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2. SUMMARY: CHARGE MET WITH DEFENSE MINISTER GENERAL VICTOR MALCA TO INTRODUCE NEW MAAG CHIEF AND TO ASSURE THAT AIR IS NOW CLEARED IN THE WAKE OF THE ROBLES ASYLUM CASE. MALCA WAS, AS USUAL, EXCEPTIONALLY FRIENDLY. CHARGE USED OCCASION TO ADVISE MALCA THAT SJIV IS LIKELY TO BE EXTENDED AND TO ADVISE HIM THAT WE ARE SEEKING TO MEET FAP SPARE PARTS NEEDS TO PLAY

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INTERCEPTOR ROLE. MALCA WAS PLEASED. HE SAID GOP WOULD STILL LIKE TO PURCHASE RADARS SUCH AS THOSE OFFERED BY WESTINGHOUSE TO CONTROL AIR SPACE USED BY TRAFFICKERS, BUT THE COST IS VERY HIGH AND PRESIDENT FUJIMORI REMAINS RELUCTANT TO DIVERT SUCH FUNDING FROM SOCIAL PROJECTS. MALCA MADE CLEAR, FROM HIS STANDPOINT, THAT THE ROBLES CASE IS WELL BEHIND US. END SUMMARY

3. CHARGE TOOK COL. ROY TRUMBLE, NEW MAAG CHIEF, TO MEET MINISTER OF DEFENSE GENERAL VICTOR MALCA ON MAY 26. AS IN ALL MEETINGS, MALCA WAS WARM AND WELCOMING.

ROBLES CASE

4. CHARGE NOTED AT OUTSET THAT IMMEDIATELY AFTER GENERAL ROBLES LEFT PERU HE HAD REVIEWED CERTAIN
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ASPECTS OF THE CASE WITH GENERAL JORGE NADAL, THE ARMY'S INTELLIGENCE CHIEF. WE WANTED TO MAKE CLEAR THAT ROBLES TOOK US BY SURPRISE, FORCING US INTO A SITUATION WE COULD NOT BRUSH ASIDE. GOING OVER THE TERRITORY COVERED WITH NADAL (SEE BELOW), CHARGE SAID THAT WE DEEPLY APPRECIATED THE GOVERNMENT'S QUICK DISPOSITION OF THE CASE SO THAT IT DID NOT BECOME A SOURCE OF FRICTION IN OUR RELATIONSHIP. MALCA SAID THAT HE HAD HEARD REPORTS THAT GENERAL ROBLES IS TRYING TO COMPROMISE THE U.S. EMBASSY FURTHER BY CLAIMING THAT HE LEFT IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS WITH IT CONTAINING ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE ON A DEATH SQUAD. CHARGE TOLD MALCA THAT ROBLES GAVE US THE SAME DOCUMENTS THAT APPEARED IN THE LIMA PRESS.

5. CHARGE NOTED THAT HE HAD HEARD RUMORS FROM SOME DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES MAKING THE ROUNDS IN LIMA THAT WERE QUITE DISTURBING. THESE RUMORS ACCUSED THE EMBASSY OF NEGOTIATING WITH ROBLES IN ADVANCE SO THAT HE WOULD MAKE HIS STATEMENT AS TOUGH AS POSSIBLE AS A PRECONDITION TO ACCEPTANCE AS AN AYSLEE. CHARGE TOLD MALCA THESE WERE LIES. MALCA QUICKLY ASSURED CHARGE THAT THE ARMY GIVES NO CREDENCE TO THEM AT ALL.

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ADVANTAGE OF THE EMBASSY WITHOUT ITS KNOWLEDGE.

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6. CHARGE SAID THAT IT APPEARS THAT WASHINGTON
IS PREPARED TO EXTEND THE SJIV RADAR EXERCISE
FOR AN ADDITIONAL PERIOD, PERHAPS TO THE END OF
SEPTEMBER. MALCA WAS DELIGHTED TO HEAR THIS.
HE SAID PERU HAS WARMLY WELCOMED THE OPPORTUNITY
TO COOPERATE WITH THE USG IN THIS EFFORT TO STOP
DRUG TRAFFICKING AIRCRAFT. CHARGE NOTED THAT
THE PERUVIAN AIR FORCE (FAP) HAS EXPRESSED
CONCERN THAT IT CANNOT SUSTAIN ITS PARTICIPATION
WITHOUT ASSISTANCE IN SPARE PARTS FOR ITS A-37
AIRCRAFT. CHARGE SAID WE UNDERSTAND THIS NEED
AND HAVE RECOMMENDED TO WASHINGTON THAT WE BREAK
LOOSE PENDING FMF ASSISTANCE TO KEEP THE FAP
OPERATION GOING. THIS WOULD BE IN THE CONTEXT
OF RESTARTING OUR NON-HUMANITARIAN AID PROGRAMS

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AND OUR SUCCESS DEPENDS ON CONVINCING CONGRESS THAT PERU HAS MADE GOOD PROGRESS ON REBUILDING DEMOCRACY AND CONSOLIDATING RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. MALCA SAID HE UNDERSTOOD AND HOPED THE RESTARTING OF AID COULD BE DONE.

COMMERCIAL RADARS

7. MALCA VOLUNTEERED THAT IT WOULD BE FAR BETTER FOR PERU TO HAVE ITS OWN RADAR SYSTEM TO TRACK DRUG TRAFFICKING AIRCRAFT AND SUPPORT THEIR INTERCEPTION. HE MENTIONED THE WESTINGHOUSE OFFER AND INDICATED HE VERY MUCH WANTED TO PURCHASE THE RADARS. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT PRESIDENT FUJIMORI IS OPPOSED TO MAKING SUCH A SUBSTANTIAL OUTLAY (CA. DOLS 60 MILLION) WHEN PERU HAS SO MANY PRESSING SOCIAL NEEDS. PERHAPS LONG TERM FINANCING COULD MAKE THE DEAL POSSIBLE, BUT THIS SEEMED A DISTANT HOPE FOR MALCA.

NADAL ON ROBLES

8. CHARGE HELD LONG DISCUSSION AT A CHILEAN EMBASSY RECEPTION ON MAY 11 WITH GEN. JORGE NADAL PAIVA, HEAD OF ARMY INTELLIGENCE AND BROTHER OF THE AIR FORCE COMMANDER. GEN. NADAL

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HAS ALWAYS BEEN FRIENDLY AND WAS HAPPY TO TALK,
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 BUT CLEARLY WAS LESS WARM THAN IN PREVIOUS
 CONVERSATIONS.

ANXIOUS FOR DETAILS

9. GEN. NADAL WAS MAINLY INTERESTED IN WHETHER GEN. ROBLES WOULD BE TRAVELING TO THE UNITED STATES. CHARGE SAID THAT ROBLES DID NOT APPLY FOR A U.S. VISA AND, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, HAD NOT BEEN ISSUED ONE IN BUENOS AIRES. (CHARGE TOLD MALCA THAT SOME GROUPS IN WASHINGTON MAY WANT TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO INTERVIEW ROBLES AND HE MAY THUS BE GIVEN A VISA, BUT THIS IS NOT CERTAIN. CONCERNING POLITICAL ASYLUM, NOW THAT ROBLES IS IN A THIRD COUNTRY, HIS POSSIBLE NEED OUR QUALIFICATION FOR ASYLUM IN THE U.S. IS LESS CONVINCING.) GEN. NADAL SEEMED RELIEVED THAT ROBLES HAD NO ASSURANCE OF TRAVEL TO THE U.S. HE WENT ON AT SOME LENGTH ABOUT WHAT A TRAITOR ROBLES HAD BEEN TO HIS INSTITUTION, THE ARMY, AND PERU IN GENERAL. HIS INTENT IS NOT CLEAR, HE SAID, BUT THE IMPACT IS EVIDENT: HIS ACTIONS WILL DENY ASSISTANCE TO PERU TO HELP IT OVERCOME ITS DEEP CRISIS. THUS, THE PERUVIAN PEOPLE WILL SUFFER MORE.

10. CHARGE WALKED GEN. NADAL THROUGH THE EVOLUTION OF U.S. POLICY TOWARD ASYLUM SEEKERS IN ITS EMBASSIES, STRESSING THAT WE HAVE ALWAYS WANTED TO HAVE A FIRM, NO ASYLUM POLICY, BUT
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 HISTORICAL EVENTS HAVE FORCED US TO TAKE ASYLUM SEEKERS IN SOME CIRCUMSTANCES. ROBLES, CHARGE SAID, HIT ALL THE NECESSARY BUTTONS TO FORCE US INTO ACCEPTING HIM UNDER OUR STRICT TERMS. CHARGE ALSO TOLD GEN. NADAL THAT SINCE ASYLUM SEEKING IS SO RARE, OUR EMBASSIES ARE NOT PREPARED WITH APPROPRIATE GUIDANCE IN ADVANCE

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FOR DEALING WITH ALL THE ISSUES THAT COME UP. THUS, WASHINGTON QUICKLY TAKES COMMAND AND MAKES ALL OF THE DECISIONS. IN SAYING THIS, CHARGE SOUGHT TO DEFLECT ASSERTIONS WITHIN THE GOP THAT HE HAD PERSONALLY MANIPULATED THE ROBLES CASE IN ORDER TO CAUSE GOP PROBLEMS. GEN. NADAL SEEMED TO TAKE THIS POINT.

11. CHARGE ALSO TOLD GEN. NADAL THAT WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE ROBLES ALLEGATIONS IS THE SAME

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THING THAT ALL PERUVIANS KNOW, BASED ON HIS RELEASE OF HIS STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS. HE SAID THAT BY VIRTUE OF HIS RANK AND POSITION, THE STATEMENTS CARRY SOME WEIGHT, BUT WHAT HE HAS TO SAY SEEMS TO BE BASED ON INFORMATION GIVEN TO HIM AND NOT ON PERSONAL, DIRECT KNOWLEDGE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES HE ALLEGES. CHARGE SAID THAT ROBLES HIMSELF UNDERMINED TO SOME EXTENT THE STRENGTH OF HIS ALLEGATIONS BY SPECIFICALLY MENTIONING HIS FRUSTRATED PERSONAL AMBITIONS TO RISE TO TOP COMMAND IN THE ARMY. GEN. NADAL REACTED VIGOROUSLY, SAYING THAT ROBLES WAS WHOLLY INCONSISTENT IN MANY POSITIONS HE TOOK, BUT MAINLY ON THE ISSUE OF SUCCESSION IN THE ARMY. IF THE OLD RULES WERE STRICTLY FOLLOWED ROBLES WOULD NOT EVEN BE NUMBER THREE IN LINE.

IRRITATION AT LACK OF U.S. SUPPORT

12. IN THIS MAY 11 CONVERSATION, CHARGE NOTED THAT NEW MAAG CHIEF WAS IN WASHINGTON ATTENDING A "COUNTER-NARCOTICS POLICY MODELING EXERCISE." THIS STATEMENT SET GEN. NADAL OFF, COMPLAINING THAT THE ARMY HAD NEVER RECEIVED ANY ASSISTANCE FROM THE USG IN THE CN AREA AND HAD BEEN FORCED TO TAKE VALUABLE RESOURCES AWAY FROM THE COUNTER-TERRORISM FIGHT TO RESPOND TO PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S ORDERS TO GO AFTER DRUG TRAFFICKERS.
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 GEN. NADAL ALSO COMPLAINED THAT THE U.S. HAD NEVER REALLY UNDERSTOOD THE IMPORTANCE OF PERU'S STRUGGLE AGAINST SENDERO LUMINOSO TERRORISM OR WHAT THIS FIGHT MEANT FOR THE STABILITY OF THE HEMISPHERE.

FIGHTING DRUG TRAFFICKERS FIGHTS TERRORISTS

13. CHARGE TOLD GEN. NADAL THAT MANY PEOPLE IN

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THE US. ARE WELL ATTUNED TO THE DANGER THAT SL REPRESENTS FOR PERU AND THE REGION, BUT AFTER THE POLITICALLY HEATED AND COSTLY INVOLVEMENT OF THE U.S. IN OTHER AREAS OF THE WORLD OVER PAST DECADES, THERE IS STRONG RESISTANCE TO BECOMING DEEPLY INVOLVED IN OTHER, ANALOGOUS SITUATIONS. THE U.S. POLITICAL SYSTEM HAS SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH ASSOCIATING OUR COUNTRY WITH HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSE AS A BASIC PRINCIPLE, BUT WE ARE ALSO RELUCTANT TO GET INVOLVED IN COMPLICATED STRIFE WHERE A CLEAR PATH TOWARD ACHIEVING IDENTIFIABLE GOALS IS NOT OPEN. PERU, CHARGE SAID, COULD LOOK AT U.S. COUNTER-NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE AS OUR ROLE IN THE ANTI-TERRORISM FIGHT SINCE SL GETS VIRTUALLY ALL OF ITS FUNDING FROM THE DRUG TRADE. WHILE WE WILL NOT INVOLVE OURSELVES DIRECTLY IN THE FIGHT AGAINST SL, IF WE HELP PERU SUPPRESS THE DRUG TRADE WE WILL HAVE HELP DEFEAT SENDERO.

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14. CLOSING THIS CONVERSATION WITH GEN. NADAL, CHARGE SAID THAT WE HOPED THE ROBLES CASE WOULD NOT CREATE BARRIERS TO OUR COOPERATION IN AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. GEN. NADAL DID NOT RESPOND. CHARGE SAID THAT WHEN CHMAAG RETURNS FROM THE U.S. WE HOPE TO INVITE PERUVIAN ARMY OFFICERS WITH WHOM WE DEAL THE MOST TO A WELCOMING LUNCH. GEN. NADAL DID NOT RESPOND TO THIS EITHER.

MALCA LOOKS FORWARD

15. MALCA MADE VERY CLEAR THAT HE WAS EAGER TO CONTINUE OUR BILATERAL DIALOGUE. HE SAID HIS DOOR WAS ALWAYS OPEN TO THE CHARGE, OR THE MAAG

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CHIEF. HE ALSO SAID HE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO
HAVE ANOTHER LUNCH LIKE THE ONE RECENTLY GIVEN
BY ARMA FOR MALCA AND HIS SENIOR OFFICERS.

16. COMMENT: WHILE THE ARMY HAS BEEN LARGELY
LEFT OUT OF THE PICTURE ON OUR COUNTER-NARCOTICS
PROGRAMMING -- WHILE HAVING TO BEAR MUCH OF THE
BRUNT OF FUJIMORI'S NEW INSISTENCE ON ACTIVISM
AGAINST THE TRAFFICKERS. MALCA IS A MASTER AT
SOFT-SOAPING -- PROVEN UNDER TRYING CIRCUMSTANCES
WHEN HE HAD TO COVER FOR GENERAL HERMOZA RIOS'
BELLIGERENT STATEMENT TO CONGRESS IN MID-APRIL.

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