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TAGS: PGOV, PREL, PINS, OAS, PHUM, PE
SUBJECT: BRIBES, LIES, AND VIDEOTAPE: MONTESINOS CAUGHT
RED-HANDED PAYING LEGISLATOR TO JOIN PERU 2000
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1. AS REPORTED REFTTEL, ON SEPTEMBER 14, INDEPENDENT MORALIZING-FRONT LEGISLATOR FERNANDO OLIVERA GAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE RELEASING A VIDEOTAPE OF FELLOW LEGISLATOR, ALBERTO KOURI, ACCEPTING MONEY FROM DE-FACTO INTELLIGENCE CHIEF VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS. THE MONEY IS ALLEGEDLY FOR KOURI TO CROSS OVER FROM THE OPPOSITION (PERU POSIBLE) TO THE MAJORITY UNDER THE PERU 2000 BANNER. THE 56-MINUTE VIDEO WAS SECRETLY FILMED SUPPOSEDLY IN MONTESINOS OFFICE ON MAY 5. WHAT FOLLOWS IS GREATER DETAILS ON THE EXCHANGE

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THAT TOOK PLACE BASED ON A TRANSCRIPT THAT APPEARED IN
THE SEPTEMBER 15 EDITION OF THE PRO-GOVERNMENT
DAILY "EXPRESO."

LET'S MAKE A DEAL

2. THE TAPE SHOWS KOURI ASKING MONTESINOS TO ACCORD HIM
"SPECIAL TREATMENT" AND KOURI AND MONTESINOS NEGOTIATING
THE TERMS OF THE "CONTRACT." KOURI ASKS FOR A DATE FOR THE
CROSS-OVER IN OCTOBER, BUT AT MONTESINOS' INSTANCE, IT
BECOMES AUGUST. (KOURI ACTUALLY CROSSED TO PERU 2000 IN
JULY.)

3. THE VIDEO CLEARLY SHOWS MONTESINOS OFFERING MONEY.
"HOW MUCH? HOW MUCH?" HE ASKS KOURI. "HERE IS 10
(THOUSAND), YOU TELL ME". THEN, KOURI RESPONDS: "NO,
LET'S TALK 15, 20." NEAR THE END, THE TAPE SHOWS KOURI
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TAKING AN ENVELOPE AND PUTTING IT IN HIS POCKET.

4. KOURI WORRIES ABOUT HIS IMAGE. MONTESINOS REPLIES:
"IMAGE IS KEY. WE ARE THINKING ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL
IMAGE OF THE COUNTRY...HOW IS IT EARNED? IT IS EARNED WITH
A STRONG CONGRESS, A SOLID MAJORITY, A THINKING MAJORITY.
WE ALREADY HAVE A MAJORITY, BUT I DON'T WANT A SIMPLE
MAJORITY, I WANT A MAJORITY OF 70, 75"

5. LATER KOURI TELLS MONTESINOS THAT HE OWES MONEY TO AN
ADVERTISING AGENCY AND THAT HE INCURRED IN SEVERAL THOUSAND
OF DOLLARS IN CAMPAIGN DEBTS. RESPONDING TO A QUESTION
FROM THE DE FACTO INTELLIGENCE CHIEF, KOURI SAYS "SIXTY
PLUS THOUSAND DOLLARS" AND THEN THEY AGREE ON THE AMOUNT OF
MONEY THAT THE TAPE SHOWS CHANGING HANDS.

6. THE TAPE INITIALLY SHOWS 2 OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN THE
MEETING. THEY ARE JOSE FRANCISCO CROUSILLAT, CEO AND NEWS
DIRECTOR OF TV CHANNEL 4, AND OSCAR DUFOUR, CHAIRMAN OF ONE
OF TWO ADVERTISEMENT FIRMS USED BY THE FUJIMORI GOVERNMENT.
THEY DEPART EARLY, LEAVING MONTESINOS AND KOURI TO DISCUSS
THE TERMS OF THE PARTY SWITCH ARRANGEMENT.

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