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 TAGS: PREL, PGOV, PHUM, PE  
 SUBJECT: THE DEFENSE MINISTER IN CONGRESS:  
 A WORKING HYPOTHESIS OF AN APOLOGY

1. (U) SUMMARY: DEFENSE MINISTER MALCA APPEARED BEFORE THE CCD APRIL 24 TO EXPLAIN AND APOLOGIZE FOR ARMY COMMANDER HERMOZA'S REMARKS ACCUSING SOME MEMBERS OF CONGRESS OF BEING IN COLLUSION WITH TERRORISTS. MALCA'S APOLOGY WAS GRUDGING, BUT HIS APPEARANCE BEFORE THE CCD WAS AN IMPORTANT SYMBOLIC ADMISSION OF THE CCD'S AUTONOMY. WHILE THE PUBLIC WAR OF WORDS MAY SUBSIDE, THE MORE FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES OF CCD AUTONOMY AND THE THOROUGHNESS OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO LA CANTUJA REMAIN TO BE ADDRESSED. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) IN A THIRD SHOW OF FORCE IN AS MANY DAYS, PERU'S NAVY, AIR FORCE AND NATIONAL POLICE CAME OUT PUBLICLY APRIL 24 DECLARING FULL SUPPORT FOR ARMY COMMANDING GENERAL NICOLAS DE BARI HERMOZA. THE TWO-PARAGRAFH DECLARATION, WHICH WAS DATED APRIL 21, WAS READ BY REAR ADMIRAL LUIS CABANILLAS IN A BRIEF CEREMONY AT JOINT COMMAND HEADQUARTERS. PRESENT WERE THE COMMANDERS OF THE NAVY, AIR FORCE, AND THE NATIONAL POLICE.

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3. (U) PERU'S OTHER ARMED SERVICES EXPRESSED THEIR "BACKING AND SOLIDARITY" WITH GENERAL HERMOZA FOR HIS "DEFENSE OF THE INSTITUTIONAL PRESTIGE OF THE ARMED FORCES AND NATIONAL POLICE." THE DECLARATION ALSO REAFFIRMED THE SUBORDINATION OF THE ARMED FORCES TO PRESIDENT FUJIMORI. THERE WAS NO MENTION OF THE CONGRESS OR CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER.

4. (U) REPORTERS WERE SUMMONED TO THE EVENT, BUT WERE NOT PERMITTED TO QUESTION THE MILITARY OFFICIALS. AT OTHER PUBLIC EVENTS THAT DAY HERMOZA SHUNNED REPORTERS' QUESTIONS.

THE DEFENSE MINISTER IN CONGRESS  
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5. (U) DEFENSE MINISTER VICTOR MALCA APPEARED BEFORE THE FULL CONSTITUENT CONGRESS (CCD) ABOUT 5 P.M. APRIL 23 TO EXPLAIN GENERAL HERMOZA'S COMMENTS. IN HIS PREPARED REMARKS, WHICH LASTED ABOUT 10 MINUTES, GENERAL MALCA:

-- DOWNPLAYED GENERAL HERMOZA'S STATEMENTS SAYING HE HAD SPOKEN WITH GENERAL HERMOZA WHO EXPLAINED TO HIM THAT HE DID NOT INTEND HIS COMMENTS TO BE TAKEN AS A THREAT OR PRESSURE AGAINST THE CCD.

-- DENIED THAT THE MILITARY INTENDED ANY COVER-UP OR BREAK-UP OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER.

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-- EXPRESSED REGRET AT MISINTERPRETED WORDS,  
SAYING THAT GENERAL HERMOZA NEVER INTENDED TO  
OFFEND THE "MAJESTY, SOVEREIGNTY, AND  
INDEPENDENCE" OF CONGRESS. RATHER, IN THE FACE  
OF THE DEATH AND SUFFERING ENDURED BY THEIR  
TROOPS, HE WAS SIMPLY REACTING INSTINCTIVELY.

-- APOLOGIZED THAT MILITARY OFFICERS SOMETIMES  
DID NOT HAVE ADEQUATE TRAINING TO EXPRESS  
THEMSELVES APPROPRIATELY.

-- REITERATED THE SUBORDINATION OF THE ARMED  
FORCES TO THE CONSTITUTION.

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 SUBJECT: THE DEFENSE MINISTER IN CONGRESS:  
 -- SAID THAT HE HAD ISSUED ORDERS THAT IN THE  
 FUTURE MILITARY OFFICERS REFRAIN FROM MAKING  
 GENERAL OBSERVATIONS AND SPEAK OUT ONLY WHEN  
 THEY HAD SPECIFIC EVIDENCE.

-- REMINDED THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS THAT IN THE  
 LAST YEAR 360 MILITARY HAD BEEN KILLED AND 452  
 WOUNDED FIGHTING TERRORISM IN PERU.

ARE SOME MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AIDING TERRORISTS?  
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6. (U) FOLLOWING HIS PRESENTATION, SEVERAL  
 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS DELIVERED REMARKS AND RAISED

QUESTIONS. FOLLOWING A RECESS, GENERAL MALCA RESPONDED.

7. (U) LUZ SALGADO, ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF "CAMBIO 90" WHO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM THE UNITED STATES ON A USIS GRANT TO STUDY FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE WORKINGS, OBSERVED THAT THE RECENT TROOP MOBILIZATIONS AND DEMONSTRATIONS "HAVE NOT DONE ANY FAVOR TO PERU'S IMAGE OVERSEAS." JOSE BARBA, FOUNDER OF THE "DEMOCRATIC COORDINATOR" NOTED THAT IF PERU WERE A REAL DEMOCRACY, GENERAL HERMOZA WOULD NOT ONLY HAVE BEEN DISMISSED BUT "TRIED FOR THE CRIMES OF REBELLION AND SEDITION."

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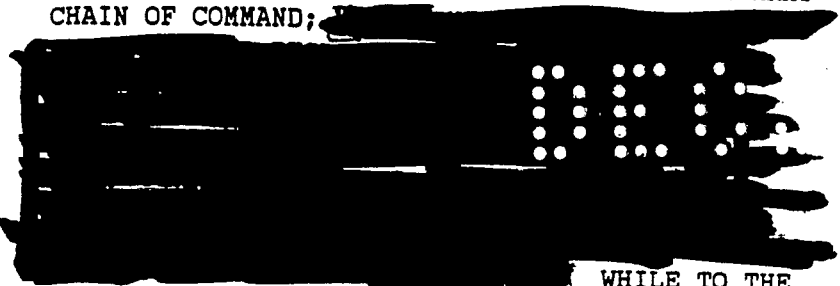
8. (U) LOURDES FLORES (PPC) IN HER STATEMENT SAID THAT GENERAL MALCA'S REMARKS DID NOT ADDRESS THE SPECIFIC CONCERNS OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. ERNESTO GAMARRA JOINED FLORES IN ASKING GENERAL MALCA FOR THE NAMES OF THOSE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO WERE AIDING THE TERRORIST CAUSE AND PROOF TO SUBSTANTIATE THIS ACCUSATION. HENRY PEASE PRESENTED A COPY OF THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF HIS REMARKS WHEN HE INTRODUCED THE "LA CANTUTA" DOCUMENT AND ASKED GENERAL MALCA TO SPECIFY WHICH OF THEM COULD BE INTERPRETED AS BEING PART OF AN "ORCHESTRATED CAMPAIGN TO DEFAME THE ARMED FORCES" OR AS BEING IN COLLUSION WITH TERRORISTS.

9. (U) FOLLOWING THESE SPEECHES AND A RECESS TO CONSIDER A REPLY, GENERAL MALCA RESPONDED THAT GENERAL HERMOZA'S STATEMENTS WERE NOT TO BE TAKEN AS SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS, RATHER ONLY AS A "WORKING HYPOTHESIS." GENERAL HERMOZA, GENERAL MALCA SAID, WAS ONLY MAKING AN ALLUSION THAT THERE MIGHT BE A COINCIDENCE BETWEEN TERRORIST GOALS AND THE BEHAVIOR OF SOME MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

10. (C) COMMENT: MANY PERUVIANS, FEARING THIS LATEST CRISIS WILL IMPACT UPON FOREIGN AID AND INVESTMENT, WANT IT TO DISAPPEAR OFF THE FRONT PAGES AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. THEY WILL EMPHASIZE THE FACT OF GENERAL MALCA'S APPEARANCE BEFORE CONGRESS RATHER THAN THE CONTENT OF

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HIS REMARKS. MALCA, HOWEVER, IS NOT IN THE ARMY  
CHAIN OF COMMAND;



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WHILE TO THE  
GENERAL PUBLIC THE WAR OF WORDS (AND TANK  
MANEUVERS) BETWEEN THE MILITARY AND THE CONGRESS  
APPEARS TO BE CALMING DOWN WITH THE CONGRESS'  
HONOR ASSUAGED, THE LONGER-TERM IMPLICATIONS FOR  
CCD AUTONOMY FOR POLITICAL ELITES WHO MAKE  
DEMOCRACY WORK ARE FAR FROM RESOLVED AND STILL  
VERY MUCH IN DOUBT.  
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