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TO AMEMBASSY LIMA PRIORITY

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NOFORN FOR CHARGE FROM ANNE PATTERSON
E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: AMGT, PE
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

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2. COUNTRY: PERU

3. PERIOD OF EVALUATION: APRIL 1, 1992-MARCH 1, 1993

4. AGENCIES/OFFICES CONSULTED: STATE BUREAUS: INR, EB,
INM, HA, ARA. OTHER AGENCIES: CIA, DIA, TREASURY,
COMMERCE, USTR.

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5. EVALUATOR: PRINCIPAL EVALUATOR IS COUNTRY DIRECTOR
ANNE W. PATTERSON.

BACKGROUND AND GENERAL COMMENTS

6. THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD REVIEWED WAS THE MOST

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DIFFICULT IN THE RECENT HISTORY OF U.S.-PERUVIAN BILATERAL RELATIONS. IT WAS MADE EVEN MORE CHALLENGING BY THE

ABSENCE OF AN AMBASSADOR AFTER ANTHONY QUAINTON'S DEPARTURE IN AUGUST. ON APRIL 5 PRESIDENT FUJIMORI DISSOLVED THE CONGRESS AND JUDICIARY AND SUSPENDED THE CONSTITUTION. HE SOUGHT TO JUSTIFY HIS ACTIONS BY POINTING TO A CORRUPT JUDICIARY AND A CONGRESS THAT DID NOT REPRESENT THE ELECTORATE. THE UNITED STATES RESPONDED BY IMMEDIATELY SUSPENDING THE LION'S SHARE OF ASSISTANCE TO PERU, ALTHOUGH HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND SELECTED NARCOTICS PROGRAMS WERE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE.

7. THE SHINING PATH CARRIED OUT A SERIES OF SUCCESSFUL "ARMED STRIKES" FROM FEBRUARY TO JULY 1992, ACCOMPANIED BY WAVES OF CAR BOMBINGS THROUGHOUT GREATER LIMA [

] IN SEPTEMBER, HOWEVER, THE POLICE CAPTURED SHINING PATH HEAD ABIMAEEL GUZMAN AND NUMEROUS MEMBERS OF THE GROUP'S SENIOR LEADERSHIP. ON NOVEMBER 12 DISSATISFACTION WITHIN THE MILITARY CAME TO A HEAD AS A FAILED COUP ATTEMPT RESULTED IN THE

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CONTROVERSIAL IMPRISONMENT OF SEVERAL ARMY GENERALS AND OFFICIALS. BOWING TO INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE, ON NOVEMBER 22 PRESIDENT FUJIMORI HELD ELECTIONS FOR AN 80-MEMBER CONSTITUENT CONGRESS. MAYORAL ELECTIONS WERE HELD THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY ON JANUARY 29. IN FEBRUARY, THE UNITED STATES CONDITIONED ITS PARTICIPATION IN A FINANCIAL SUPPORT GROUP ON GOP ACTION TO ADDRESS HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS. [

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