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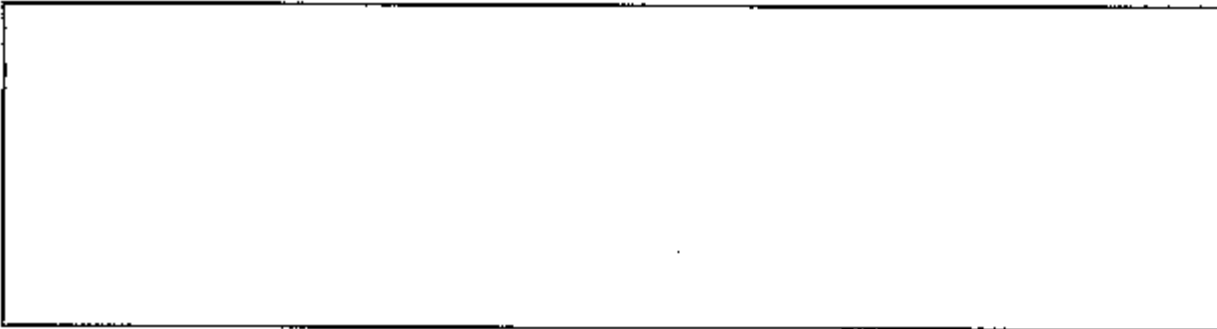
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1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR JOHN R. HAMILTON. REASON  
1.5 (B) AND (D).



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3. (U) DEMOCRACY STATE OF PLAY: AMBASSADOR REQUESTED THE  
MEETING WITH PRESIDENT PANIAGUA TO GET THE PRESIDENT'S VIEWS  
FOR HIS UPCOMING WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS. DCM ACCOMPANIED  
THE AMBASSADOR; PANIAGUA WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MFA PRESIDENTIAL  
AIDE LUIS UGATELLI. AMBASSADOR OPENED BY OUTLINING FOR

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PRESIDENT PANIAGUA HOW WELL HE BELIEVED GOP AUTHORITIES ARE DOING IN PREPARING FOR THE APRIL 8 ELECTIONS, NOTING THAT DESPITE THE ENORMOUS LOGISTICAL CHALLENGES IN CARRYING OUT THESE ELECTIONS, AND EXPECTED COMPLAINTS FROM SOME POLITICAL PARTIES, HE WOULD CONVEY TO WASHINGTON AUTHORITIES HIS EXPECTATION THAT THESE ELECTIONS WOULD INDEED BE FREE AND FAIR. PANIAGUA AGREED AND EXPRESSED PLEASURE WITH THE AMBASSADOR'S REVIEW OF THE STATE OF PLAY, AND THEN ADDED A NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL ADVANCES IN DEMOCRACY HE THOUGHT IMPORTANT TO CONVEY. HE OUTLINED THE RETURN TO AUTONOMY AND APPROPRIATE INSTITUTIONAL BEHAVIOR OF THE PERUVIAN JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES SUCH AS THE NATIONAL MAGISTRATES COUNCIL (CNM), SUPREME COURT, AND PUBLIC MINISTRY. PANIAGUA TOOK LITTLE CREDIT FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS IN DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE, SAYING IT IS THE PERUVIAN PEOPLE WHO FEEL DEEPLY THIS DESIRE FOR A RETURN TO DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS.

4. (U) PANIAGUA ALSO NOTED THE CRITICAL ROLE PLAYED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN ENSURING THESE ELECTIONS GO WELL,

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CREDITING THE USG, EU, OAS AND OTHERS. HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TRUE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE "FRANJA ELECTORAL" OR ELECTORAL INFORMATION PROGRAM GIVING FREE AIRTIME ON MASS MEDIA TO ALL PARTIES PARTICIPATING IN THE ELECTIONS--SOMETHING HE SAID HAD NOT EVEN BEEN DONE FULLY IN PREVIOUS DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS. AS ACHIEVEMENTS OF HIS GOVERNMENT PANIAGUA NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF DIALOGUE AMONG GOVERNMENT AND CIVIL SOCIETY SECTORS IN AREAS SUCH AS THE LABOR/BUSINESS DIALOGUE AND POVERTY. HE ALSO HIGHLIGHTED HIS GOVERNMENT'S INAUGURATION OF THE GOVERNMENT BUDGET WEB SITE WHERE CITIZENS CAN MONITOR SPENDING, AND AGREEMENTS WITH AND INCREASED POWER TO MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS.

5. (U) FUTURE GOP AND USG POLICY: THE AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT A NEW PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE TO CONTEND WITH ENORMOUSLY HIGH PUBLIC EXPECTATIONS, A TOUGH ECONOMIC SITUATION AND A LIKELY FRAGMENTED CONGRESS. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, AND PANIAGUA ENTHUSIASTICALLY AGREED, THAT THE STRONG DEMOCRATIC CREDENTIALS OF AN INCOMING ADMINISTRATION AND GOOD MANAGEMENT OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES BY THE TRANSITION GOVERNMENT WOULD GREATLY AID A NEW GOP.

6. (SBU) TURNING TO WHAT HE WOULD URGE THE US GOVERNMENT TO FOCUS ON WITH A NEW PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT, THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE SOUGHT SUSTAINED ENGAGEMENT IN SUPPORT OF PERU, IN AREAS

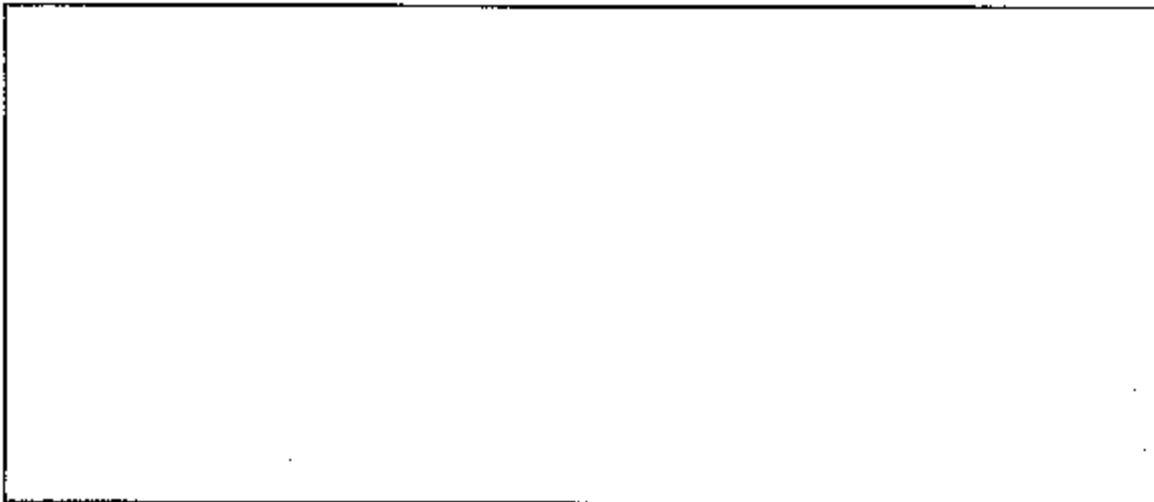
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SUCH AS STRENGTHENING DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS, CIVIL-MILITARY RELATIONS, LEGISLATIVE STRENGTHENING, ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, DECENTRALIZATION AND COUNTERNARCOTICS PROGRAMS--IN PARTICULAR ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT. THE AMBASSADOR ALSO REITERATED THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESSING AHEAD ON ATPA RENEWAL AND EXPANSION, AND

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PANIAGUA CONCURRED COMPLETELY IN THOSE PRIORITIES



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8. (U) SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS: AMBASSADOR ASKED PANIAGUA WHETHER HE HAD FOUND A CONSTITUTIONAL WAY TO ATTEND THE

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QUEBEC SUMMIT. PANIAGUA RESPONDED FRANKLY THAT HE WAS INCLINED NOT TO PRESS THE ISSUE BECAUSE OF CONCERN THAT IT MIGHT STIMULATE TENSION WITH THE CONGRESS, AND WOULD COME BETWEEN THE FIRST AND SECOND ROUNDS OF THE ELECTION. HE

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SAID THAT PERSONALLY, "WHO WOULDN'T WANT TO GO" TO SUCH A GREAT SUMMIT? HOWEVER, HE BELIEVED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL PRESTIGE AND PRESENCE OF PM PEREZ DE CUELLAR, ALONG WITH THE PARTICULAR TIMING OF THE EVENT IN PERU'S POLITICAL CALENDAR, MADE PEREZ DE CUELLAR AN EVEN BETTER CHOICE TO REPRESENT PERU.

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10. (SBU) MONEY LAUNDERING LEGISLATION; SPECIAL FORCES

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EXERCISE. AMBASSADOR RAISED OUR CONCERN THAT, DESPITE FIRM EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT FROM GOP MINISTERS INCLUDING MOJ GARCIA SAYAN, THE EXECUTIVE HAS NOT SENT THE REQUISITE MODIFICATIONS TO THE PENAL CODE TO CONGRESS AS PART OF PENDING MONEY LAUNDERING LEGISLATION. WITHOUT SUCH CHANGES,

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HE STRESSED, THE GOP WOULD MISS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO DRAMATICALLY ADVANCE THIS ISSUE LEGISLATIVELY AND GAIN DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL KUDOS FOR DOING SO. PANIAGUA PROMISED TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER AND PUSH IT AHEAD. THE AMBASSADOR ALSO BRIEFED THE PRESIDENT ON AN UPCOMING (BUT POST-ELECTION) EXERCISE BETWEEN U.S. MILITARY AND PERUVIAN POLICE HOSTAGE RESCUE TEAMS. PANIAGUA SAID HE HAD ALREADY BEEN BRIEFED BY INTERIOR MINISTER VIDAL ON THE EXERCISE (AMBASSADOR AND MAAG CHIEF HAD MET WITH VIDAL MARCH 7) AND THAT HE APPROVED GOING AHEAD WITH THE EXERCISE.

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