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SUBJECT:

MORE REMAINS FOUND OUTSIDE LIMA;

CHARGE REPEATS OFFER OF U.S.

ASSISTANCE

REF:

LIMA 7615 AND PREVIOUS

SUMMARY: MORE HUMAN REMAINS HAVE BEEN FOUND AT A SITE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF LIMA. SITE IS NOT BEING GUARDED BY AUTHORITIES.

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FOREIGN FORENSICS EXPERTS, SPONSORED BY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, ARE DUE TO ARRIVE IN PERU JULY 12. THE CONGRESS PASSED A MOTION TO GRANT AUTHORITY TO ITS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE CASE. CHARGE REMINDED MFA OF USG OFFER OF INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANCE IN LA CANTUTA CASE. END SUMMARY.

MORE REMAINS FOUND

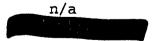
2. (U) ON JULY 9 AND 10, MORE CHARRED HUMAN REMAINS WERE DISCOVERED AT A SITE APPROXIMATELY 14 KILOMETERS EAST OF LIMA NEAR THE HIGHWAY TO CIENEGUILLA. JOURNALISTS WHO VENTURED TO THE GRAVESITE JULY 9, NOTED THAT IT WAS UNGUARDED. THEY REPORTEDLY DISCOVERED PART OF A FEMUR, AN UPPER JAWBONE AND A HIP BONE -- NOT BURIED IN ANY OF THE PITS, BUT SCATTERED ABOVE GROUND SEVERAL METERS AWAY. THE FOLLOWING DAY, PERU'S ATTORNEY GENERAL, BLANCA NELIDA COLAN, VISITED

PAGE 03 LIMA 07671 01 OF 03 122345Z THE SITE AND HELPED UNCOVER MORE BONES, AS WELL AS A COIN AND SEVERAL ARTICLES OF CLOTHING.

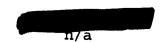
HUMAN RIGHTS CONTACTS TOLD US THEY WOULD AGAIN VISIT THE SITE JULY 12. (DUE TO THE NATIONAL CENSUS, NO ONE WAS ALLOWED TO LEAVE HOME JULY 11.) THEY WERE CONCERNED THAT, DESPITE CALLS FROM HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS, THE MEDIA AND THE CONGRESS, THE GOP HAD NOT ASSIGNED AUTHORITIES TO GUARD THE SITE.

INTERNATIONAL FORENSICS EXPERTS TO ARRIVE

ACCORDING TO ASSISTANT ATTORNEY
GENERAL FOR HUMAN RIGHTS CLODOMIRO CHAVEZ, THREE
MEMBERS OF AN INTERNATIONAL FORENSICS TEAM WERE
DUE TO ARRIVE JULY 12 IN PERU, SPONSORED BY
AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL. AMNESTY HAS OFFERED
THEIR SERVICES TO THE GOP; THE GOP HAS NOT YET
OFFICIALLY ACCEPTED OR DECLINED. THE EXPERTS



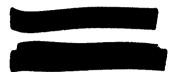
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ARE CLYDE SNOW OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA, WHO HAS WORKED ON IDENTIFYING HUMAN REMAINS IN ARGENTINA, THE PHILIPPINES AND EL SALVADOR (HE HELPED DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF DEATH OF THE SLAIN JESUIT PRIESTS); AND ARGENTINES ALEJANDRO INCHAURREGUI AND LUIS FONDEBRIDER, WHO HELPED IDENTIFY VICTIMS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN BOLIVIA, CHILE, GUATEMALA, RUMANIA AND BOSNIA, AS WELL AS IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY.



PAGE 04 LIMA 07671 01 OF 03 5. (U) ACCORDING TO THE PERUVIAN FORENSICS SPECIALISTS AT LIMA'S CENTRAL MORGUE, WHERE AN EXAMINATION OF THE REMAINS IS UNDERWAY, PRELIMINARY RESULTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AS EARLY AS JULY 13. THESE RESULTS WILL INCLUDE AN IDENTIFICATION OF THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS; THEIR GENDERS, AGES AND HEIGHTS; AND THE TYPE OF FUEL USED TO BURN THE BODIES. THE SPECIALISTS TOLD THE MEDIA THAT THEY DID NOT EXPECT A POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF ANY OF THE REMAINS FOR AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS.

CONGRESS GETS INTO THE ACT

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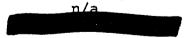
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SUBJECT: MORE REMAINS FOUND OUTSIDE LIMA;
6. (U) THE CONSTITUENT CONGRESS (CCD) ON JULY 9
APPROVED TWO MOTIONS CONCERNING THE DISCOVERY OF
THE REMAINS. THE FIRST MOTION, WHICH PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY, GRANTED AUTHORITY TO THE PERMANENT
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE (AND NOT THE SPECIAL "LA
CANTUTA" COMMITTEE WHOSE MANDATE HAS EXPIRED) TO
EXAMINE THE CASE. THE SECOND MOTION CALLED ON
THE GOVERNMENT TO GUARANTEE THAT THE "SI"
MAGAZINE JOURNALISTS WHO BROKE THE STORY AND WHO

BEGAN THE EXCAVATION WOULD NOT BE PROSECUTED.
THIS MOTION PASSED WITH ONLY ONE VOTE AGAINST,
THAT OF MARTHA CHAVEZ OF THE PRO-GOVERNMENT PARTY.

7. (U) CHAVEZ INSISTED THAT THE REPORTERS HAD COMMITTED AN ILLEGAL ACT AND SHOULD NOT BE IMMUNE. THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE OPPOSITION PRESS ATTACKED CHAVEZ FOR "THREATENING" THE MEDIA. SHE WAS QUOTED AS ASKING WHY THE JOURNALISTS DID NOT GO TO THE AUTHORITIES WHEN THEY LEARNED OF THE COMMON GRAVES: "WHY SHOULD WE NOT TRUST OUR OWN AUTHORITIES?" SHE ALSO REPORTEDLY BLASTED THE



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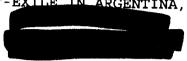
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OPPOSITION FOR BEING OUT TO DAMAGE THE IMAGE OF THE MILITARY AND NOT TO FIND OUT WHO IS REALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LA CANTUTA DISAPPEARANCES.

ROBLES: I TOLD YOU SO

8. (U) FROM HIS SELF-EXILE IN ARGENTINA, ARMY

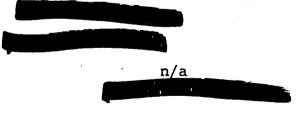


PAGE 03 LIMA 07671 02 OF 03 122349Z GENERAL RODOLFO ROBLES AFFIRMED THAT HE HAD SAID ALL ALONG THE BODIES OF THE "LA CANTUTA" VICTIMS HAD BEEN BURNED. "THE DISCOVERY," HE TOLD A LIMA DAILY JULY 9, "SHOULD OBLIGE THE GOVERNMENT TO INVESTIGATE AND TELL THE WHOLE TRUTH ABOUT THE DISAPPEARANCES FROM THE UNIVERSITY."

(U) PERUVIAN MILITARY OFFICIALS DID NOT SEEM TO BE BOTHERED BY THE DISCOVERY OR BY ROBLES' REMARKS. JOINT COMMAND CHAIRMAN/ARMY COMMANDER GEN. NICOLAS HERMOZA DECLARED THAT THE REMAINS MUST BE INVESTIGATED BY THE PROPER JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES. HE DECLARED HIMSELF AND THE ARMY IN FAVOR OF PERMITTING THE PARTICIPATION OF FOREIGN FORENSICS SPECIALISTS. GENERAL MARCOS RODRIGUEZ, THE MILITARY JUDGE IN CHARGE OF THE LA CANTUTA INVESTIGATION, TOLD THE MEDIA THE PUBLIC MINISTRY SHOULD BE IN CHARGE OF INVESTIGATING THE CIENEGUILLA REMAINS. IF THERE WERE EVIDENCE OF MILITARY INVOLVEMENT, ONLY THEN WOULD THE MILITARY COURT SYSTEM INTERVENE, HE ADDED.

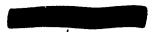
WHOSE BONES ARE THESE?

10. COMMENT: THE EXHUMATION TO DATE HAS BEEN MORE A MEDIA CIRCUS THAN A SCIENTIFIC CRIME INVESTIGATION. EVENING NEWS PROGRAMS IN LIMA HAVE SHOWN DOZENS OF REPORTERS AND OFFICIALS TRAMPING AROUND THE AREA GATHERING AND REMOVING



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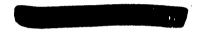


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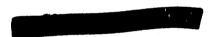
PAGE 04 LIMA 07671 02 OF 03 122349Z EVIDENCE WITHOUT FIRST HAVING SYSTEMATICALLY PHOTOGRAPHED THE SITE OR MARKED IT OFF IN GRIDS. THE SITE ITSELF HAS REMAINED APPARENTLY UNGUARDED TO DATE AS REPORTERS HAVE RETURNED TO THE SITE TO GATHER "NEW" EVIDENCE.

ASSUMED TO BE LINKED TO THE LA CANTUTA ABDUCTIONS IS THAT THE "SI" MAGAZINE JOURNALISTS WHO FIRST FOUND THE SITE CLAIM THEY WERE TOLD THIS BY THE SUPPOSED MILITARY SOURCE WHO PROVIDED THEM WITH A MAP OF HOW TO GET THERE. NEVERTHELESS, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE YET THAT THESE ARE INDEED THE REMAINS OF THE PROFESSOR AND STUDENTS WHO DISAPPEARED IN JULY 1992.

12. CHARGE CALLED ATTORNEY GENERAL COLAN JULY 12 AND OFFERED TO PROVIDE USG TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE FBI. THE TWO AGREED TO



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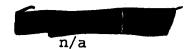
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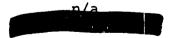
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SUBJECT: MORE REMAINS FOUND OUTSIDE LIMA; DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY FURTHER, AFTER COLAN HAD CONSULTED WITH POLICE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS. CHARGE ALSO SENT PRIME/FOREIGN MINISTER OSCAR DE LA PUENTE LETTER JULY 12 REITERATING OFFER OF INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANCE MADE JUNE 4 (ON BASIS OF DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTIONS) TO MFA POLITICAL AFFAIRS DIRGEN.

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