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SUMMARY
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1. (U) PERU'S TWO LEADING PRESIDENTIAL CONTENDERS DREW THOUSANDS OF SUPPORTERS TO COMPETING RALLIES IN DOWNTOWN LIMA MARCH 15. PERUVIAN AUTHORITIES BEGAN INVESTIGATING ALLEGATIONS THAT SOME OF THE 14 MRTA TERRORISTS KILLED IN THE 1997 RELEASE OF HOSTAGES FROM THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE HAD BEEN EXECUTED AFTER THE INCIDENT. THE OFFICIAL VERSION IS THAT ALL DIED IN THE FIGHTING. ECUADORIAN LEGISLATORS REVIEWED VLADIVIDEOS WITH THEIR

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
 REVIEW AUTHORITY: DONALD A. JOINSTON
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COUNTERPARTS. THEY REAFFIRMED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE 1993 PERU ECUADOR PEACE TREATY, AND CONCLUDED THAT CORRUPTION HAD NOT BEEN AT PLAY IN THE VOTE. TV STATION OWNER GENARO DELGADO PARKER RETURNED TO PERU MARCH 13 TO FACE CORRUPTION AND EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGES BASED ON HIS APPEARANCE IN VLADIVIDEOS. END SUMMARY.

DUELING CAMPAIGN RALLIES

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2. (U) THOUSANDS OF SUPPORTERS CROWDED LIMA'S SAN MARTIN PLAZA MARCH 15 FOR LOURDES FLORES' (UNIDAD NACIONAL-UN) FIRST LARGE-SCALE POLITICAL RALLY. FORMER CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT PRESIDENTS CEREZO OF GUATEMALA, BETANCUR OF COLOMBIA, AND PREI OF CHILE JOINED ON THE DAI. IN HER ONE HOUR SPEECH, FLORES HIT ECONOMIC THEMES AND CRITICIZED PERU POSIBLE'S ALEJANDRO TOLEDO FOR HIS NUMEROUS PROMISES WHICH WOULD TAKE "MORE THAN TEN TIMES THE NATIONAL BUDGET"

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TO ACCOMPLISH.

3. (U) TOLEDO, MEANWHILE, RALLIED HIS SUPPORTERS AT THE NEARBY PLAZA BOLOGNESI. APPEARING WITH HIS WIFE, TOLEDO PEPPERED HIS MESSAGE WITH ALLUSIONS TO FLORES AND HER EVENT. HE TOLD THE CROWD HE HAD REJECTED ADVISE TO BACK HIS CANDIDACY WITH "PRESIDENTS, KINGS, AND PRINCES" THAT ARE HIS FRIENDS. HE DID NOT NEED TO DO SO, HE SAID, BECAUSE HE HAS "HIS PEOPLE" ADDING "I AM THE CANDIDATE AND YOU ARE THE PRESIDENTS!"

INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE EXTRA-JUDICIAL KILLINGS

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4. (U) PERUVIAN AUTHORITIES MARCH 12 BEGAN EXHUMING THE BODIES OF THE 14 MEMBERS OF THE TUPAC AMARU REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MRTA) KILLED IN THE 1997 OPERATION THAT FREED HOSTAGES TAKEN BY THE GROUP AT THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. THE INVESTIGATION FOLLOWS REVELATIONS BY ONE OF THE HOSTAGES, A FORMER JAPANESE DIPLOMAT, THAT HE SAW SOME OF THE MRTA MEMBERS ALIVE IN CUSTODY AFTER THE OPERATION. IT HAS BEEN WIDELY ACCEPTED THAT ALL THE MRTA HOSTAGE TAKERS DIED IN THE FIGHTING. THE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER PERUVIAN SECURITY FORCES COMMITTED EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS AIMS AT FORMER PRESIDENT ALBERTO FUJIMORI, WHO PERSONALLY OVERSAW THE RESCUE OPERATION. PROVING FUJIMORI'S COMPLICITY IN ANY EXTRAJUDICIAL

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KILLINGS, IT IS BELIEVED, WOULD BOLSTER THE CASE FOR GETTING HIM EXTRADITED OUT OF JAPAN TO FACE JUSTICE IN PERU.

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ECUADORIANS PLEASSED

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5. (U) AFTER A FOUR-HOUR VISIT WITH THEIR PERUVIAN COUNTERPARTS, ECUADORIAN LEGISLATORS TOLD REPORTERS THE 1998 PEACE TREATY BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES REMAINED UNALTERABLE, HAVING FOUND NO INDICATION IN THE VLADIVIDEOS THAT CORRUPTION PLAYED A PART IN THE PROCESS. THE VISITING LEGISLATORS RECEIVED COPIES OF THE TWO VIDEOS THAT HAD STARTED THE RUMORS THAT FORMER INTELLIGENCE CHIEF VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS HAD BRIBED ECUADORIAN LEGISLATORS TO GAIN APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT. TO THE SURPRISE OF THE PERUVIANS, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE ECUADORIANS OPTED TO VIEW THE VIDEOS WITHOUT DELAY. THEY ALSO MET WITH ACTING PRESIDENT OF CONGRESS CARLOS FERRERO AND DAVID WAISMAN, CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION INVESTIGATING MONTESINOS.

TRUTH COMMISSION GETS THE VOTE OF CANDIDATES

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6. (U) FRONT-RUNNER PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES ALBJANDRO

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TOLEDO, LOURDES FLORES, ALAN GARCIA, AND FERNANDO OLIVERA EXPRESSED THEIR COMMITMENT TO ESTABLISH A TRUTH COMMISSION MARCH 14. THEY SIGNED A DOCUMENT--"STATEMENT AND COMMITMENT TO THE TRUTH"-- PREPARED BY THE WORKING GROUP DEVELOPING PROPOSALS FOR A TRUTH COMMISSION THAT BEGAN WORK IN DECEMBER 2000. THE DOCUMENT RECOGNIZES THE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF A COMMISSION TO CAST LIGHT ON HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES COMMITTED BY SUBVERSIVES AND GOVERNMENT SECURITY FORCES OVER THE LAST TWO DECADES. OTHER STATED OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMISSION ARE REPARATION OF VICTIMS AND THEIR RELATIVES, STRENGTHENING OF PEACE AND DEMOCRACY, FULL RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, AND NATIONAL RECONCILIATION.

MONTESINOS FRONT MEN TURN THEMSELVES IN
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7. (U) JUAN VALENCIA, WHOM JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES REGARD AS THE SECOND MOST WANTED MAN IN PERU AFTER EX-ADVISOR MONTESINOS, TURNED HIMSELF IN ON MARCH 15. JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES BELIEVE VALENCIA WAS A KEY PLAYER IN THE MULTIMILLION DOLLAR MIG 29 DEAL AND HELPED MONTESINOS TRANSFER MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO BANKS ABROAD. VALENCIA IS KNOWN TO HAVE GIVEN REFUGE TO MONTESINOS BETWEEN THE TIME HE RETURNED FROM PANAMA AND FLED TO THE GALAPAGOS LAST NOVEMBER. (NOTE: PERUVIAN POLICE UNTIL RECENTLY HAD BELIEVED VENERO TO HAVE FLED TO THE UNITED STATES.)

8. (U) TV BUSINESSMAN AND MAJORITY SHAREHOLDER OF CHANNEL

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13, GENARO DELGADO PARKER, IS BEING HELD IN CUSTODY AFTER
SURRENDERING TO AUTHORITIES MARCH 13. DELGADO RETURNED
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FROM MIAMI TO FACE CHARGES OF EMBEZZLEMENT, CORRUPTION OF
OFFICIALS, AND CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT A CRIME. VLADIVIDEOS
FROM APRIL 1999 SHOW DELGADO OFFERING \$400,000 TO FORMER
INTELLIGENCE CHIEF MONTESINOS TO HELP WITH TWO LAWSUITS,
AND ACCEPTING MONEY FROM MONTESINOS TO DISMISS ANTI-
FUJIMORI ANCHORMAN CESAR HILDEBRANDT FROM HIS STATION.
JUSTICE MINISTER DIEGO GARCIA SAYAN TOLD REPORTERS THE GOP
HAS NOT CONSIDERED OVERTURNING THE DECREES THROUGH WHICH
DELGADO REGAINED CONTROL OF CHANNEL 13 ON DECEMBER 8.

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