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 TAGS: PGOV, PHUM, KCRM, MOPS, PE  
 SUBJECT: MONTESINOS AND MUTINEER UPDATE; NEW A/G ELECTED  
 REF: LIMA 6538

1. (U) SUMMARY: MONEY LAUNDERING CHARGES WERE FILED NOVEMBER 4 AGAINST FUGITIVE MONTESINOS AND AN ARREST WARRANT IS EXPECTED TO BE ISSUED SOON. MUTINEER LT. COLONEL HUMALA ALSO REMAINS AT LARGE, BUT THE ARMY, AFTER DISHONORABLY DISCHARGING HIM, HAS TURNED RESPONSIBILITY OF HIS CAPTURE OVER TO POLICE. ATTORNEY

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GENERAL BLANCA NELIDA COLAN, WHO RESIGNED IN THE WAKE OF REVELATIONS OF MONTESINO'S SECRET BANK ACCOUNTS IN SWITZERLAND, HAS BEEN REPLACED BY TENURED PROSECUTOR NELLY CALDERON. END SUMMARY.

CASE AGAINST MONTESINOS PROCEEDING  
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2. (U) MINISTER OF JUSTICE ALBERTO BUSTAMANTE SAID NOVEMBER 5 THAT WHILE THE EXACT LOCATION OF VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS HAD NOT BEEN DETERMINED, PRESIDENT FUJIMORI AND THE ARMED FORCES KNEW HIS GENERAL WHEREABOUTS AND EXPECTED HIS CAPTURE WOULD OCCUR WITHIN THE NEXT DAYS. THE MANHUNT INITIALLY DIRECTED BY PRESIDENT FUJIMORI HAS CONTINUED SINCE MONTESINOS' RETURN FROM PANAMA OCTOBER 22.

3. (U) SPECIAL PROSECUTOR JOSE UGAZ FILED FORMAL CHARGES OF MONEY LAUNDERING ON NOVEMBER 4 (BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE SWISS GOVERNMENT) AND A JUDGE WILL PROBABLY SIGN AN ARREST

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WARRANT NOVEMBER 6 OR 7. UGAZ HAS ALSO SELECTED TWO CAREER PROSECUTORS TO HELP HIM WITH THE INVESTIGATION: LUIS VARGAS VALDIVIA AND CESAR AZABACH CARACCILO.

MUTINEER RETIRED -- CAPTURE NOW POLICE MATTER  
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4. (U) THE GOP CONTINUES TO AVOID DIRECT CONFRONTATION IN RESOLVING LT. COLONEL OLLANTA HUMALA'S LINGERING MUTINY, WHO REMAINS AT LARGE IN THE HIGHLANDS OF MOQUEGUA. ON NOVEMBER 3, THE ARMY DISHONORABLY DISCHARGED HUMALA, RECOMMENDING THAT HE BE TRIED IN A MILITARY COURT FOR REBELLION, SEDITION, KIDNAPPING, INSUBORDINATION, DISOBEDIENCE, ABUSE OF AUTHORITY, AND EXTORTION. THE ARMY ALSO ANNOUNCED THE SUSPENSION OF OPERATIONS AGAINST HUMALA, ASSERTING THAT THE INITIAL MILITARY OBJECTIVE HAD BEEN COMPLETED (THE RESCUE OF HOSTAGES AND UNWILLING TROOPS) AND THAT IT WAS NOW UP TO POLICE CAPTURE HIM.

5. (U) HUMALA CONTINUES TO ENJOY POPULAR SUPPORT AND IS APPARENTLY RECEIVING FOOD AND ASSISTANCE FROM LOCAL COMMUNITIES. MILITARY CONTACTS HAVE TOLD US THAT ALL OF THE 50 SOLDIERS WHO ORIGINALLY MUTINIED WITH HUMALA HAVE BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR EXCEPT THREE. ONE IS BELIEVED TO BE WITH HUMALA WHILE THE OTHER TWO APPEAR TO BE ON THE RUN. HUMALA'S BROTHER, ANTAURO, CLAIMS THAT UP TO TEN ARMED VETERANS HAVE JOINED HIS BROTHER.

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NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL

6. (U) ON NOVEMBER 6, THE BOARD OF SUPREME COURT PROSECUTORS  
ACCEPTED THE NOVEMBER 3 RESIGNATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL AND  
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MONTESINOS CRONY BLANCA NELIDA COLAN. THE GROUP THEN ELECTED  
FROM AMONG THEIR OWN RANKS A NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL: NELLY  
CALDERON. COLAN REMAINS A SUPREME COURT PROSECUTOR FOR THE TIME  
BEING, ALTHOUGH JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST HER ARE LIKELY.

7. (SBU) BIO NOTE: CALDERON WAS THE FAVORITE TO SUCCEED COLAN.  
SHE IS A CAREER PROSECUTOR WHO HAS KEPT A LOW ENOUGH PROFILE TO  
AVOID BEING TARGETED BY MONTESINOS AND HAS ALSO ESCAPED THE  
TAINT OF CORRUPTION. SHE IS 68 YEARS OLD. THE MANDATORY  
RETIREMENT AGE IS 70. SHE DIVORCED 14 YEARS AGO AND HAS ONE  
SON, WHO JUST COMPLETED A PH.D. PROGRAM IN SPAIN.  
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