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HELPER SHUNS MILITARY INVESTIGATIVE JUDGE

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3. (U) IN CONTRAST, CONGRESSWOMAN GLORIA HELPER (DEMOCRATIC LEFT), A MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE THAT HAD SOUGHT TO INVESTIGATE THE LA CANTUTA DISAPPEARANCES, REFUSED TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE CSJM. SHE HAD BEEN VISITED BY THE INVESTIGATING MILITARY JUDGE, BUT TURNED HIM AWAY. "IF THE AUTHORITY OF A COMMITTEE OF THE CONSTITUENT CONGRESS IS NOT ABLE TO SUBPENA MILITARY OFFICIALS IN AN INVESTIGATION, THEN I SEE NO REASON WHY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS SHOULD COOPERATE WITH THE MILITARY JUSTICE SYSTEM. BESIDES, ACCORDING TO (THE COROLLARY OF) THE ARGUMENTS OF THE (GOVERNMENT) MAJORITY (IN CONGRESS), IT SHOULD BE THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONGRESS...WHO TESTIFIES FOR US."

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AMNESTY CALLS FOR END OF MILITARY INVESTIGATION

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4. (U) IN A LETTER DATED MAY 25 AND MADE PUBLIC THROUGH THE PRESS, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL HAS WRITTEN TO PRESIDENT FUJIMORI ASKING HIM TO CALL

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TAGS: PHUM, PGOV, PE,
SUBJECT: PERUVIAN MILITARY INVESTIGATION INTO
LA CANTUTA DISAPPEARANCES

OFF THE MILITARY INVESTIGATION OF THE LA CANTUTA DISAPPEARANCES. THE LETTER CALLS ON THE PRESIDENT TO ENSURE THAT A "COMPETENT, IMPARTIAL AND INDEPENDENT CIVILIAN COURT" UNDERTAKE AN INVESTIGATION OF THE ACCUSATIONS MADE BY SELF-EXILED GENERAL RODOLFO ROBLES. "IN OVER TEN YEARS OF COUNTER-INSURGENT MILITARY OPERATIONS," AMNESTY ASSERTS, "PERUVIAN MILITARY TRIBUNALS HAVE ABSOLVED ALL BUT TWO OF THE MILITARY PERSONNEL CHARGED WITH HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES... SENTENCES ISSUED BY MILITARY COURTS HAVE ALMOST INVARIABLY CONTRIBUTED IN A SIGNIFICANT WAY TO

REF: LIMA 5859QUW07 (U) SUMMARY: THE MILITARY JUDICIAL

THE REIGN OF IMPUNITY." WHILE THE ORGANIZATION RECOGNIZES THAT IT CANNOT VERIFY GEN. ROBLES' ALLEGATIONS, THE LETTER SAYS, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL BELIEVES THAT HIS ACCOUNTS OF MILITARY DEATH SQUADS MERIT INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION.

INVESTIGATION OF THE LA CANTUTA DISAPPEARANCES CONTINUES. ARMY COMMANDER AND JOINT FORCES CHIEF GEN. HERMOZA AND PRESIDENTIAL INTELLIGENCE ADVISER MONTESINOS GAVE CLOSED TESTIMONY TO MILITARY INVESTIGATORS. CONGRESSWOMAN GLORIA HELPER REFUSED TO DO SO, HOWEVER, SAYING THAT IF MILITARY OFFICIALS WILL NOT TESTIFY BEFORE CONGRESS, THEN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS SHOULD NOT TESTIFY IN THE MILITARY INVESTIGATION. AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL WROTE A HIGHLY-PUBLICIZED LETTER TO PRESIDENT FUJIMORI CALLING ON HIM TO CANCEL THE MILITARY INVESTIGATION AND LET AN INDEPENDENT AND IMPARTIAL CIVILIAN COURT EXAMINE THE CASE. END SUMMARY.

5. (C) COMMENT: THE GOP ENSURED CONSIDERABLE PRESS COVERAGE OF HERMOZA'S AND MONTESINOS' HAVING TESTIFIED. WE HAVE HEARD LITTLE MORE IN THE PAST WEEK ABOUT WHAT THE MILITARY COURT IS DOING. AS THE MAY 24 CURTAILMENT OF CONGRESS'S INVESTIGATIVE ABILITY SHOWS, THE GOP SEEKS TO PROTECT SENIOR ARMY AND INTELLIGENCE PERSONNEL FROM THE LA CANTUTA CASE. THE MILITARY COURT CASE WILL GO AS FAR AS THE GOP DESIRES AND NO MORE; POSSIBLY IT COULD CONVICT SOME LOWER-RANKING PERSONNEL. BRAYSHAW

HERMOZA AND MONTESINOS TESTIFY

0) FOLLOWING REQUESTS BY THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF MILITARY JUSTICE (CSJM) (REFTEL), CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT FORCES COMMAND/ARMY CHIEF GEN. NICOLAS HERMOZA AND PRESIDENTIAL INTELLIGENCE ADVISER VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS GAVE TESTIMONY ON THE "LA CANTUTA" CASE IN SEPARATE, CLOSED SESSIONS TO THE INVESTIGATING MILITARY JUDGE. HERMOZA OFFERED HIS STATEMENTS IN HIS OFFICE. HE TOLD THE PRESS MAY 22 THAT HE HAD ONLY "CONFIRMED" HIS PREVIOUS DECLARATIONS ON THE CASE IN A HALF-HOUR INTERVIEW. "THERE IS NOTHING NEW," HE REMARKED. WE (THE ARMY) COMPLETED AN INVESTIGATION AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE

LEVEL. NOW THE MILITARY COURT...CAN ELABORATE A REPORT AND CARRY OUT A MORE IN-DEPTH INVESTIGATION." MONTESINOS GAVE HIS TESTIMONY

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