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 SUBJECT: GARCIA CONVOKES TWO EXTRAORDINARY
 - LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS
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1. (U) ON JUNE 9 PRESIDENT GARCIA FORMALLY
 CONVOKED TWO EXTRAORDINARY SESSIONS OF THE CONGRESS.
 THE FIRST MEETS JUNE 14 - 26; THE SECOND JUNE 27 - 28.
 THE FIRST SESSION IS TO CONSIDER BILLS, MOST OF
 WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN ACTED ON IN THE CHAMBER
 OF DEPUTIES, TO CREATE NEW, REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS.
 TWO BILLS HAVE MADE IT ALL THE WAY THROUGH BOTH
 HOUSES OF CONGRESS; TEN MORE REMAIN PENDING IN
 VARIOUS STATES OF PREPARATION AND APPROVAL. THE
 SECOND SESSION IS FOR THE VILLANUEVA CABINET TO
 SET FORTH ITS PLAN OF GOVERNMENT AND TO IDENTIFY
 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES.

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2. (LOU) THE PERIOD ESTABLISHED IN THE TRANSITORY ARTICLE OF THE CONSTITUTION FOR COMPLETING THE CREATION OF REGIONS EXPIRES. MOST OF THE REMAINING LEGISLATIVE WORK IS BEING COMPLETED BY THE SENATE AND MANY OF ITS MEMBERS -- PARTICULARLY -- ARE TRAVELING ABROAD ON PERSONAL OR SEMI-OFFICIAL BUSINESS. SOME OF THE BILLS MAY BE APPROVED, BUT THE MOST LIKELY OUTCOME IS THAT THE DEADLINE WILL BE EXTENDED FOR A ONE-TWO-YEAR PERIOD OR INTERPRETED AS NOT EXPIRING FOR ANOTHER YEAR OR TWO. VICE PRESIDENT SANCHEZ HAS BEEN STRONGLY ADVOCATING EXTENSION. SUPPORT FOR REGIONALIZATION VARIES FROM DEPARTMENT TO DEPARTMENT, MOSTLY DEPENDING ON HOW LOCAL ELITES SEE THEIR INTERESTS AFFECTED BY THE CONFIGURATION PROPOSED FOR THE NEW REGIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, THERE IS CURRENTLY A 48-HOUR GENERAL STRIKE IN HUANUCO DEPARTMENT IN THE CENTRAL SIERRA, PROTESTING ITS PROPOSED UNION WITH ANCASH. WE RECENTLY ENCOUNTERED ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT IN PUNO, HOWEVER, FOR THE REGIONALIZATION PROPOSAL THERE.

3. (C) A CONSTITUTIONAL AND POLITICAL QUESTION ARISES IF SOME, BUT NOT ALL, OF THE REGIONS ARE SET UP BEFORE THE 1990 ELECTIONS, BECAUSE THE CONSTITUTION PROVIDES THAT SENATORS (WHO WERE ELECTED AT LARGE IN 1980 AND 1985) ARE TO BE ELECTED FROM "REGIONS." THIS PROSPECTIVE DILEMMA HAS GENERATED SOME SPECULATION THAT INCOMPLETION OF REGIONALIZATION COULD BE USED AS A PRETEXT TO POSTPONE THE 1990 ELECTIONS. WE VIEW THIS AS UNLIKELY.

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4. (LOU) HOW IT INTENDS TO HANDLE THE ECONOMY AND TERRORISM WILL BE THE MAIN QUESTIONS THAT THE VILLANUEVA CABINET WILL HAVE TO ADDRESS. THE CAYARA INCIDENT WILL PROBABLY FIGURE LARGELY IN THE DEBATE; BUT FOR THAT ISSUE, THE VILLANUEVA CABINET WOULD PROBABLY HAVE APPEARED BEFORE THE CONGRESS ALREADY.

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