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1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE ASDAR FROM NOVEMBER 29, 1994
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BEGIN TEXT:

(C) PERU: FUJI OFFERS REWARD FOR SL TERRORIST. AFTER WEEKS OF PUBLIC CLAIMS BY SENIOR GOP OFFICIALS THAT THE CAPTURE OF OSCAR RAMIREZ DURAND ("FELICIANO") WAS IMMINENT, FUJIMORI ANNOUNCED A USD 100,000 REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE SL LEADER'S CAPTURE. PERHAPS THE SECURITY FORCES WERE NOT AS CLOSE AS THEY THOUGHT. (MELZOW)

(C) PERU: MORE ON FACELESS COURTS. JUSTICE MINISTER VEGA TOLD AMBASSADOR ADAMS THAT HE HAS RECOMMENDED THE TERMINATION OF THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OF ARRESTED TERRORISTS AND HAS SENT LEGISLATION TO CONGRESS RECOMMENDING ENDING THE USE OF ANONYMOUS JUDGES IN CIVILIAN TERRORISM

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COURTS. WHILE FUJIMORI HAS INDICATED THAT THE USE OF FACELESS COURTS WILL CONTINUE FOR NOW, VEGA DOUBTLESS HAS CONSULTED WITH THE PRESIDENT BEFORE DRAWING SO MUCH PUBLIC ATTENTION TO THE PROPOSALS. IF IMPLEMENTED, THE CHANGES WOULD BE THE FIRST POSITIVE STEP IN A YEAR TO RESTORE DUE PROCESS. (MELZOW)

(C) COLOMBIA: ERADICATION WOES CONTINUE. THE FIRST COMMISSION OF THE COLOMBIAN CONGRESS HAS CALLED A HEARING NOVEMBER 30 ON THE AERIAL ERADICATION PROGRAM, TO TRY TO CONVINCED THE GOC TO ADOPT A CROP SUBSTITUTION PROGRAM IN PLACE OF FORCED ERADICATION. TEN CABINET LEVEL ADVISORS HAVE BEEN CALLED TO TESTIFY. HOWEVER, IN A NOVEMBER 24 CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR FRECHETTE, JUSTICE MINISTER MARTINEZ REAFFIRMED GOC COMMITMENT TO ERADICATE COCA AND OPIUM POPPY DESPITE PROTESTS BY COCA GROWERS. (ENGLISH)
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(U) COLOMBIA: KUDOS FOR THE BOY WHO CRIED WOLF? THE RECENT APPROVAL BY A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE "NARCO-BILL" DECRIMINALIZING ILLICIT ENRICHMENT HAS INSPIRED HARSH EDITORIAL CRITICISM. ONE OPINION PIECE IN A LEADING DAILY STATED THAT FORMER DEA JOE TOFT'S COMMENTS ON COLOMBIA'S NARCO-DEMOCRACY WERE NOT FAR FROM THE TRUTH. THE SAMPER ADMINISTRATION IS DEVELOPING A STRATEGY TO DEFEAT THE BILL IN THE LOWER CHAMBER OF CONGRESS. (WILSON)

(C) BOLIVIA: OPERATION BORDER CRUNCH: THE CHILEAN FRONTIER. THERE WERE NO SEIZURES ALONG THE BOLIVIA-CHILE FRONTIER DURING THE OPENING WEEK OF OPERATION BORDER CRUNCH. PRECURSOR CHEMICALS ARE NOT MOVING INTO BOLIVIA. TRAFFICKERS ARE STORING THEM TEMPORARILY IN CHILEAN WAREHOUSES. SOME BOLIVIAN BORDER TOWNS, DEPENDENT ON SMUGGLING AND USED TO THE OPEN CORRUPTNESS OF THE REGULAR CUSTOMS INSPECTORS, ARE HOSTILE TO THE VISITING BORDER CRUNCH FORCES. (GWSMITH)

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