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TAGS: PGOV, PREL, EFIN, KCRM, PE  
SUBJECT: MONTESINOS TO BE INVESTIGATED FOR MONEY LAUNDERING

REFS: LIMA 388 AND 520

1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY CHARGE D'AFFAIRES ROBERTA JACOBSON FOR

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REASONS 1.5D AND 1.5B.

2. (U) ACTION REQUEST. SEE PARAGRAPH 10.

3. (C) SUMMARY: THE GOP ANNOUNCED IT WILL COOPERATE WITH THE SWISS IN AN INVESTIGATION OF MONEY LAUNDERING CHARGES AGAINST FUGITIVE EX-NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE CHIEF VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS. REPORTEDLY HAVING NO CONFIDENCE IN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, PRESIDENT ALBERTO FUJIMORI HAS ASKED A WELL-RESPECTED PRIVATE ATTORNEY TO BE APPOINTED AS A SPECIAL PROSECUTOR TO HANDLE THE INVESTIGATION. ALLEGATIONS OF MONEY LAUNDERING CHARGES AGAINST MONTESINOS HAVE ALREADY TRIGGERED GOP QUERIES FOR INFORMATION

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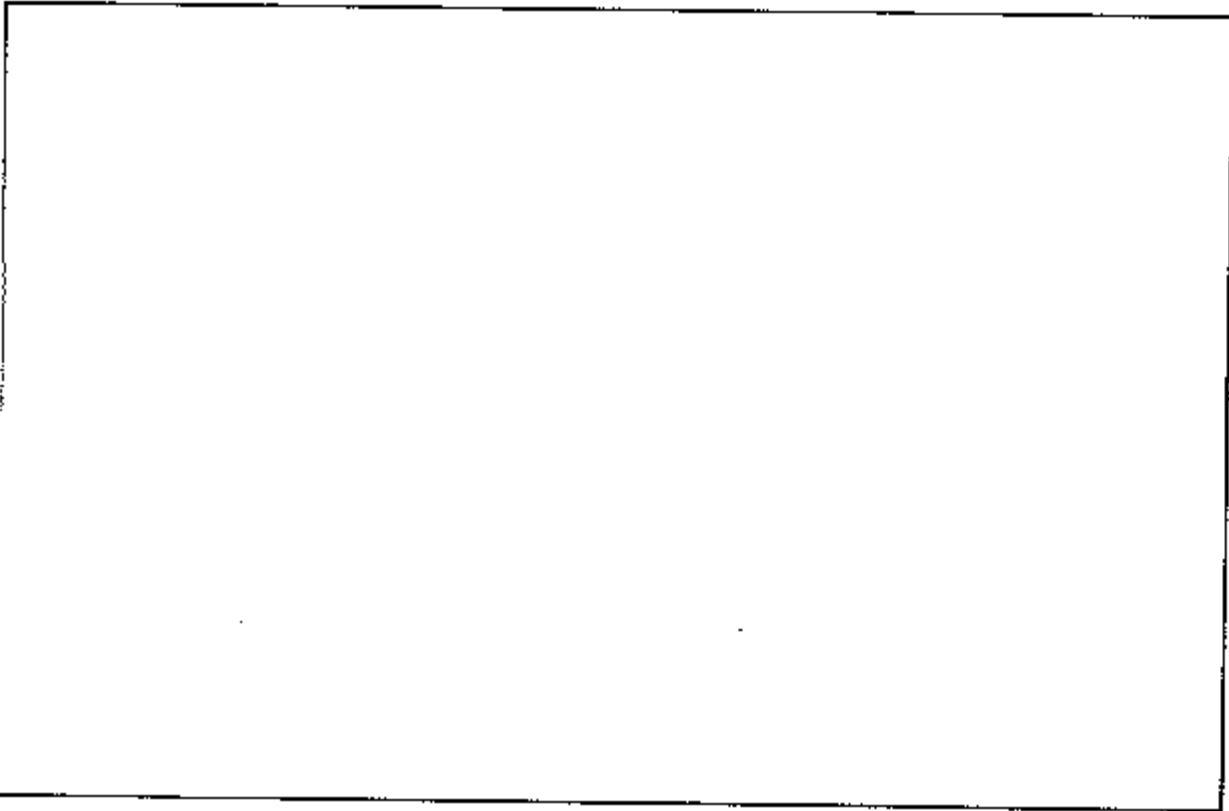
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FROM USG SOURCES. DEPARTMENT SHOULD PREPARE TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS FROM THE SWISS AND THE GOP. END SUMMARY.

4. (U) LATE NOVEMBER 2 MINISTER OF JUSTICE ALBERTO BUSTAMANTE ANNOUNCED THAT THE SWISS GOVERNMENT HAD ADVISED THE GOP BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE THAT THREE BANK ACCOUNTS IN SWITZERLAND BELONGING TO EX-NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE CHIEF VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS AND TOTALING \$48 MILLION HAD BEEN FROZEN WHILE AN INVESTIGATION OF POSSIBLE MONEY LAUNDERING WAS CARRIED OUT. IN LIGHT OF THIS INFORMATION, HE SAID THE GOP WOULD BE CONDUCTING ITS OWN INVESTIGATION AND A SPECIAL PROSECUTOR, JOSE UGAZ, WOULD BE APPOINTED TO DO THIS. (NOTE: UGAZ IS AN INDEPENDENT AND WELL-RESPECTED ATTORNEY AND LONG-TIME CONTACT OF THE POLITICAL SECTION.)

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SEPARATE MONEY LAUNDERING INVESTIGATION

9. (C) SEPARATE FROM THE SWISS CASE, THE ANTI-NARCOTICS DIRECTORATE OF THE PERUVIAN NATIONAL POLICE (FNP) REQUESTED OCTOBER 31 FROM DEA-LIMA INFORMATION TO SUPPORT AN ONGOING INVESTIGATION INTO MONTESINO'S POSSIBLE LINKS TO MONEY LAUNDERING OR OTHER ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES. THE REQUEST CITES AN INVESTIGATION BEGUN BY A SPECIAL ANTI-NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING PROSECUTOR IN OCTOBER. WE HAVE NOT REPLIED TO THE REQUEST; SEPTTEL WILL FOLLOW OUTLINING CHARGE'S CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER'S CHIEF OF STAFF ON THIS SUBJECT.

ACTION REQUEST

10. (C) WE SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR THE GOP TO MAKE A FORMAL REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON MONTESINO'S FINANCES IN THE U.S. REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT BEGIN TO CONSIDER THIS REQUEST AND TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE USG HAS ANY INFORMATION THAT IT CAN PROVIDE TO ASSIST BOTH THE SWISS AND GOP INVESTIGATIONS.

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