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SUBJECT: DETENTION ORDER FOR MONTESINOS

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CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR JOHN HAMILTON FOR REASONS 1.5 B AND
1.5 D

1. (U) SUMMARY: THERE IS NOW A COURT ORDER TO DETAIN
FORMER INTELLIGENCE CHIEF VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS, ACCORDING TO
SPECIAL PROSECUTOR JOSE UGAZ. AS PART OF UGAZ'S
INVESTIGATION, POLICE RAIDED APARTMENTS BELONGING TO THE EX-
INTELLIGENCE CHIEF NOVEMBER 7. UGAZ SAID HIS MANDATE COVERS
MORE THAN THE MONTESINOS MONEY LAUNDERING ALLEGATIONS AND
APPLIES TO ANY AND ALL PERSONS WHO MAY BE LINKED TO
MONTESINOS' CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES. END SUMMARY.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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2. (U) JOSE UGAZ, SPECIAL PROSECUTOR INVESTIGATING VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS, REVEALED NOVEMBER 7 THAT A DETENTION ORDER HAD BEEN ISSUED NOVEMBER 6. UGAZ SAID HIS INVESTIGATION WILL COVER SEVEN CRIMES: MONEY LAUNDERING; ILLEGAL ENRICHMENT; EXTORTION; INFLUENCE PEDDLING; TAX FRAUD; TORTURE AND MURDER. UGAZ STATED THAT THE AWAITED JUDICIAL ORDER CAME FROM A TRUSTWORTHY JUDGE WITH NO KNOWN TIES TO MONTESINOS. THE JUDGE ALSO ORDERED THE FREEZING OF ALL ASSETS AND BANK ACCOUNTS BELONGING TO MONTESINOS.

3. (U) SOON AFTER THE ORDER WAS ISSUED, THE POLICE SEARCHED SEVERAL APARTMENTS AND SEIZED NUMEROUS BOXES AND SUITCASES FULL OF VIDEOS, BOOKS AND DOCUMENTS. THE NEW HEAD OF THE PERUVIAN POLICE, GEN. FEDERICO HURTADO, LED THE OPERATIONS. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 9 PRESIDENT FUJIMORI SAID RAIDS TO MONTESINOS HOUSES AND APARTMENTS YIELDED RECORDS OF BANK HOLDINGS IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE GRAND CAYMAN ISLANDS, WHERE MONTESINOS HAD

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\$5.3 MILLION AT THE BILBAO VISCAYA BANK. ACCORDING TO HIM, ACCOUNTS WERE ALSO FOUND IN URUGUAY AND POSSIBLY THE UNITED STATES, ADDING THAT SO FAR THE GOP HAS TRACED \$58 MILLION TO MONTESINOS.

4. (U) THE WHEREABOUTS OF MONTESINOS, HOWEVER, REMAIN A MYSTERY. WHILE THERE IS SPECULATION THAT HE MAY HAVE LEFT PERU, MANY BELIEVE THAT PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S VISITS TO THE ARMY AND NAVY CLUBS IN THE EARLY HOURS OF NOVEMBER 7 WERE CONNECTED TO THE SEARCH FOR HIS FORMER INTELLIGENCE CHIEF. AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE, FUJIMORI NOTED THAT SEVERAL PORTS AND AIRPORTS ARE BEING TIGHTLY MONITORED TO PREVENT MONTESINOS' ESCAPE FROM PERU.

5. (C) MEANWHILE, MORALIZING INDEPENDENT FRONT (FIM) LEADER, CONGRESSMAN FERNANDO OLIVERA TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY A SENIOR MILITARY OFFICER TO NEGOTIATE A DEAL ON MONTESINOS BEHALF.

THAT NEITHER HE NOR HIS POLITICAL MOVEMENT WILL PLAY ANY MEDIATING ROLE FOR MONTESINOS. AS IS BEING REPORTED IN SEPTBL, PRESIDENT FUJIMORI TOLD THE AMBASSADOR NOVEMBER 8 THAT MONTESINOS HAD ALSO APPROACHED

HAD SOUGHT GOP VIEWS AND WAS TOLD HE OUGHT TO URGE MONTESINOS TO TURN HIMSELF IN.

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6... (C) COMMENT: UGAZ IS ADMITTEDLY INTERPRETING HIS
MANDATE IN THE BROADEST SENSE POSSIBLE. HE HAS MADE THE
MONEY LAUNDERING ALLEGATIONS A GATEWAY FOR PROBING ANY
POSSIBLE WRONGDOING BY MONTESINOS. HE IS WELL AWARE THAT
HIS EFFORTS POTENTIALLY THREATEN PERSONS AT ALL LEVELS OF

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GOVERNMENT, BUT THE DOOR IS NOW CLEARLY OPEN FOR A WIDE-
RANGING INVESTIGATION. UGAZ ESPOUSES CONFIDENCE THAT HE HAS
FREE REIGN AND RESOURCES TO PURSUE HIS INVESTIGATION.

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