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2. SUMMARY: IN MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR LUIGI EINAUDI AND CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE U.S. PARTICIPANTS, PRESIDENT FUJIMORI DESCRIBED HIS MISSION AS ENDING THE SCOURGE OF TERRORISM AND SETTING PERU ON COURSE ECONOMICALLY. HE BLAMED "TRADITIONAL LEADERS" FOR 500 YEARS OF EXPLOITATION IN PERU, WHICH HE IS SEEKING TO CORRECT THROUGH GOVERNMENT REFORM AND SOCIAL ACTION PROJECTS. HE JUSTIFIED HIS STRONG

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PERSONAL LEADERSHIP ROLE, SAYING THAT SOMEONE HAD TO PULL THE NATION TOGETHER TO MEET THE SERIOUS CHALLENGES IT FACED. HE STATED CLEARLY HIS COMMITMENT TO ENSURING FULL RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, SAYING HE SEEKS INCREASED POWERS TO PROTECT THE INNOCENT FROM UNJUST TREATMENT AND SAID HE EXPECTED A FAVORABLE OUTCOME TO THE CIENEGUILLA INVESTIGATION "IN TIME." HE ASSERTED THAT PERU'S NEW CONSTITUTION WILL LAY THE BASIS FOR THE STRONG, EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT THAT PERU NEEDS.

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3. EINAUDI URGED PRESIDENT TO REFLECT THAT PERU'S REQUIRES THAT THE ENSURE THAT "IMPUNITY" OF THOSE WHO ABUSE CITIZENS NOT BE PERMITTED. HE SUGGESTED THIS COULD BE ACHIEVED BY INSTITUTIONALIZING JUDICIAL REFORMS AND GUARANTEEING "TRANSPARENCY" OF INVESTIGATION OF PAST ABUSE. HE ASSURED FUJIMORI THAT U.S. RECOGNIZES THE POSITIVE THINGS HE HAS DONE FOR PERU AND WANTS TO COOPERATE IN CONSOLIDATING THESE GAINS. FOR US TO COOPERATE, HOWEVER, BASIC U.S. CONCERNS FOR DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BY GOP. END SUMMARY

4. AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS IN THE LIMA CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE ON DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN PERU MET ALMOST TWO FULL HOURS ON AUGUST 12 WITH PRESIDENT FUJIMORI. PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEETING WERE AMBASSADOR LUIGI EINAUDI,
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 CHARGE, CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS MICHELLE MANATT, STEVE ABRAMS, AND DOROTHEY TAFT, PLUS GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY'S ARTURO VALENZUELA AND UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND'S JANE BARBER.

FIRST PRIORITY: FIGHTING TERRORISM

5. FUJIMORI DESCRIBED HIS GOVERNMENT'S NUMBER ONE GOAL AS FIGHTING THE TERRORISM OF SENDERO LUMINOSO AND MRTA IN ORDER TO PACIFY SOCIETY. THIS, HE SAID, HAS BEEN THE ONLY WAY IN WHICH THE COUNTRY COULD END THE SCOURGE OF VIOLENCE AND LAY THE BASIS FOR NATIONAL RECOVERY. HE BLAMED THE PAST POLITICAL SYSTEM FOR HAVING CREATED THE CONDITIONS THAT LED TO TERRORISM GRIPPING THE COUNTRY -- GENERAL VELASCO FOR HAVING CREATED A POLITICAL VACUUM IN HIS "REVOLUTION" AND "TRADITIONAL POLITICIANS" FOR HAVING DONE NOTHING BUT GIVE PERU BAD GOVERNMENT AND CORRUPTION. HE SAID THESE TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP GROUPS -- IN THE MILITARY, THE POLITICAL POWERS, AND THE CHURCH -- HAD BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR 500 YEARS OF EXPLOITATION OF THE MASS OF PERUVIANS. FUJIMORI SAID HE WANTS TO

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PUT AN END TO THAT, BUT THAT IT WOULD TAKE TIME.

6. HE ASSERTED THAT HIS POLICIES WERE ALREADY PUTTING AN END TO TERRORISM. HE SAID THAT MRTA WOULD BE DEFEATED BY THE END OF THE YEAR AND THAT SENDERO WAS FATALLY CRIPPLED BY THE CAPTURE

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 OF ITS TOP LEADERS AND MANY MIDDLE RANKING CADRES. HE CLAIMED THAT SOME SENDERO LEADERS REMAIN TO BE CAPTURED, BUT THIS SHOULD NOT TAKE LONG AS THEY HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED.

CORRECTING ILLS

7. IN THE MEANTIME, FUJIMORI SAID, HE HAS GONE ABOUT REFORMING THE CORRUPT AND INEFFICIENT STRUCTURES HE INHERITED, SUCH AS THE PRISON SYSTEM, THE COURTS, AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION. HE EXPRESSED GREAT PRIDE IN HAVING CLEANED UP

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THE PRISONS AND STOPPED THEIR USE BY THE TERRORISTS AS TRAINING INSTITUTES. NOW THE PRISONS ARE CLEAN AND PROPERLY RUN AND THE DETAINEES ARE ACTING MORE COOPERATIVELY. HE SAID THAT NO ONE CAN NOW CLAIM THAT THE COURTS ARE CORRUPT AS THEY WERE BEFORE APRIL 5, 1992. BEFORE THEN, JUDGES WERE SUBJECT TO ALL MANNER OF PRESSURES AND THE COURTS WERE OF NO USE IN COMBATTING THE TERRORISTS. NOW THEY ARE EFFECTIVE.

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8. FUJIMORI ACKNOWLEDGED PAST RESORT TO ABUSES BY THE SECURITY FORCES, NOTING THAT IN PAST YEARS THE MILITARY WOULD CARRY OUT SAVAGE MASSACRES, IN MANY CASES BECAUSE OF RACIAL HATRED FOR INDIAN PERUVIANS. THAT HAS ENDED. HE INSISTED THAT, DUE TO HIS DIRECTION, THE ABUSES HAVE STOPPED AND THE POLICE AND ARMY NOW HAVE LEARNED TO IDENTIFY WITH THE PEOPLE BY CARRYING OUT SMALL PROJECTS AND DELIVERING FOOD TO THE POOR. THIS HAS MADE THE AVERAGE CITIZEN IDENTIFY WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND WILLING TO COOPERATE IN FIGHTING THE TERRORISTS THROUGH "RONDAS" AND OTHER POPULAR GROUPS.

9. FUJIMORI NOTED THAT ERRORS ARE INEVITABLE IN THE PURSUIT OF TERRORISTS, BUT SAID HE PERSONALLY SEEKS TO SAFEGUARD AGAINST THAT. HE HAS CREATED A GROUP OF FIVE LAWYERS UNDER HIS AUTHORITY WHO WORK THROUGH THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE TO REVIEW CASES TO PROTECT THE INNOCENT WHO ARE ARRESTED. HE IS SEEKING FROM CONGRESS A SPECIAL AUTHORITY TO AUTHORIZE HIM TO FREE THOSE IMPROPERLY ARRESTED, SIMILAR TO THE LAW OF REPENTENCE. HE CITED, HOWEVER, A NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH PEOPLE WHO CLAIMED TO BE INNOCENT WERE TRULY LINKED TO THE TERRORISTS OR CASES IN WHICH TERRORISTS WHO "REPENTED" FALSELY ACCUSED INNOCENT PEOPLE IN ORDER TO CREATE PROBLEMS FOR THE GOVERNMENT. FUJIMORI SAID THAT HIS TEAM OF LAWYERS PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO MAKING SURE THAT PEOPLE ARE TREATED

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BUILDING INSTITUTIONS

10. EINAUDI SAID WE RECOGNIZED THAT PERU HAS MADE GREAT STRIDES IN SOLVING ITS PROBLEMS SINCE 1990, BUT ASKED FUJIMORI IF THE COUNTRY WAS BUILDING THE KIND OF INSTITUTIONS THAT WOULD ENSURE THAT THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS LAST BEYOND THE TIME THAT FUJIMORI IS PRESIDENT. HE SAID THAT WHILE MANY PEOPLE RECOGNIZE THAT THE MOST SERIOUS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES ARE DECLINING, THERE ARE STILL MANY CRITICISMS THAT NEW LAWS ARE BEING USED TO DENY FAIR TRIALS IN SECRET, MILITARY COURTS. PROF. VALENZUELA NOTED THE CASE OF A FORMER STUDENT, JAMES GAGEL, WHO STILL SEEMED TO BE THE VICTIM OF A MISGUIDED JUDICIARY. EINAUDI ALSO SAID THAT MANY PEOPLE ASSERT THAT THE LACK OF "TRANSPARENCY" IN THE INVESTIGATION OF SOME IMPORTANT HUMAN RIGHTS CASES HAS CREATED THE IMPRESSION THAT THERE IS "IMPUNITY" FOR THOSE WHO ABUSE THE PEOPLE. LIKEWISE, EINAUDI NOTED THAT MANY VIEW THE NEW CONSTITUTION AS GIVING TOO MUCH POWER TO THE PRESIDENT AND THUS PUTS TOO MUCH EMPHASIS ON THE ROLE OF ONE MAN IN CARRYING FORWARD NATIONAL POLICY.

11. TAFT ASKED WHAT GOP'S PLANS WERE FOR THE TREATMENT OF TERRORISM DEFENDENTS IN THE JUDICIARY, PARTICULARLY TRYING CIVILIANS IN

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 MILITARY COURTS AND THE USE OF FACELESS JUDGES. FUJIMORI SAID THAT THE GOP'S CLEAR POLICY IS TO WIN THE WAR AGAINST THE TERRORISTS. PERU WILL RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS TO THE MAXIMUM, BUT SAID MILITARY COURTS WOULD HAVE TO BE USED SINCE CIVIL COURTS HAD PROVEN THEMSELVES TOTALLY INCAPABLE OF DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM. MANATT ASKED WHAT THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTIONS WERE

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TOWARD INVITING OUTSIDE TEAMS TO INVESTIGATE
CASES SUCH AS CIENEGUILLA AS A SIGN OF WILL TO
PURSUE ABUSES AND NOT HIDE THE TRUTH. FUJIMORI
SAID THIS IS UNDER DISCUSSION WITH THE PUBLIC
MINISTRY AND JUSTICE MINISTRY. HE INSISTED THAT
CIENEGUILLA WILL BE CLARIFIED -- IT IS ONLY A
MATTER OF TIME. MEANWHILE, GOP MUST KEEP ALL OF

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THE LEGALITIES IN MIND.

PERU NEEDS LEADERSHIP

12. FUJIMORI INSISTED THAT HIS PERSONAL FOCUS
ON THE PROBLEMS RELATED TO THESE CRITICISMS WERE
CREATING A NEW CLIMATE IN PERU IN WHICH THEY
WOULD NOT RECUR. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE PLAYS

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 A STRONG, PERSONAL ROLE, BUT INSISTED THAT PERU
 DESPERATELY NEEDED LEADERSHIP TO TAKE IT OUT OF
 THE MORASS INTO WHICH IT HAD SUNK. HE ACCEPTED,
 FOR EXAMPLE, THAT THE NEW PRESIDENTIAL POWER TO
 DETERMINE MILITARY PROMOTIONS WAS INTENDED TO
 PUT THE ARMED FORCES UNDER CIVILIAN CONTROL --
 POINTING OUT THAT PERU'S MILITARY WERE MORE
 UNDER CIVIL CONTROL THAN THE MILITARY IN CHILE.
 HE ASSERTED THAT PAST APPROVAL OF SENIOR
 PROMOTION LISTS BY THE CONGRESS HAD SERIOUSLY
 POLITICIZED THE ARMED FORCES. HE INSISTED THAT
 UNDER HIS AUTHORITY, THE INSTITUTIONS' PROMOTION
 PANELS WOULD MAKE DECISIONS BASED ON MERIT AND
 HE WOULD ONLY RATIFY THEM, "WITH ONLY A FEW
 EXCEPTIONS."

13. ELABORATING ON THE CONSTITUTION, FUJIMORI
 SAID THAT THE DOCUMENT THAT IS EMERGING
 REPRESENTS A STRONG CONSENSUS. HE CITED
 STATISTICS PREPARED BY CONGRESS VICE PRESIDENT
 CARLOS TORRES THAT SHOWED 70 PERCENT OF THE
 CONSTITUTION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY A BROAD RANGE
 OF PARTIES, SUCH AS THE DEATH PENALTY AND
 PRESIDENTIAL REELECTION. HE COMPLAINED THAT
 THIS COMPROMISING HAD LED, IN FACT, TO RETENTION
 OF HORTATORY "GUARANTEES" OF SOCIAL RIGHTS THAT
 HE HAD WANTED EXPUNGED.

14. WITH SOME IRRITATION, FUJIMORI COMPLAINED
 OF PEOPLE WHO CRITICIZE HIM FOR "CAMPAIGNING" BY
 CONSTANTLY VISITING POOR AREAS AND CARRYING OUT
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 SMALL SOCIAL PROJECTS. THIS, HE INSISTED, IS
 WHAT GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE DOING -- REALLY HELPING
 THE PEOPLE WITH SERVICES THEY NEED THAT MAKE
 THEIR LIVES CHEAPER AND MORE PLEASANT. HE SAID
 IS NOT CAMPAIGNING, HE IS FIGHTING POVERTY. HE
 INSISTED AS WELL THAT HE IS NOT CREATING A PARTY
 SINCE HE IS AGAINST PARTIES. PERUVIANS, HE SAID,
 ARE NATURAL ORGANIZERS AND WHAT HE SEEKS TO DO
 IS CAPITALIZE ON THAT TO ENSURE COHESION AND
 DEVELOPMENT.

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15. EINAUDI SAID HE WANTED TO HAVE FUJIMORI'S VIEWS ON HOW WE COULD BETTER STRUCTURE OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. NOTING THE CHARGE HAD WORKED HARD TO BUILD A STRONG RELATIONSHIP, EINAUDI SAID WE CLEARLY NEED A PERMANENT AMBASSADOR IN LIMA. HE WENT ON THAT A KEY ELEMENT IN IMPROVING OUR RELATIONS HAD TO BE THE WAY IN WHICH PERU ADDRESSED HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES. THIS WAS A MAJOR CONCERN OF BOTH THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS. WE NEED NOT JUST POSITIVE COOPERATION BUT CONCRETE EVIDENCE TO DISPEL STRONG FEARS THAT HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSERS HAVE "IMPUNITY." INVESTIGATION OF CASES SUCH AS LA CANTUTA AND CIENEGUILLA WILL CLARIFY PERU'S IMAGE. WITHOUT THIS, PEOPLE WILL SAY THAT THE ADVANCES IN HUMAN RIGHTS WILL NOT LAST. EINAUDI SAID WE WANT TO HELP PERU BUT WE NEED TO ADDRESS

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16. FUJIMORI REPLIED THAT IT WAS AN ERROR FOR THE U.S. TO PUT RESTRICTIONS ON ITS COOPERATION WITH PERU JUST AS THE SECURITY PROBLEM IS BEING SOLVED. THE U.S. HAS NOT RECOGNIZED THE DANGER THAT SENDERO REPRESENTS IN THE REGION AND THE WORK THAT PERU HAS DONE TO STOP THIS SCOURGE FROM SPREADING TO COUNTRIES SUCH AS BOLIVIA, ECUADOR, AND BRAZIL. THE LAST COUNTRY, WITH MANY SOCIAL PROBLEMS, COULD BECOME DISASTROUS IF AFFECTED BY SENDERO, THE NUMBER ONE ENEMY. FUJIMORI SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE U.S. WOULD RECOGNIZE WHAT HE HAS ACCOMPLISHED IN PERU AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR THE REGION.

A VISION FOR PERU

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17. MANATT SAID WE HAD FOCUSED MUCH ATTENTION
ON NARROW ISSUES AND INDIVIDUAL CASES OF HUMAN
RIGHTS CONCERN, BUT WE WERE VERY INTERESTED AS
WELL IN FUJIMORI'S VISION FOR PERU. WHAT DOES
HE SEE IN THE FUTURE FOR THE COUNTRY?

18. FUJIMORI RETURNED TO HIS THEME THAT PERU'S

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GOAL IS TO USE ITS NEW "ATTITUDE" TO DEFEAT
SENDERO TERRORISM. IN ANOTHER CONTEXT, HOWEVER,
FUJIMORI SAID THAT HE SEEKS A PERU WITH ORGANS
OF STATE THAT FUNCTION EFFICIENTLY AND DO THE
JOB THAT THE PEOPLE EXPECT. HE COMPLAINED THAT
THE CONGRESS IN PERU HAS TRADITIONALLY PASSED
VERY LITTLE LEGISLATION AND WHAT IT DOES PRODUCE
COMES VERY SLOWLY. HE WANTS A MORE EFFICIENT
PERU SO THAT ITS PROBLEMS ARE SOLVED. HE USED
WORDS SUCH AS "MORASS" TO DESCRIBE THE JUDICIARY
AND "VACUUM" TO DESCRIBE THE POLITICAL IMPACT OF
THE VELASCO REGIME. WE ARE TRYING TO FILL THE
VACUUM, HE SAID.

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19. COMMENT: FUJIMORI WAS, AS WE HAVE OFTEN SEEN HIM, SUPREMELY CONFIDENT THAT HE IS ON THE RIGHT TRACK FOR PERU -- MOVING TO VICTORY OVER MRTA AND SENDERO AND LAYING THE BASIS FOR A MORE "EFFICIENT" STATE. WE LAID OUT FOR HIM SOME OF OUR MAJOR CONCERNS, BUT, GIVEN THE BROAD AND PARTLY NON-GOVERNMENTAL AUDIENCE, DID NOT GO THROUGH OUR AGENDA POINT BY POINT. EINAUDI WILL DO THAT IN AUGUST 13 MEETING WITH OSCAR DE LA PUENTE. FUJIMORI, AS HE SAID HIMSELF, IS NOT HAPPY WITH THE CONDITIONS WE SET TO SEE OUR CONCERNS MET, BUT HE SEEMED, ALBEIT GRUDGINGLY, TO RECIPROCATATE OUR DESIRE TO COOPERATE.
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