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1. [REDACTED] ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: THERE HAVE RECENTLY BEEN NUMEROUS CREDIBLE REPORTS LINKING MEMBERS OF PERU'S INTELLIGENCE SERVICES TO DISAPPEARANCES AT THE NATIONAL EDUCATION UNIVERSITY (LA CANTUTA) AND IN THE HUANCAYO AREA. CHARGE IS REQUESTED TO RAISE OUR CONCERNS WITH THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT AND URGE THAT ALLEGATIONS OF PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT BE THOROUGHLY AND IMPARTIALLY INVESTIGATED. CHARGE MAY DRAW UPON TALKING POINTS

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PROVIDED PARAGRAPH 6. END SUMMARY:

3. FOR WELL OVER A YEAR THE USG HAS BEEN URGING THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT TO MOUNT A VIGOROUS EFFORT TO FIND OUT WHAT PARTY/PARTIES COMMITTED THE BARRIOS ALTOS MASSACRE. YET, THE PERUVIAN INVESTIGATION HAS STALLED. DEPARTMENT IS HEARTENED BY THE ATTEMPT OF THE CONSTITUENT CONGRESS TO UNDERTAKE AN INVESTIGATION OF THE LA CANTUTA DISAPPEARANCES. NEVERTHELESS, THE APRIL 21 ARMY SHOW OF FORCE IN RESPONSE TO THE CCD'S APRIL 20 SUBPOENA OF GENERAL HERMOZA RIOS WAS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH MILITARY BEHAVIOR IN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY. THE ARMY'S ACTION RAISES QUESTIONS ABOUT THE STATUS OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE CONGRESS AND THE ARMY, THE OPPOSITION, AND THE GOVERNMENT. INDEED, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THE CONSTITUENT CONGRESS' INVESTIGATION INTO THE LA CANTUTA DISAPPEARANCES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO GO FORWARD.

4. GENERAL ROBLES' AND LEON DORMIDO ALLEGATIONS SUGGEST THAT DISAPPEARANCES AT LA CANTUTA UNIVERSITY AND IN THE HUANCAYO AREA WERE AUTHORIZED BY PRESIDENTIAL INTELLIGENCE

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ADVISOR VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS AND ARMY COMMANDER GENERAL HERMOZA RIOS, AMONG OTHERS, AND CARRIED OUT BY A SELECT UNIT HEADED BY A MAJOR MARTIN RIVAS. IN THE CASE OF LA CANTUTA, THE FACT THAT THE ARMY WAS IN CONTROL OF THE CAMPUS AT THE TIME THE DISAPPEARANCES OCCURRED LENDS CREDENCE TO THIS SCENARIO.

5. CHARGE IS REQUESTED TO RAISE DEPARTMENT'S CONCERNS WITH THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT, DRAWING UPON THE TALKING POINTS SET FORTH BELOW:

6. TALKING POINTS:

-- HUMAN RIGHTS IS A MAKE OR BREAK ISSUE FOR PERU. UNLESS PERU CONTINUES TO IMPROVE ITS HUMAN RIGHTS PERFORMANCE, IT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COMMAND THE EXTRAORDINARY LEVEL OF INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT IT NEEDS TO PROSPER.

-- I UNDERSTAND THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN CONVEYED A SIMILAR MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FUJIMORI IN HIS

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DISCUSSIONS IN TOKYO.

- RECENT EVIDENCE SUGGESTS THAT THE NUMBER OF DISAPPEARANCES AND EXTRA-JUDICIAL KILLINGS HAS DECLINED SHARPLY SINCE EARLY THIS YEAR.
- WE APPLAUD THIS AND HOPE THAT THIS TREND CONTINUES.
- HOWEVER, IN OUR VIEW, THERE IS MORE TO THE SITUATION THAN REDUCED DISAPPEARANCES AND EXTRA-JUDICIAL

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KILLINGS.

- AS YOU ARE AWARE, RECENT ALLEGATIONS SUGGEST THAT A UNIT ORGANIZED WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES CARRIED OUT A SERIES OF DISAPPEARANCES AT LA CANTUTA AND WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BARRIOS ALTOS INCIDENT.
- GENERAL ROBLES' STATEMENTS SUPPORT THIS CONTENTION, AS DO THE ALLEGATIONS OF LEON DORMIDO.
- IN ADDITION, LEON DORMIDO ALLEGES THAT THE ARMY WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR A SERIES OF DISAPPEARANCES AND DEATHS FROM AUGUST THROUGH OCTOBER 1992 IN THE HUANCAYO AREA.
- IF IT IS INDEED TRUE THAT THE ARMED FORCES HAVE ORGANIZED SUCH UNITS, THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS AFFAIR.
- THE US AND THE INTERNATIONAL DONOR COMMUNITY WILL FIND IT DIFFICULT TO SUPPORT PERU IF INCIDENTS LIKE LA CANTUTA CONTINUE TO OCCUR. ACCORDINGLY, WE URGE YOUR GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE THAT A VIGOROUS INVESTIGATION INTO THE EXISTENCE OF THESE UNITS (OR UNIT) OCCURS.
- PLEASE TELL US IF THERE IS ANY ASSISTANCE WE CAN RENDER IN ANY SUCH INVESTIGATION.

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