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1. (C) SUMMARY: AS THEIR CAMPAIGNS FALTER,  
FUJIMORI'S TWO NEAREST (THOUGH DISTANT) RIVALS -  
JAVIER PEREZ DE CUELLAR AND ALEJANDRO TOLEDO -  
HAVE LOUDLY AND REPEATEDLY TOLD THE PRESS THAT  
THEY ARE THE VICTIMS OF GOP DIRTY TRICKS. AS  
EXPECTED, GOP SPOKESMEN DENY THIS AND SUGGEST,  
WITH SOME REASON, THAT THEIR OPPONENTS ARE

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WHINING RATHER THAN BLAMING THEIR POOR SHOWING ON INTERNAL MISTAKES. WHILE WE DO NOT DISCOUNT THAT THE GOP MAY BE CARRYING OUT SPECIFIC LOW-SCALE HARASSMENT AGAINST INDIVIDUAL OPPONENTS, WE NOTE THAT THE OPPOSITION PROVIDES NO PROOF TO BACK UP THEIR ALLEGATIONS. FURTHERMORE, THERE IS NO INDICATION FROM ANY SOURCE THAT THE GOP, WITH THE RACE GOING HEAVILY IN ITS FAVOR, IS NOW DOING ANYTHING THAT RISKS THE TRANSPARENCY OF THE ELECTION ITSELF AND ITS OUTCOME. END SUMMARY.

OPPOSITION FRONT-RUNNERS CRY FOUL...  
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2. (C) OPPOSITION FRONT-RUNNER JAVIER PEREZ DE CUELLAR (JPC) AND HIS DISTANT THIRD PLACE RIVAL ALEJANDRO TOLEDO TOLD THE MEDIA SEPARATELY, AND REPEATEDLY, OVER THE LAST FEW DAYS THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIN) IS CARRYING OUT "DIRTY TRICKS" AGAINST THEIR  
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 RESPECTIVE CAMPAIGNS. JPC SAID HE HAD INFORMATION THAT DEMONSTRATED THAT THERE WERE "ELEMENTS THAT HAVE SOUGHT TO DAMAGE" HIS CAMPAIGN EVER SINCE HE KICKED IT OFF WITH HIS RETURN TO PERU FROM ABROAD SOME FOUR MONTHS AGO. ASKED WHO WAS BEHIND THE "DIRTY TRICKS," PEREZ DE CUELLAR ANSWERED SIMPLY "THE SIN." HE ADDED THAT AT EVERY STOP AND PUBLIC MEETING, THESE "ELEMENTS" SPREAD RUMORS AND SOUGHT TO DISCREDIT HIS EFFORTS.

3. (U) STUMPING IN A DIFFERENT PART OF LIMA, A VISIBLY ANGRY TOLEDO TOLD JOURNALISTS THAT THE SIN HAD "GONE AFTER HIS DAUGHTER, HIS (FAILED) MARRIAGE, HIS U.S. CREDIT CARDS, AND HIS ACADEMIC HISTORY IN THE U.S." TOLEDO SAID HE HAD INFORMATION THAT THE SIN WOULD SHORTLY BE RELEASING "FAKE DOCUMENTS AND PAPERS" WITH WHICH TO SMEAR HIM. TOLEDO SAID HE WAS TIRED OF THE "LOW BLOWS" AGAINST HIM AND WARNED THAT "NO ONE KNOCKS OVER THIS 'CHOLO' (MESTIZO)." NEITHER OF THE OPPOSITION CANDIDATES PROVIDED ANY PROOF OR SPECIFICS TO SUBSTANTIATE THEIR ALLEGATIONS, BUT

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BOTH PROMISED TO DO SO AT A LATER TIME.

...GOP SUGGESTS OPPOSITION STOP WHINING  
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4. (U) GOP SPOKESMEN AND CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS  
MINIMIZED THE ALLEGATIONS. THEY DEMANDED THAT  
THE OPPOSITION CANDIDATES BACK UP THEIR CLAIMS  
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WITH PROOF OR STOP MAKING THEM. CONGRESS SECOND  
VICE PRESIDENT VICTOR JOY WAY TOLD THE PRESS  
THAT THE ELECTORATE SHOULD NOT PAY ATTENTION TO  
THE ALLEGATIONS "AS THERE WAS NO PROOF TO  
SUBSTANTIATE THEM." JOY WAY STATED THAT THE  
ALLEGATIONS WERE PERHAPS DUE TO THE OPPOSITION'S  
FAILING SUPPORT AND THEIR INCREASINGLY POOR  
SHOWING IN THE POLLS. HE ADDED THAT THE  
OPPOSITION WAS TRYING TO EXCUSE ITS POOR  
CAMPAIGN RESULTS BY MAKING SPURIOUS ACCUSATIONS  
AGAINST THE GOP, SUGGESTING THAT THEY SHOULD  
"ANALYZE THEIR OWN CAMPAIGNS AND RECOGNIZE THEIR  
OWN MISTAKES."

TIDBITS SUGGEST THERE MIGHT BE SOMETHING TO IT  
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5. (C) ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS RECENTLY POST HAS  
BEEN TOLD BY OPPOSITION SUPPORTERS OF LOW-LEVEL  
HARASSMENT BY PERSONS PRESUMED TO BELONG TO THE  
GOP:

-- KEY JPC ADVISORS HAVE MENTIONED CALLS LATE IN  
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THE NIGHT THAT WARNED THEM TO BE CAREFUL OF ACCIDENTS. IN ONE INSTANCE, MEN IN POLICE UNIFORMS REPORTEDLY CAME TO ONE ADVISOR'S HOME AND TOLD CARLOS CHIPOCO THAT ANOTHER OF ADVISOR, JAVIER GONZALEZ, HAD JUST HAD AN ACCIDENT. THE MEN LEFT AND IT WAS LATER VERIFIED THAT NO ACCIDENT HAD OCCURRED.

-- ON TWO OCCASIONS WHEN PEREZ DE CUELLAR WAS AT A PUBLIC EVENT, POLOFF SAW PERSONS MIXING AMONG THE PRO-JPC CROWD HANDING OUT LEAFLETS DISPARAGING PEREZ DE CUELLAR OR ATTACKING HIS SUPPORTERS. WHILE ANY GROUP COULD HAVE BEEN BEHIND THIS, FEW IF ANY OF THE OTHER 14 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGNS BESIDES THE GOP HAVE THE MONEY TO PRINT TRACTS AND HAVE THEM DISTRIBUTED (REFTEL).

-- MID-LEVEL PPC ACTIVISTS SHOWED POLOFF A JEEP

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CHEROKEE WITH DARK WINDOWS AND NO LICENSE PLATES, WHICH THEY TERMED "SUSPICIOUS" - SIMILAR TO VEHICLES ASSOCIATED WITH THE SECURITY FORCES - PARKED OUTSIDE THEIR APARTMENT. SIMILAR VEHICLES PERIODICALLY PARKED OUTSIDE THE HOME, LOCATED ON A SIDE STREET, BUT THE DRIVERS NEVER SEEMED TO GET OUT. OCCASIONALLY, THE VEHICLE FOLLOWED THEM WHEN THEY LEFT THEIR HOME.

-- AILING APRA SENIOR LEADER ARMANDO VILLANUEVA TOLD A TV AUDIENCE THAT HE RECEIVED A  
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 THREATENING PHONE CALL ON DECEMBER 10, FOLLOWING HEAVY COVERAGE IN THE OPPOSITION PRESS TO HIS STATEMENTS CALLING THE ARMY COMMANDER A "CRIMINAL" FOR HAVING AIDED THE 1992 FUJIMORI AUTOCOUPE.

BUT DOES IT AMOUNT TO MUCH MORE THAN SHENANIGANS?  
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6. (C) COMMENT: WE NOTE THAT NONE OF THE RECENT ACCUSATIONS OF GOP INTERFERENCE WITH THE OPPOSITION CAMPAIGNS HAVE BEEN BACKED UP WITH ANYTHING MUCH MORE SOLID THAN ANECDOTES. (THERE WAS, HOWEVER, ONE INCIDENT A FEW MONTHS AGO WHEN AN ARMY INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, WORKING FOR EITHER ARMY INTELLIGENCE OR THE SIN, WAS CAUGHT SURVEILLING AN OPPOSITION MEETING.) NO ONE IN THE OPPOSITION HAS YET ALLEGED ANY GOVERNMENT IMPROPRIETY THAT WOULD CAST A SHADOW OVER THE ACTUAL OUTCOME OF THE ELECTION ITSELF. AT BEST, THE ANECDOTES AND ALLEGATIONS POINT TO SMALL-TIME HARASSMENT.

7. (C) THERE IS MUCH TO WHAT THE GOP SPOKESMEN HAVE SAID IN RESPONSE TO THE ALLEGATIONS MADE BY PEREZ DE CUELLAR AND TOLEDO. THE OPPOSITION FRONT-RUNNERS ARE FALLING FURTHER AND FURTHER BEHIND FUJIMORI, LARGELY THROUGH THEIR OWN FAULT. THEIR MESSAGES ARE NOT REACHING THE VOTERS, VOTERS ARE NOT BUYING INTO WHAT LITTLE IS GETTING THROUGH, AND THEIR CAMPAIGNS ARE  
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MANAGED BY AMATEUR POLITICOS WITH LITTLE IDEA OF  
HOW TO RUN A PROFESSIONAL RACE. WITH TIME  
RUNNING AGAINST THEM, A DEGREE OF DESPERATION  
MAY WELL BE CREEPING IN AMONG THEIR FRUSTRATIONS  
AND BLAMING THEIR ILLS ON A SINISTER, BUT VAGUE,  
GOVERNMENT DIRTY TRICKS CAMPAIGN WOULD BE IN  
KEEPING WITH WHAT THE OPPOSITION CAMPAIGN HAS  
SHOWN SO FAR.

8. (C) IT WOULD NOT SURPRISE US TO LEARN THAT  
FUJIMORI WAS ALLOWING SOME PETTY HARASSMENT OF  
HIS OPPONENTS, NOR WOULD IT BE SURPRISING IF THE  
OPPOSITION WERE TO DO SOME OF THE SAME. STILL,  
WHILE NOT EXCUSING THE GOP IN ANY WAY, THE POINT  
IS THAT WITH THE RACE GOING VERY MUCH THE  
GOVERNMENT'S WAY, AND WITH CONSIDERABLE MEDIA  
ATTENTION AND FOREIGN INTEREST, THE GOP WOULD  
HAVE LITTLE TO GAIN BY JEOPARDIZING THE  
TRANSPARENCY OF THE ELECTION ITSELF. THERE IS  
NO CREDIBLE INDICATION FROM ANY SOURCE AT THIS  
TIME THAT INDICATES THE GOP IS CONDUCTING  
OPERATIONS THAT MIGHT DO SO.

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