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 TAGS: PTER, PGOV, PHUM, PE
 SUBJECT: ENTIRE CABINET TO APPEAR BEFORE LOWER HOUSE
 ON PRISON RIOTS

1. [REDACTED] ENTIRE TEXT.
2. SUMMARY: THE LOWER HOUSE HAS VOTED TO SUMMON THE ENTIRE CABINET SEPT. 16 TO ANSWER QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE CABINET ROLE IN THE JUNE PRISONS' INCIDENT. THE GOVERNMENT HAS GENERALLY SOUGHT TO POSTPONE ANY RECKONING FOR THE PRISON RIOTS (THE CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATIVE COMMISSION HAS YET TO BE FULLY CONSTITUTED) AND DOES NOT RELISH HAVING TO DEFEND ITSELF IN THE MEDIA SPECTACLE THAT THE INTERPELLATION IS BOUND TO BE. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT HAS THE VOTES TO CONTROL THE PROCEEDINGS AND THE OUTCOME OF ANY MOTION OF NO-CONFIDENCE AND IS NOT OVERLY CONCERNED. END SUMMARY.

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3. FOLLOWING A SERIES OF APRA DELAYING TACTICS, LAST

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WEEK 61 CONGRESSMEN (REPRESENTING IU, AP, PPC AND THE INDEPENDENTS) VOTED TO REQUIRE PRESIDENT GARCIA'S ENTIRE CABINET TO APPEAR BEFORE THE LOWER HOUSE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE CABINET'S ROLE IN THE JUNE PRISONS' INCIDENT. A DATE WAS NOT SET AT THAT TIME BECAUSE MANY MINISTERS ARE ABROAD ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS. HOWEVER, ON SEPT. 9 PARLIAMENTARIANS AGREED THAT THE CABINET WILL BE REQUESTED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE LOWER HOUSE ON SEPT. 16. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE ENTIRE CABINET HAS BEEN INTERPELLATED AND IT IS LIKELY TO ATTRACT CONSIDERABLE MEDIA ATTENTION.

4. PRIME MINISTER ALVA CASTRO HAS PUBLICLY STATED THE CABINET'S WILLINGNESS TO APPEAR BEFORE THE CONGRESS BUT EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE INTERPELLATION WOULD NOT "DEGENERATE INTO A SPECTACLE THAT WILL BE HARMFUL TO PERU'S DEMOCRACY." AS PRIME MINISTER, ALVA CASTRO IS EXPECTED TO BEAR THE BRUNT OF THE CROSS-EXAMINATION. HE WILL DELIVER A STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS SUBMITTED IN ADVANCE AND APRA CONTROL OF PROCEDURES SHOULD PREVENT THE EVENT FROM BECOMING A FREE-FOR-ALL.

5. APRA CONGRESSMAN LUIS ALVARADO CONTRERAS (PROTECT), A MEMBER OF HIS PARTY'S CONGRESSIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE, EXPECTS A LOT OF ORATORICAL FIREWORKS, BUT INDICATED APRA MAY DECIDE TO LIMIT DEBATE AND FORCE AN EARLY VOTE. HE TOLD US APRA WILL BASE ITS DEFENSE ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION (ARTICLE 231(A) THAT DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY "THE ARMED FORCES OF THE REPUBLIC

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ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTAINING INTERNAL ORDER WHEN SO ORDERED BY THE PRESIDENT." GARCIA IN FACT HAD ASKED THE ARMED FORCES TO RE-ESTABLISH ORDER IN THE PRISONS.

6. ALVARADO CONTRERAS SAID THERE WERE AS MANY REASONS FOR CROSS-EXAMINING THE CABINET AS THERE WERE PROPONENTS OF THAT MOTION. THE UNITED LEFT (IU) PUSHED THE IDEA BECAUSE IT WANTS TO "LOOK GOOD" BEFORE SENDERO LUMINOSO, WHICH IT FEARS, AND BECAUSE IT IS

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INTERESTED IN TYING UP THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS. THE POPULAR CHRISTIAN PARTY (PPC), ALVARADO CONTRERAS SAID, WANTS TO IMPROVE ITS POLITICAL IMAGE BY APPEARING "LEFTIST" AND TO ENGAGE IN APRA-BASHING BEFORE THE NOVEMBER MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS. THE SAME COULD BE SAID FOR POPULAR ACTION (AP) AND THE INDEPENDENTS. THEIR MANEUVER MAY BOOMERANG, ALVARADO CONTRERAS CLAIMED, BECAUSE APRA HAS THE VOTES TO END THE DEBATE WITH A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE FOR THE CABINET.

7. COMMENT: DESPITE FACT THAT APRA CAN EASILY END INTERPELLATION PROCESS WITH A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE, THIS PROCESS HAS TWO NEGATIVE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE GOP. THE FIRST IS TO RE-FOCUS ATTENTION ON THE HANDLING OF THE PRISON RIOTS, WHICH THE GOP HAS SHOWED IT WANTS TO AVOID. THE SECOND IS THAT THE INTERPELLATION MAY SET A PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE COOPERATION IN CONGRESS BETWEEN THE IU, PPC, AND AP. THAT WOULD PLACE APRA ON THE DEFENSIVE, ALBEIT WITHOUT CHALLENGING ITS LEGISLATIVE MAJORITY. YOULE

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