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SUBJECT: COMMENTS OF SENIOR PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL ON  
MOMEPE

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1. SECRET ORCON ENTIRE TEXT. CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR ALVIN P. ADAMS. REASON 1.5 (D).
2. IN EARLY APRIL 1996 PERUVIAN PRESIDENTIAL NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS (PLEASE PROTECT SOURCE) TOLD EMBOFF THAT PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT POLICY STRONGLY SUPPORTS MOMEPE. HE SAID THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE MOMEPE TO REMAIN UNTIL THE REMAINING BORDER ISSUES ARE RESOLVED, EVEN IF THAT TAKES TWO OR THREE YEARS, OR EVEN LONGER. MONTESINOS TOLD EMBOFF THAT THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT REGARDS MOMEPE AS A BUFFER BETWEEN ECUADOR AND PERU TO DEFUSE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS, THUS ENABLING THE PARTIES TO FOCUS ON DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS.
3. MONTESINOS ACKNOWLEDGED TO EMBOFF THAT THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT

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HAS OCCASIONAL DIFFERENCES OF OPINION WITH INDIVIDUAL RIO PROTOCOL GUARANTOR NATIONS, SPECIFICALLY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. NONETHELESS, THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THE GUARANTORS, AS A BODY, ARE ACQUITTING THEMSELVES FAIRLY. MONTESINOS EMPHASIZED THERE ARE FOUR GUARANTOR NATIONS INVOLVED, THUS THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT EXPECTS A DIVERGENCE OF VIEWPOINTS FROM TIME TO TIME. ULTIMATELY, THOUGH, THE GOVERNMENT ASSUMES A CONSENSUS OF VIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WILL EMERGE.

4. THE PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY ADVISER ALSO NOTED TO EMBOFF THAT THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT BELIEVE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS "TILTING" TOWARD ECUADOR. HE EMPHASIZED THAT RECENT ALLEGATIONS, SPECIFICALLY LOCAL NEWSMAGAZINE "SI'S" ALLEGATION THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO FORCE PERU TO CEDE TERRITORY TO ECUADOR, DO NOT REPRESENT THE VIEWS OF THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT. INSTEAD, THEY ARE CALCULATED MERELY TO DRUM UP THE MAGAZINE'S SALES, INCREASE ITS CIRCULATION AND STIMULATE CONTROVERSY, WHICH IS A CHARACTERISTIC OF MUCH OF THE PERUVIAN MEDIA.

5. AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: PART OF THE CONVERSATION ABOVE REFLECTS EMBASSY EFFORTS HERE TO RESPOND TO MOMEPI PLEAS, MADE TO GUARANTOR AMBASSADORS AT THE LAST SCC MEETING, TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT HARSH CRITICISM OF MOMEPI IN THE LOCAL PRESS. THE PERUVIAN MILITARY APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN FEEDING SUCH STORIES. REFTEL REPORTS MY REPRESENTATIONS TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND HIS ASSURANCES THAT THE MATTER HAS BEEN TAKEN CARE OF.

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