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SUBJECT: PERUVIAN DEFMIN SEEKS PEACE WITH
CONGRESS PRESIDENT

REF: A. LIMA 4618, B. LIMA 4603,
C. LIMA 4561, D. LIMA 4558

1. (C) SUMMARY: FOLLOWING A CEREMONIAL SHOW OF
SUPPORT FOR JOINT FORCES COMMAND CHAIRMAN
HERMOZA, PRESIDENT FUJIMORI MET WITH DEFENSE

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MINISTER MALCA AND CONGRESS PRESIDENT YOSHIYAMA FOR THREE HOURS APRIL 22. YOSHIYAMA AND MALCA THEN MET SEPARATELY AT THE CONGRESS, ANNOUNCING THAT CONGRESSIONAL-MILITARY RELATIONS WERE FINE AND THAT MALCA WOULD APPEAR BEFORE THE DEFENSE COMMITTEE NEXT WEEK TO EXPLAIN HERMOZA'S RECENT REMARKS IN WHICH HE BLASTED THE CONGRESS. BY APPEARING BEFORE THE DEFENSE COMMITTEE, MALCA SHOULD AVOID FACING THE MORE CONFRONTATIONAL OPPOSITION MEMBERS. THIS "COMPROMISE" WAS DESCRIBED BY AN OPPOSITION MEMBER AS UNACCEPTABLE. IN A SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT, THE MILITARY HAS TOLD A DISTRICT ATTORNEY IT WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE LA CANTUTA DISAPPEARANCES. END SUMMARY.

ANOTHER SHOW OF SUPPORT FOR HERMOZA

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 2. (U) THE PERUVIAN ARMY HIGH COMMAND AGAIN REAFFIRMED ITS SUPPORT FOR JOINT ARMED FORCES COMMAND GEN. NICOLAS DE BARI HERMOZA WITH A MILITARY CEREMONY APRIL 22. EARLY IN THE MORNING, ABOUT 50 TANKS AND ARMORED VEHICLES MOVED INTO LIMA'S CAMPO DE MARTE (REFTELS A-B). AT AROUND 0900 HOURS THEY RETURNED TO THEIR BASE AT THE ARMORED DIVISION AT FORT RIMAC THROUGH THE CENTER OF LIMA. AT THE FORT, THE VEHICLES WERE SET UP IN CEREMONIAL FORMATION. AT ABOUT 1215 HOURS, GEN. HERMOZA ARRIVED, WAS RECEIVED WITH HONORS, AND REVIEWED THE TROOPS AND TANKS. PRESENT WERE MEMBERS OF THE ARMY'S HIGH COMMAND, THE COMMANDERS OF PERU'S FIVE MILITARY REGIONS AND CHIEFS OF THE INTERNAL FRONTS.

3. (U) DURING THE 15-MINUTE CEREMONY, ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF LT. GEN. ROBERTO SALDANA READ A SPEECH IN WHICH HE REITERATED THE ARMY'S SUBORDINATION TO HERMOZA. SALDANA SAID THE CEREMONY WAS TO EXPRESS "FIRM REJECTION" OF A CAMPAIGN TO DISCREDIT THE ARMY -- A CAMPAIGN BASED, HE SAID, ON FABRICATED DOCUMENTS THAT NOT ONLY DAMAGED THE IMAGE OF THE MILITARY, BUT EXPOSED ITS MEMBERS TO DANGER. THE ARMY

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RESPECTS THE CONGRESS, HE ADDED, BUT THIS RESPECT "SHOULD NOT BE MISINTERPRETED AND SHOULD NOT LEAD SOME CONGRESS MEMBERS TO SEEK TO DAMAGE THE IMAGE AND PRESTIGE OF OUR INSTITUTION."

4. (C) COMMENT: WE HAVE HEARD THAT THE
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PARTICIPANTS IN THE CEREMONY WERE TOLD THAT IT WAS TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE AT 0900 AT CAMPO DE MARTE. SHORTLY BEFORE THAT TIME, THEY RECEIVED WORD THAT IT WOULD BE AT AROUND 1100 AT FORT RIMAC. THE RIMAC SITE MADE THE CEREMONY LESS OSTENTATIOUS. END COMMENT.

MEETING AT THE PALACE

5. (U) THE MEDIA REPORTED THAT IN THE AFTERNOON, DEFENSE MINISTER GEN. VICTOR MALCA AND PRESIDENT OF THE CONSTITUENT CONGRESS (CCD) JAIME YOSHIYAMA WENT TO THE GOVERNMENT PALACE TO
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MEET WITH PRESIDENT ALBERTO FUJIMORI. THE
MEETING LASTED THREE HOURS. THE PRESS WAS NOT
PERMITTED TO INTERVIEW THE PARTICIPANTS, AND THE
GOP ISSUED NO COMMUNIQUE ON THE MEETING.

MALCA AND YOSHIYAMA AT THE CONGRESS

6. (U) FOLLOWING THE MEETING AT THE PALACE,
MALCA AND YOSHIYAMA HELD A MEETING AT THE
CONGRESS. AFTER THAT MEETING, THEY BOTH OFFERED
STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS, WHICH WAS NOT PERMITTED
TO ASK QUESTIONS. YOSHIYAMA ANNOUNCED THAT THE
DEFENSE MINISTER HAD ACCEPTED HIS INVITATION TO
THE CONGRESS, AND THAT MALCA HAD COME "IN THE
DEFENSE OF THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH AND TO AVOID
GREATER PROBLEMS. I INVITED THE DEFENSE
MINISTER TO MY OFFICE SO HE COULD CLARIFY ANY
DIFFICULTY THAT COULD HAVE ARISEN BETWEEN THE
CCD AND THE ARMY. HE HAS TOLD ME THAT THE ARMED
FORCES RESPECT THE AUTONOMY OF THE CCD AND THE
OTHER BRANCHES OF THE GOVERNMENT. THE MILITARY
MUST BE SUBORDINATE TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE
CONSTITUTION. LET THAT BE CLEAR."

7. (U) "THERE IS NO PROBLEM BETWEEN THE ARMY
AND THE CCD," YOSHIYAMA WENT ON. "RELATIONS

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BETWEEN US COULD NOT BE BETTER. I WOULD LIKE TO
EXHORT OPPOSITION CCD MEMBERS, OFFICERS OF THE
ARMED FORCES AND THE PUBLIC TO STAY CALM. I AM
CONVINCED THAT THIS WILL SOON BE ONLY A MEMORY."
YOSHIYAMA ADDED THAT THE EVENTS OF THE LAST FEW
DAYS WOULD HAVE NO EFFECT ON THE CCD'S
INVESTIGATION INTO THE LA CANTUTA DISAPPEARANCES,
WHICH HE SAID WOULD CONTINUE NORMALLY.

8. (U) IN HIS STATEMENT, MALCA AFFIRMED THAT
THE ARMED FORCES RESPECT THE GOVERNMENT,
"PARTICULARLY THE INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY
OF THE CONGRESS." HE REASSURED THOSE PRESENT
THAT THE MILITARY "IS SUBORDINATE TO THE
CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER, JUST AS THE PRESIDENT HAS
MADE KNOWN." THE DEFENSE MINISTER DECLARED THAT
HE WAS PREPARED TO APPEAR IN THE CCD TO ANSWER
ANY QUESTIONS ITS MEMBERS MIGHT HAVE REGARDING
GEN. HERMOZA'S APRIL 20 TESTIMONY BEFORE THE
SPECIAL COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING THE LA CANTUTA
DISAPPEARANCES AND HERMOZA'S REMARKS FOLLOWING
HIS TESTIMONY (REF C).

9. (U) YOSHIYAMA THEN JUMPED IN TO NOTE THAT
MALCA WOULD APPEAR NEXT WEEK BEFORE THE CCD'S
DEFENSE COMMITTEE, BUT NOT BEFORE THE PLENUM.

10. (C) COMMENT: IN A COMPROMISE THAT MAY HAVE
BEEN WORKED OUT IN THE MEETING WITH FUJIMORI,
MALCA WILL PAY A CONCILIATORY VISIT TO THE CCD
BUT WILL NOT HAVE TO FACE OPPOSITION MEMBERS OF
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THE SPECIAL LA CANTUTA INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE,
WHICH THE ARMY SEES AS HOSTILE. INSTEAD, HE
WILL APPEAR BEFORE THE DEFENSE COMMITTEE,
CHAIRMAN BY GILBERTO SIURA OF THE GOVERNMENT
COALITION. SIURA, WHO IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE
LA CANTUTA COMMITTEE, IS KNOWN FOR HIS SUPPORT
OF THE ARMED FORCES AND HIS CRITICISMS OF HUMAN
RIGHTS GROUPS. OPPOSITION MEMBER HENRY PEASE

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(MDI) INDICATED TO POLOFF EARLY APRIL 23 THAT SUCH AN APPEARANCE WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO THE OPPOSITION. THEY WANT TO MAKE MALCA FACE QUESTIONING FROM THE FULL CONGRESS. END COMMENT.

ARMY DENIES INVOLVEMENT TO LA CANTUTA PROSECUTOR

11. (U) IN A SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT, THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR CHARGED WITH INVESTIGATING THE LA CANTUTA DISAPPEARANCES RECEIVED A WRITTEN

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MESSAGE APRIL 22 FROM THE SECOND MILITARY REGION
COMMANDER THAT STATES THAT MILITARY PERSONNEL
DID NOT INTERVENE IN THE JULY 1992 ABDUCTIONS.
THE PUBLIC MINISTRY ADVISED THE PRESS THAT THE
EIGHTH DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HAD REQUESTED
THE INFORMATION FOR ITS INVESTIGATION. THE
PRESS NOTED THAT THE MILITARY HAD TURNED DOWN A
REQUEST TO PROVIDE THE NAMES OF ALL SOLDIERS
ASSIGNED TO THE LA CANTUTA UNIVERSITY ON THE
DATE OF THE DISAPPEARANCES.
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