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Since your conversations with Henry (via E-mail) and Jim Mack (via phone), I have talked with several people, including the Defensor del Pueblo and the head of the Supreme Council of Military Justice. The latter confirmed that Robles was arrested under a military court order charging him with disobedience, insulting a superior officer (military chief General Hermoza Rios), insulting the military, and giving false testimony. He is being held at the "Real Felipe" military prison in Callao. The head of the Supreme Council would not venture a guess on how long the judicial process would take since it depended in part on whether Robles elects to defend himself against the charges. I made the points with him (and others) that the US Embassy has a long-standing relationship with Robles, that we were concerned about his physical safety and that his case be adjudicated in strict conformity with the military justice code. Ambassador was attempting to call ForMin Tudela with the same message. Finally, with SOUTHCOM's General Clark in town, DCM Mack will raise the issue in an afternoon courtesy call with Interior Minister Briones. An interesting aside, the Defensor told me that he had called the head of the Supreme Council of Military Justice, but that he had not yet gotten a call back. My call to the Supreme Council chief, however, was passed straight through!

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