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1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY DCM ROBERTA JACOBSON FOR REASONS 1.5(B) AND 1.5(D).

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2. (U) THIS IS AN ACTION CABLE. SEE PARAGRAPHS 11 AND 12.

3. (C) SUMMARY: ON DECEMBER 5, EMBASSY RECEIVED SIX FOIA REQUESTS ADDRESSED TO THE AMBASSADOR, THE DEPARTMENT AND INFO ADDRESSEES FROM DAVID WAISMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE CONGRESSIONAL COMMISSION INVESTIGATING EX-INTELLIGENCE ADVISOR VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS. WAISMAN INCLUDED TWO SEPARATE WRITTEN REQUESTS TO THE AMBASSADOR FOR INFORMATION FROM THE DEA AND CIA ON EX-INTELLIGENCE ADVISOR VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS AND HIS RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE CIA. THESE LAST TWO ARE NOT FOIA REQUESTS. WAISMAN ALSO INCLUDED A VERY BROAD REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON USG COUNTER-NARCOTICS AND COUNTER-TERRORISM ASSISTANCE TO PERU

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DURING THE LAST 10 YEARS WE HAVE COORDINATED WITH RELEVANT COUNTRY TEAM MEMBERS, FAXED THE LETTERS TO WHA/AND AND FORWARD TEXT TO DEPARTMENT FOR FURTHER ACTION. END SUMMARY

4. (SBU) ON NOVEMBER 13 PERU'S CONGRESS FORMED A 5-MEMBER COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES OF FORMER HEAD OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS. THE IMPETUS FOR ORGANIZING THE COMMISSION WAS THE REVELATION THAT MONTESINOS HAD APPROXIMATELY \$50 MILLION IN SWISS BANKS. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION IS LEGISLATOR DAVID WAISMAN (PERU POSIBLE) AND ITS MEMBERS INCLUDE ERNESTO GAMARRA (INDEPENDENT MORALIZING FRONT (FIM)), ANEL TOWNSEND (SOMOS PERU), LUIS CHANG (PERU 2000) AND ADOLFO BUENO (PERU 2000).

FIVE FOIA REQUEST

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5. (C) AMBASSADOR MET NOVEMBER 24 WITH WAISMAN AND GAMARRA AND EXPLAINED THE PROCEDURE FOR WAISMAN TO REQUEST DOCUMENTS

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FROM U.S. AGENCIES VIA THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA).
ON DECEMBER 5, WE RECEIVED FOIA REQUESTS ADDRESSED TO THE AMBASSADOR, STATE, NSA, CIA, DOD AND DIA. WE PLAN TO RESPOND TO WAISMAN THAT THE EMBASSY HAS FORWARDED THE COMMISSION'S FOIA REQUESTS TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, AND THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION, WITH THE AMBASSADOR'S FOIA REQUEST BEING SUBSUMED WITHIN THAT SENT TO STATE.

6. (U) BEGIN TEXT OF SIX FOIA REQUESTS (NOTE: IDENTICAL TEXT TO ALL AGENCIES):

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

DEAR AMBASSADOR HAMILTON:

IT IS A PLEASURE TO WRITE TO YOU IN ORDER TO INFORM YOU THAT THE PERUVIAN CONGRESS HAS APPOINTED AN INVESTIGATIVE COMMISSION, OVER WHICH I PRESIDE. THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION IS TO DETERMINE THE ORIGIN, MOVEMENT AND CURRENT AMOUNT OF MONEY WHICH MAY EXIST IN BANKING ACCOUNTS KEPT BY FORMER ADVISOR VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS TORRES IN PERU AND ABROAD, AND WHICH MAY BE A RESULT OF OR RELATED TO THE PRESUMED CRIMES OF ILLEGAL ACCUMULATION OF WEALTH, DRUG TRAFFICKING, MONEY LAUNDERING, ARMS TRAFFICKING, AND CORRUPTION OF OFFICERS DURING THE PERIOD FROM 1990 UNTIL

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MONTESINOS VACATED HIS POSITION AS ADVISOR FOR THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE.

IN THAT REGARD, WE WISH TO REQUEST YOUR COOPERATION IN ORDER FOR THIS COMMISSION TO BE GRANTED ACCESS TO ANY FILES CONTAINING INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:

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1. EXISTENCE IN THE UNITED STATES OF BANKING ACCOUNTS ON BEHALF OF FORMER ADVISOR VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS.
2. ANY LINKS WHICH VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS TORRES HAD WITH DRUG TRAFFICKING AND MONEY LAUNDERING.
3. ANY LINKS WHICH VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS TORRES HAD WITH ARMS TRAFFICKING AND CORRUPTION.

A COPY OF THE PERUVIAN CONGRESS RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE COMMISSION IS BEING ATTACHED TO THIS LETTER.

I AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE MY SPECIAL CONSIDERATION AND ESTEEM.

SINCERELY,

(SIGNED)

DAVID WAISMAN RJAVINSTHI
PRESIDENT OF THE INVESTIGATIVE COMMISSION

END TEXT.

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7. (C) IN ADDITION, THE EMBASSY RECEIVED TWO SEPARATE WRITTEN, MORE GENERAL REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM THE COMMISSION ASKING THE AMBASSADOR TO PROCURE INFORMATION FROM DEA AND CIA ON MONTESINOS AND, SOLELY IN THE CIA LETTER, HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH IT. THESE ARE NOT FOIA REQUESTS, BUT DIRECTED TO THE AMBASSADOR.

8. (U) BEGIN TEXT.

DEAR AMBASSADOR HAMILTON:

IT IS A PLEASURE TO WRITE YOU IN MY CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATIVE COMMISSION. APPEALING TO YOUR GENEROUS OFFER TO COLLABORATE, WE REQUEST YOUR GOOD OFFICES IN REQUESTING THE (DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION/CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY) TO PROVIDE ANY KIND OF INFORMATION THEY MIGHT HAVE ON VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS TORRES AND (CIA LETTER ONLY) ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.

I AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE MY SPECIAL CONSIDERATION AND ESTEEM.

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PRESIDENT OF THE INVESTIGATIVE COMMISSION
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END TEXT.

BROAD REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON USG ASSISTANCE
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9. (C) WAISMAN ALSO SENT A LETTER TO THE AMBASSADOR BROADLY REQUESTING INFORMATION ON INTERNATIONAL FUNDS PROVIDED TO PERU TO ASSIST THE "FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM AND COUNTER-NARCOTICS;" THE LETTER ALSO REQUESTED INFORMATION ON THE "ENTITIES" WHICH MANAGED THE FUNDS. COMMISSION STAFFERS LATER CLARIFIED THAT THE COMMISSION IS INTERESTED IN THE TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF USG COUNTER-NARCOTICS/COUNTER-TERRORISM ASSISTANCE TO PERU DURING THE LAST 10 YEARS AND THE ORGANIZATIONS (GOVERNMENT AND NGO) THAT MANAGED THAT ASSISTANCE.

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10. (C) THERE ALREADY EXISTS IN PERU A PROPENSITY TO BELIEVE THAT THE USG WANTS TO SHIELD MONTESINOS FROM JUSTICE TO PREVENT POTENTIALLY EMBARRASSING INFORMATION TO THE USG FROM BEING REVEALED. IF WE ARE UNABLE TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE COMMISSION AND SUBSEQUENTLY, VIA LETTERS ROGATORY, TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, MANY WILL TAKE FOR GRANTED THAT WE ARE PROTECTING MONTESINOS AND OUR FOREIGN POLICY INTERESTS HERE WILL SUFFER DRAMATICALLY. THE AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED TO WAISMAN AND GAMARRA WHEN HE SAW THEM THAT FOIA OR DECLASSIFICATION EXERCISES TAKE A LONG TIME AND URGED THEM TO BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE IN THEIR REQUEST -- ADVICE THEY DID NOT FULLY TAKE. GIVEN THE LENGTHY FOIA TURNAROUND TIME, ANY INFORMATION WE CAN PASS ON FROM DOCUMENTS DECLASSIFIED DURING PREVIOUS AND EXISTING FOIA REQUESTS WILL HELP US TO APPEAR RESPONSIVE. ON THE LETTER REQUESTING INFORMATION ON FUNDING, WE STRONGLY SUGGEST AN INTER-AGENCY MEETING BE HELD TO ENSURE THE SAME GUIDELINES OR FORMULAS ARE USED IN CALCULATING USG ASSISTANCE ACROSS THE BOARD. END
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11. (C) ACTION REQUESTS: REQUEST DEPARTMENT BEGIN FOIA PROCESS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO FACILITATE A RAPID RESPONSE. WE REQUEST INFO ADDRESSEES TRANSMIT THE REQUESTS FORMALLY TO THE APPROPRIATE FOIA OFFICE TO BEGIN THE FOIA PROCESS IN EACH ORGANIZATION. WE WILL FORWARD HARD COPY ORIGINALS AND TRANSLATIONS TO THESE OFFICES.

12. (C) ACTION REQUEST: SINCE THE INDIVIDUAL LETTERS REQUESTING DEA AND CIA INFORMATION ARE NOT/NOT FOIA REQUESTS AND ARE CONSIDERABLY MORE GENERAL IN DETAIL, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON HOW TO RESPOND. WE HAVE GIVEN COPIES OF ALL OF THESE LETTERS TO APPROPRIATE COUNTRY TEAM REPRESENTATIVES AT POST FOR FORWARDING TO THEIR HEADQUARTERS.

HAMILTON

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