
 SHOULD BE INITIATING COOPERATION WITH HUMAN
 RIGHTS GROUPS, SOME SEEM BENT ON BLAMING THEM
 FOR DISTORTING THE COUNTRY'S IMAGE OVERSEAS.
 USG PRESSURE IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS SEEMS TO HAVE
 HAD THE EFFECT OF FINALLY GETTING THE MESSAGE ON
 HUMAN RIGHTS HOME TO FUJIMORI, BUT HAS NOT
 RESULTED IN MANY CONCILIATORY PUBLIC STATEMENTS
 BY HIS EMOTIONAL SUPPORTERS.

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