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SUMMARY: WAS DISMISSED BY THE PRESIDENT FOR UNDEFINED POLITICAL REASONS, DESPITE HAVING ARGUED TO KEEP HIS JOB. SPECULATED THAT THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE SIN HAD ADVISED FUJIMORI TO DROP HIM. THOUGHT A "CIRCLING THE WAGONS" MENTALITY HAD SET IN AT THE PALACE, THAT FUJIMORI WAS JEALOUS OF INDEPENDENT STATURE, AND THAT THE

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REMINDED THE PRESIDENT THAT HE,
THE PRESIDENT, STILL HAD LOTS OF POPULAR
SUPPORT, A MAJORITY IN THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY,
AND INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT -SECRET

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THE COMMENTED THAT
THE PRESIDENT WAS LIVING IN SIN HEADQUARTERS IN
CHORRILLOS MOST OF THE TIME. HE THOUGHT SIN
MIGHT BELIEVE WAS TOO CLOSE TO THE
INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL COMMUNITY AND NOT
REPRESENTING PERU'S INTERESTS. ADDED
THAT FUJIMORI HAD BEEN MISHANDLING A LOT OF
ISSUES IN THE LAST 30 DAYS, PERHAPS WITH SIN
ADVICE, CITING CERTAIN MILITARY WATTERS, THE

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REORGANIZATION OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND THE MOVING ASIDE OF ANTI-TERRORISM CHIEF VIDAL AS EXAMPLES. THE PRESIDENT SEEMED PARANOID THAT PEOPLE WERE OUT TO GET HIM AND THAT HE MIGHT BE ASSASINATED; A "CIRCLING THE WAGONS" MENTALITY HAD SET IN.

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"HE DID

NOT LIKE THE COMPETITION. VIDAL BECAME TOO POPULAR AND LOOK WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM. HE WAS DOING A GREAT JOB AND SHOULD HAVE BEEN KEPT WHERE HE WAS INSTEAD OF BEING PUSHED ASIDE." COMMENTED THAT THE PRESIDENT ACTED AS HIS OWN MINISTER FOR ALL CABINET PORTFOLIOS

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FUJIMORI DID NOT FEEL

COMFORTABLE WITHOUT COMPLETE CONTROL. HIS IDEAL MINISTER WAS A TECHNICIAN WHO FOLLOWED HIS

ORDERS.

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IT WAS IMPORTANT TO STAY THE COURSE TO REAP THE BENFITS OF WHAT HAD BEEN PUT IN PLACE. HE DID NOT SEE ANY CANDIDATES ON THE HORIZON TO REPLACE HIM WHO POSSESSED THE GRASP OF THE COMPLETE: AND WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO IMPLEMENT IT. CERTAINLY FUJIMORI DID NOT HAVE THE SKILLS TO MANAGE THE PROGRAM AS WILL BE DE-FACTO MINISTER. BOMBARDED BY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS WITH A GREAT TEMPTATION TO CEDE TO THESE PRESSURES AND ! THUS BEGIN A PROCESS OF BACKSLIDING ON REFORMS.

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