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 SUBJECT: (U) INR INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS FOR 11/10/00--
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 STATE. REASON: 1.5 (C) (D).

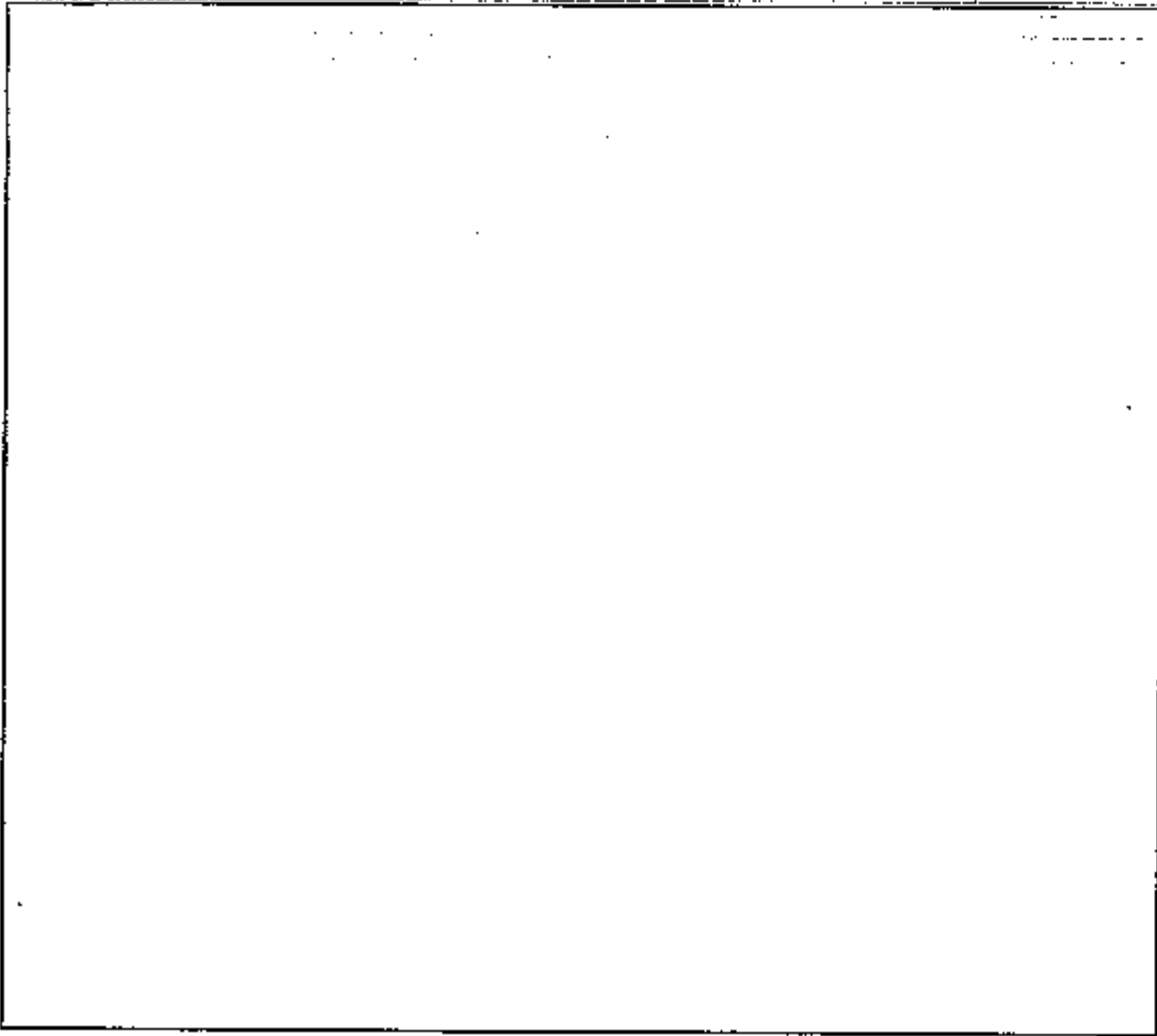
1. (U) THE FOLLOWING INR/IAA INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS ARE
 PROVIDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND COMMENT.

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(C) PERU: FUJIMORI HIT HARD BY CORRUPTION SCANDALS

5. (C) ALLEGATIONS THAT PRESIDENT FUJIMORI TOOK COLOMBIAN DRUG MONEY TO HELP FINANCE HIS 1989 CAMPAIGN, COUPLED WITH THE OUSTER OF THE PRO-GOVERNMENT PRESIDENT OF CONGRESS, HAVE INCREASED THE PRESSURE ON HIM TO STEP DOWN BEFORE APRIL 8 ELECTIONS.

6. (C) THE PRESIDENT HAD PARTLY RECOVERED HIS AUTHORITY BY DEFINITELY BREAKING WITH FORMER DE FACTO INTELLIGENCE CHIEF MONTESINOS, SHORING UP HIS OWN MILITARY SUPPORT, AND

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COOPERATING IN PROGRESSIVE, ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (OAS) MEDIATED DEMOCRACY TALKS. BUT NEW REVELATIONS OF CORRUPTION AND MANIPULATION BY MONTESINOS ARE AGAIN THREATENING FUJIMORI'S ABILITY TO RETAIN POWER. AT A MINIMUM, THEY LED TO A SURPRISINGLY UNIFIED EFFORT ON NOVEMBER 13 BY OPPOSITION FORCES IN CONGRESS TO OUST ITS PRESIDENT, A LONG-TIME FUJIMORI SUPPORTER, WHO HAD UNILATERALLY TRIED TO APPOINT MEMBERS OF A COMMISSION TO

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INVESTIGATE MONTESINOS'S TRANSGRESSIONS. CONGRESS THAT SAME DAY ALSO APPROVED ELECTORAL REFORMS AND SELECTIONS TO THE INVESTIGATIVE COMMISSION.

7. (S) NEW CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS HAVE YET TO BE CHOSEN, HOWEVER, AND IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER THE OPPOSITION WILL BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN ITS UNITY AS ATTENTION SHIFTS TO THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS. NONETHELESS, THE REMOVAL FROM POWER OF A STAUNCHLY PRO-FUJIMORI ALLY MAY ENERGIZE THE OPPOSITION-- WHICH HAS FOR MONTHS CLAMORED FOR THE PRESIDENT'S

RESIGNATION--TO TAKE CONSTITUTIONAL STEPS TO OUST FUJIMORI ON THE GROUNDS OF MORAL UNFITNESS. IF ALLEGATIONS OF FUJIMORI'S PERSONAL CORRUPTION CONTINUE, HE MAY WELL BE FORCED TO RESIGN, PARTICULARLY IF A RESPECTED CONSENSUS LEADER, SUCH AS VICE PRESIDENT TUDELA, STEPS UP TO MANAGE THE TRANSITION TO NEW ELECTIONS.
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(U) HAITI: ELECTION INSECURITY

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(U) NICARAGUA: ASSESSING THE SANDINISTA VICTORY

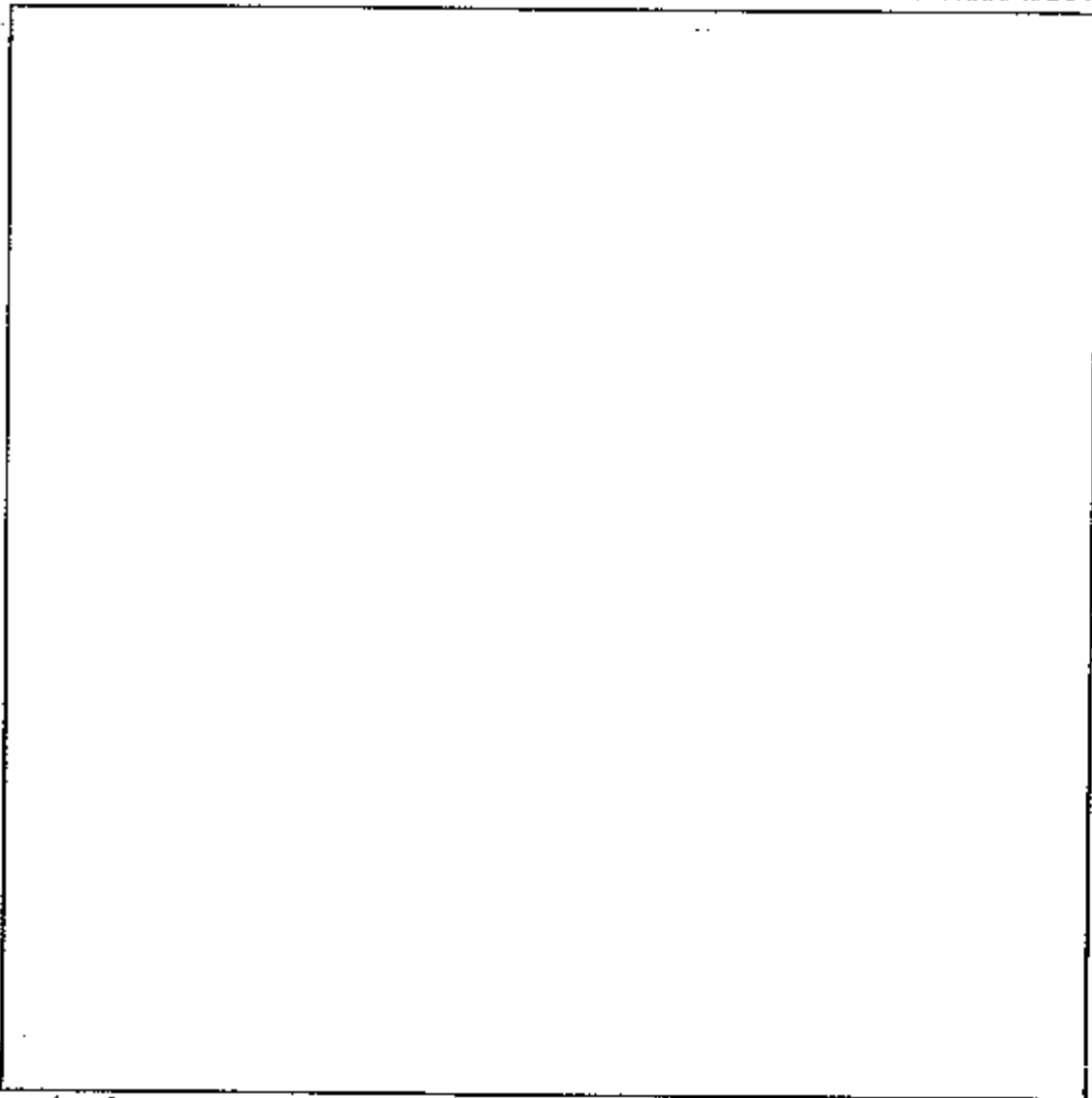
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(U) COLOMBIA: GOVERNMENT MEETS PARAMILITARY LEADER



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(U) HAITI: CENTRAL PLATEAU VIOLENCE AS HARBINGER?

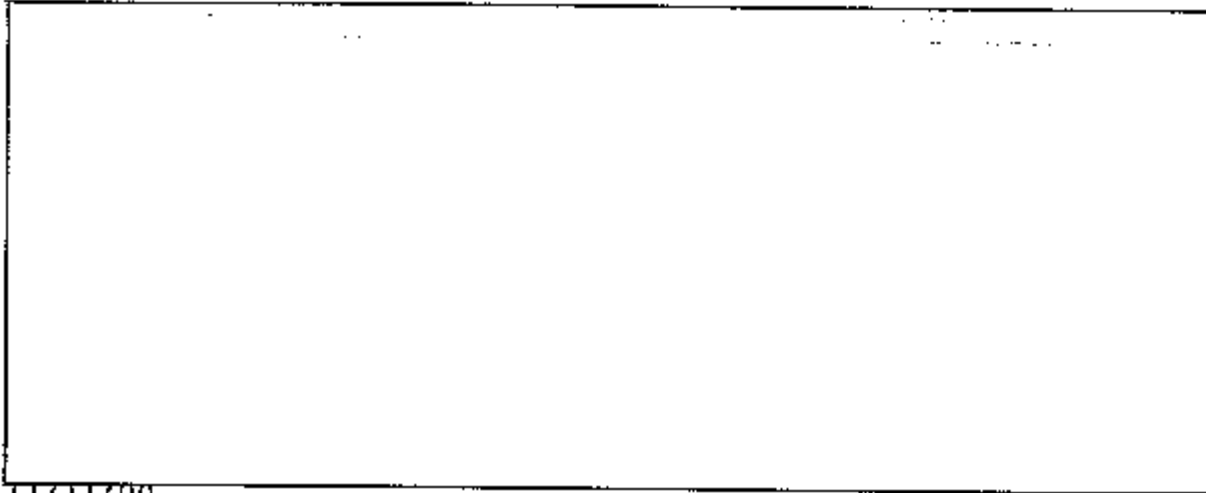
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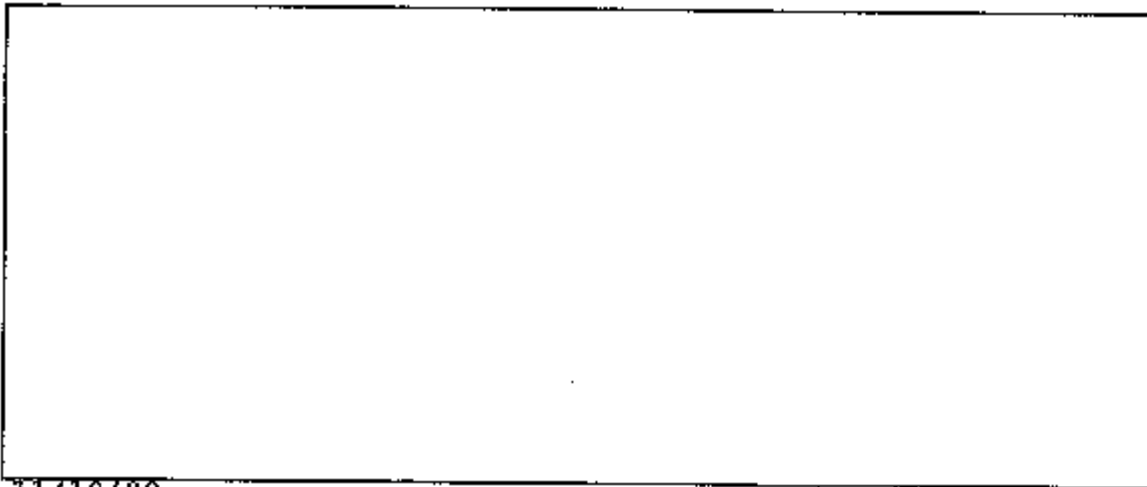
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(U) MEXICO: JALISCO ELECTIONS

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(U) CUBA: ELECTIONS PROVE US A "BANANA REPUBLIC"

27. (U) HAVANA HAS ACCUSED CUBAN EXILES IN MIAMI OF RIGGING THE FLORIDA ELECTIONS, DEMONSTRATING THAT THE UNITED STATES IS JUST ANOTHER BANANA REPUBLIC, ACCORDING TO

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PRESS REPORTS. AN EDITORIAL IN GRANMA, THE COMMUNIST PARTY
DAILY, SAID THE "MIAMI MAFIA... STOLE BALLOT BOXES,
SURROUNDED POLLING PLACES TO [PRESS] VOTERS," AND OTHERWISE
ENGAGED IN FRAUD TO AVENGE THEIR LOSS IN THE ELIAN GONZALEZ
CASE. FIDEL CASTRO SAID THE ELECTIONS PROVE THAT US
DEMOCRACY IS A FARCE, CONTRASTING IT WITH CUBA'S "REAL"

DEMOCRACY AND ITS TRADITION OF 99 PERCENT VOTER TURNOUT.
CASTRO TERMED BOTH CANDIDATES "INSIPID AND BORING" AND SAID
CUBA EXPECTS NOTHING FROM EITHER OF THEM.

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