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SUBJECT: PERUVIAN MILITARY COURT INSPECTS LA
CANTUTA (AGAIN)

REF: A. LIMA 5859, B. LIMA 6328

1. (U) AN INVESTIGATIVE JUDGE AND PROSECUTOR
FROM PERU'S SUPREME COUNCIL OF MILITARY JUSTICE
(CSJM) PAID ANOTHER HIGHLY-PUBLICIZED VISIT JUNE
24 TO INSPECT THE CHOSICA CAMPUS OF LA CANTUTA

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UNIVERSITY, ON THE EASTERN OUTSKIRTS OF LIMA. JOURNALISTS HAD PREVIOUSLY BUSSED TO CHOSICA IN MAY TO OBSERVE AN INSPECTION OF THE CAMPUS (REF A). THIS TIME THE INVESTIGATORS WANTED TO SEE THE UNIVERSITY AT NIGHT, SINCE THE ABDUCTIONS THERE ON JULY 18, 1992, OF NINE STUDENTS AND A PROFESSOR OCCURRED JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT. THE INVESTIGATORS ABSTAINED FROM GIVING DETAILS OF THE INSPECTION. IN ONE OF THE FEW STATEMENTS MADE TO THE PRESS, MILITARY PROSECUTOR COL. RAUL TALLEDO ONLY SAID, "AS YOU CAN SEE, IT IS VERY DARK AT THIS TIME OF THE MORNING. THAT IS ALL I CAN SAY. YOU CAN DRAW YOUR OWN CONCLUSIONS."

2. (LOU) ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THERE WAS AN EXPLOSION ON THE CAMPUS ABOUT AN HOUR BEFORE THE INSPECTION BEGAN. NO DAMAGE OR INJURIES WERE REPORTED. THE SAME PRESS REPORTS SUGGESTED THE MILITARY INVESTIGATORS HAD TRIED TO INSPECT

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 THE CAMPUS ON JUNE 16, ONLY TO BE FRUSTRATED BY SOMEONE THROWING A STICK OF DYNAMITE NEARBY. A SEPARATE SOURCE TOLD US THAT THE JUNE 16 INCIDENT INVOLVED A SMALL DETONATION BEHIND A CAMPUS BUILDING.

3. (C) COMMENT: EXCEPT FOR A FEW COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE MILITARY COURT'S PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE, THE MILITARY INVESTIGATION INTO THE LA CANTUTA DISAPPEARANCES REMAINS SHROUDED IN SECRECY. WE UNDERSTAND THROUGH THE PRESS THAT FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE VICTIMS AND EYEWITNESSES TO THE ABDUCTIONS HAVE NOT YET TESTIFIED. IT IS UNCLEAR WHY. WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION NOW TERMINATED, AND THE PUBLIC MINISTRY LOCKED OUT OF THE CASE AS A RESULT OF THE ARMY'S PRE-EMPTION, THE CSJM'S INVESTIGATION IS THE ONLY ONE THAT IS PRESENTLY FOCUSING ON THE CASE.
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