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2. SUMMARY: PRESIDENT FUJIMORI REMAINS
CONFIDENT OF RE-ELECTION;

BELIEVES THIS OPTIMISM IS JUSTIFIED.
REPORTS

FUJIMORI IS CONVINCED THE USG IS PROMOTING PEREZ
DE CUELLAR AS OPPOSITION CANDIDATE. FUJIMORI
PARANOIA AGAIN TRANSCENDS REALITY.
PORTRAYED A PRESIDENT OBSESSED WITH DETAILS AND
FIRMLY CONVINCED OF POLLS' VALUE IN GIVING HIM
INSIGHT INTO PERUVIANS' THINKING. END SUMMARY.

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PRESIDENT BELIEVES U.S. BACKING PEREZ DE CUELLAR

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EMBOFFS DURING A PRIVATE BREAKFAST MAY 27 THAT FUJIMORI IS CONVINCED THAT THE USG IS PROMOTING FORMER UNSYG JAVIER PEREZ DE CUELLAR'S CANDIDACY IN OPPOSITION TO HIM. FUJIMORI BELIEVES THAT THE USG HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH PEREZ DE CUELLAR IN WASHINGTON AND PARIS AND WITH PEREZ DE CUELLAR'S ADVISERS IN LIMA. FUJIMORI IS ALSO CONVINCED THAT SOME EMBASSY PERSONNEL ARE HOSTILE OR ANTAGONISTIC TO HIM.

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5. CONVEYED THE IMAGE OF A PRESIDENT DISTRUSTFUL OF INTERMEDIARIES AND OBSESSED WITH DETAIL. [] REPORTED, FOR EXAMPLE THAT:

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-- FUJIMORI'S LONG STRETCHES OF SILENCE IN

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AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

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CONVERSATIONS ARE TAKEN BY PARTICIPANTS AS THE
PRESIDENT PONDERING AN ISSUE OR CAREFULLY
WEIGHING MATTERS. IN REALITY, SAID
THE PRESIDENT JUST CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING TO SAY.

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-- WHILE EXTREMELY SENSITIVE TO DIRECT CRITICISM
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AND HAVING LITTLE TOLERANCE FOR AND A LONG MEMORY
OF ANYONE WHO CRITICIZES HIM, FUJIMORI APPEARS
REMARKABLY RECEPTIVE TO INDIRECT CRITICISM.

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REPORTED THAT
FUJIMORI AND HIS ADVISORS STILL USE THE 1990
PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN, NOT THE OCTOBER 1993
CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM, AS THEIR POINT OF
REFERENCE. FOR THE UPCOMING CAMPAIGN, MANKEVICH
REPORTED THAT FUJIMORI PLANS TO SPEND MOST OF HIS
TIME WORKING THE STREETS WHERE HE BELIEVES THE
BIGGEST PAY-OFFS ARE. IN ADDITION,

-- UNLIKE IN THE REFERENDUM, FUJIMORI CURRENTLY
IS PLANNING ON A MINIMAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN -- "TWO
ADS FOR EVERY TEN OF THE OPPOSITION'S."

-- FUJIMORI WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE FOCUS OF

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THE CAMPAIGN. THE CABINET AND CONGRESSIONAL
LEADERS WILL BE GIVEN CLEARLY SECONDARY ROLES TO
PLAY.

-- FUJIMORI CONTINUES STRONG IN LIMA. AS A
RESULT, HE WILL CONTINUE TO FOCUS HIS CAMPAIGNING
AND TRAVELS ON RURAL PERU.

-- THE PUBLIC'S PRINCIPAL CONCERNS ARE JOBS.
WHILE FUJIMORI IS VULNERABLE ON THIS ISSUE, THE
LOWER CLASSES WANT FUJIMORI
TO CONTINUE TO SEE HIS POLICIES THROUGH TO A
SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. B1

-- FUJIMORI'S SUCCESS AT NOT BEING IDENTIFIED AS
A POLITICIAN KEEPS HIS CREDIBILITY LEVEL HIGH AND
THE PUBLIC MORE TOLERANT OF HIS INABILITY, THUS
FAR, TO DELIVER ON JOBS AND PROSPERITY.

-- FUJIMORI'S FOREIGN TRIPS HAVE ELECTORAL
PAYOFFS. HIS UPCOMING VISIT TO JAPAN AND CHINA,
AND HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE DECEMBER "SUMMIT OF
THE AMERICAS" WILL WIN HIM VOTES WITH ALL
ECONOMIC CLASSES. VOTERS CREDIT FUJIMORI WITH
RESTORING PERU'S INTERNATIONAL STATURE.

-- HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES OR LA CANTUTA, OR
COUNTERNARCOTICS HAVE NO IMPORTANCE TO MOST
PERUVIAN VOTERS. B1
FOUND THAT THE ARMY AS AN INSTITUTION REMAINS
RESPECTED EVEN WHILE CONSIDERED ITS

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TOP COMMANDERS CORRUPT. OF THE THREE MILITARY
BRANCHES, ONLY THE ARMY MATTERS TO THE PUBLIC.

PEREZ DE CUELLAR OR GARCIA PEREZ?

7. REPORTED ONE SURPRISING WEAKNESS
AFFECTING THE FORMER UN SECRETARY GENERAL. IN B1

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PUNO, THE POOR, UNEDUCATED VOTERS!
REGULARLY
CONFUSED PEREZ DE CUELLAR WITH FORMER PRESIDENT
ALAN GARCIA PEREZ AND DOWNGRADE THE FORMER UNSYG
ON THIS ACCOUNT.

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8 CONFIRMED
THAT OTHER THAN PEREZ DE CUELLAR NO ONE
IN THE OPPOSITION POSSESSES ANY SIGNIFICANT

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SUPPORT OR NAME RECOGNITION. _____ DISMISSED
POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES AS CUSCO MAYOR DANIEL
ESTRADA, OR KETIN VIDAL, CAPTURER OF ABIMAE
GUZMAN, AS HAVING NO MORE THAN ISOLATED POCKETS
OF SUPPORT. _____ INDICATED THAT
LIMA MAYOR RICARDO BELMONT WOULD NOT PRESENT

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SERIOUS OPPOSITION EITHER. JUST AS THE
OPPOSITION IS "FACELESS," SO TOO ARE MEMBERS OF
FUJIMORI'S OWN GOVERNMENT. PROMINENT
CONGRESSIONAL FIGURES LIKE LUZ SALGADO, MARTHA
CHAVEZ, JAIME YOSHIYAMA, AND CABINET MEMBERS HAVE
NO RECOGNITION FACTOR WITH THE VAST BULK OF THE
PERUVIAN POPULATION.

9. _____ WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO SAY THAT
FUJIMORI HAD INQUIRED ABOUT POLCOUNS IN MID-1993,
AND HAD EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE DISPLEASURE WITH
POLCOUNS' ACTIONS IN ADVANCING AND REPORTING ON
THE LA CANTUTA CASE. *B1*

10. COMMENT: _____ *B1*

11. AS THE PERUVIAN POLITICAL SEASON APPROACHES
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THE END OF SPRING TRAINING, IT APPEARS THAT
FUJIMORI'S CONFIDENCE IS WELL-PLACED. THE MAXIM
THAT "A WEEK IS A LONG TIME IN POLITICS" IS EVEN
MORE TRUE IN PERU THAN ELSEWHERE. BUT AS WE
APPROACH OPENING DAY IN PERU'S POLITICAL MAJOR
LEAGUE SEASON, FUJIMORI STILL APPEARS TO BE THE
MAN TO BEAT FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP.
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