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THESE DATE BACK TO PREVIOUS GOVERNMENTS SOME OF THEM TO THE EARLY MONTHS OF THE FUJIMORI ADMINISTRATION. BUT THE BARRIOS ALTOS CASE OCCURRED RECENTLY AFTER THE USG AND CONGRESS HAD BEEN ASSURED THAT YOU ARE IN FULL CONTROL. IT IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THAT ALL CONCERNED PARTIES ARE ASSURED THAT THIS INVESTIGATION IS BEING PURSUED VIGOROUSLY AND THAT WE SOON HAVE AN INITIAL REPORT.
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1. DEPARTMENT FINDS EMBASSY'S REPORT ON THE LACK OF POLITICAL WILL TO PURSUE THE BARRIOS ALTOS CASE MOST DISCONCERTING. IT IS NOW NECESSARY TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO PRESIDENT FUJIMORI THAT WE CANNOT DEFEND THE HUMAN RIGHTS

RECORD OF HIS ADMINISTRATION IF HE FAILS TO MAKE AN EFFORT TO INVESTIGATE THOROUGHLY AND PUNISH SECURITY PERSONNEL ENGAGED IN ROGUE OPERATIONS.

2. AMBASSADOR IS REQUESTED TO SEEK AN APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT FUJIMORI TO DISCUSS THE BARRIOS ALTOS CASE, MAKING THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

- 0 THE USG IS AWARE OF AND RESPECTS PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S COMMITMENT TO THE CAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS. WE ARE ALSO AWARE OF THE DIFFICULTIES HE FACES IN DEALING WITH FORCES OF TERRORISM AND HAVING TO DEPEND ON SECURITY FORCES WHICH HAVE IN THE PAST BEEN GUILTY OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES.
- 0 THE USG HAS NOTED THAT IN RECENT MONTHS THE ARMY HAS TAKEN IMPORTANT FORWARD STEPS IN THE AREA OF HUMAN RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE GRANTING TO THE ICRC AND PROSECUTORS ACCESS TO MILITARY FACILITIES. WE HAVE ALSO NOTED A REDUCTION IN DISAPPEARANCES.
- 0 WE WERE ALL SHOCKED BY THE BARRIOS ALTOS MASSACRE OF NOVEMBER 3. WE ARE DEEPLY TROUBLED BY THE QUESTIONS WHICH HAVE ARISEN CONCERNING THE INVESTIGATION OF THAT MASSACRE. WHOEVER IS RESPONSIBLE MUST BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE. IT IS DISTURBING TO US THAT THAT ONE OF THE PROSECUTORS ASSIGNED TO THE CASE HAS NOW BEEN TAKEN OFF IT. WE STRONGLY URGE THAT THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT REVIEW THIS HANDLING OF THIS INVESTIGATION AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL, AND COMMIT THE PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES NECESSARY FOR A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION.

0 THERE ARE A NUMBER OF INVESTIGATIONS OF PAST CASES ON WHICH CONGRESS WISHES US TO REPORT. SOME OF
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