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CEREMONIES. AFTER THE AIRPORT ARRIVAL, PRESIDENT FUJIMORI MET FIRST WITH FIDEL CASTRO FOR TWO HOURS, LUNCHED WITH CASTRO AND MEMBERS OF HIS GOVERNMENT, HELD A FORMAL MEETING AT THE OFFICES OF CUBAS "COUNCIL OF STATE," GAVE A BRIEF PRESS CONFERENCE, AND THEN DEPARTED FOR LIMA THAT EVENING.

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4. (U) WHILE SUDDEN AND UNEXPECTED, THE VISIT DID NOT APPEAR TO BE UNPLANNED. CARLOS LAGE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE AND CASTROS HEIR PRESUMPTIVE, WORE A SUIT TO THE MEETINGS -- THE FIRST TIME HE HAS DONE SO IN YEARS.

5. (U) FUJIMORIS SURPRISE VISIT WAS THE LEAD STORY IN CUBAS NATIONAL EVENING NEWS MARCH 3, TAKING UP A QUARTER OF THE BROADCAST. AFTER THE NEWS, CUBAN TELEVISION BROADCAST PRESIDENT FUJIMORIS BRIEF PRESS CONFERENCE IN FULL, FOLLOWED BY FIDEL CASTROS ALMOST UNINTELLIGIBLE REMARKS AS FUJIMORIS AIRCRAFT DEPARTED THE RAMP FOR THE RETURN FLIGHT TO LIMA. "GRANMA," THE COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S OFFICIAL DAILY, GAVE THE VISIT FRONT PAGE TREATMENT IN ITS MARCH 4 EDITION. CAREFULLY CHOSEN MOVES IN A DELICATE MINUET

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1. CLASSIFIED BY MICHAEL G. KOZAK, PRINCIPAL OFFICER. REASON: 1.5 (D)
2. (U) SUMMARY: PERUVIAN PRESIDENT ALBERTO FUJIMORI SPENT MOST OF MARCH 3 IN HAVANA MEETING WITH FIDEL CASTRO AND MEMBERS OF HIS GOVERNMENT. BOTH HEADS OF STATE DESCRIBED THE MEETINGS AS CORDIAL AND FRUITFUL. VISITING ICRC WESTERN HEMISPHERE DIRECTOR AMAR CONCLUDED THAT THE VISIT SEALED AN ARRANGEMENT FOR CUBA TO ACCEPT THE MRTA TERRORISTS IN RETURN FOR RELEASING THE HOSTAGES. END SUMMARY.

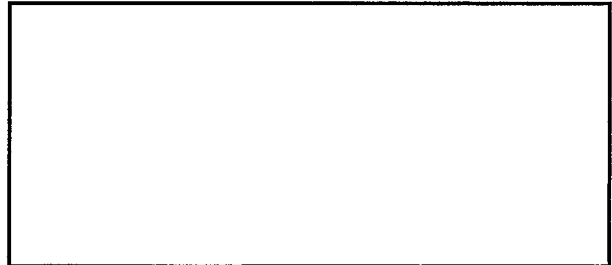
FUJIMORI DROPS IN ON FIDEL

3. (U) PERUVIAN PRESIDENT ALBERTO FUJIMORI ARRIVED IN HAVANA AT 10:30 A.M. MARCH 3 FOR A DAY-LONG SERIES OF ENCOUNTERS WITH CUBAN PRESIDENT FIDEL CASTRO. A FULL HONOR GUARD AND TROOP REVIEW MARKED THE AIRPORT ARRIVAL

6. (U) AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE PRESIDENT FUJIMORI TOOK THREE QUESTIONS IN SPANISH, FROM PERUVIAN, CUBAN, AND MEXICAN REPORTERS, RESPECTIVELY. AS THE CUBAN OFFICIAL HAS IN THE PROCESS OF TERMINATING THE CONFERENCE PRESIDENT FUJIMORI INTERVENED DELIBERATELY TO SPECIFICALLY TAKE A QUESTION IN ENGLISH. (FROM CNN) IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS PRESIDENT FUJIMORI REFERRED TO FIDEL CASTRO AS A "PERSONAL FRIEND" AND EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR HIS CORDIAL RECEPTION. HE CHARACTERIZED HIS CONVERSATIONS AS "POSITIVE" AND "FRUITFUL." FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION FUJIMORI SAID THAT THE TWO LEADERS DISCUSSED "TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND COOPERATION IN THE AREAS OF HEALTH AND TOURISM" ALONG WITH "SEVERAL POINTS I CANNOT DISCUSS." WITH AN APPARENT EYE TO WASHINGTON, FUJIMORI ALSO VOLUNTEERED IN AN ASIDE THAT CERTAIN "DISCREPANCIES" ALSO EXISTED BETWEEN CUBA AND PERU.

7. (U) REGARDING THE MRTA HOSTAGE SITUATION IN LIMA, FIDEL CASTRO REPEATED THAT CUBAS "MORAL RESPONSIBILITY" REQUIRED IT TO ASSIST IN RESOLVING THE HOSTAGE CRISIS IF ALL OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED -- THE MRTA LEADERS AND THE GOVERNMENTS OF PERU AND JAPAN -- FORMALLY REQUESTED HIS ASSISTANCE. FUJIMORI CONFIRMED THIS FORMULA, ADDING THAT THE GUARANTEEING PARTIES (CANADA, THE CATHOLIC CHURCH/VATICAN, AND THE ICRC) ALSO NEEDED TO BE PART OF THE REQUEST. HIS GOAL, SAID FUJIMORI, HAS "A PEACEFUL EXIT TO A HOSTAGE SITUATION" IN "AS SHORT A TIME AS POSSIBLE." GIVEN FIDEL CASTROS "COMPREHENSION" OF THE

SITUATION, SAID FUJIMORI, HE HAS HOPEFUL THAT HIS VISIT WOULD LEAD TO A "PEACEFUL EXIT."



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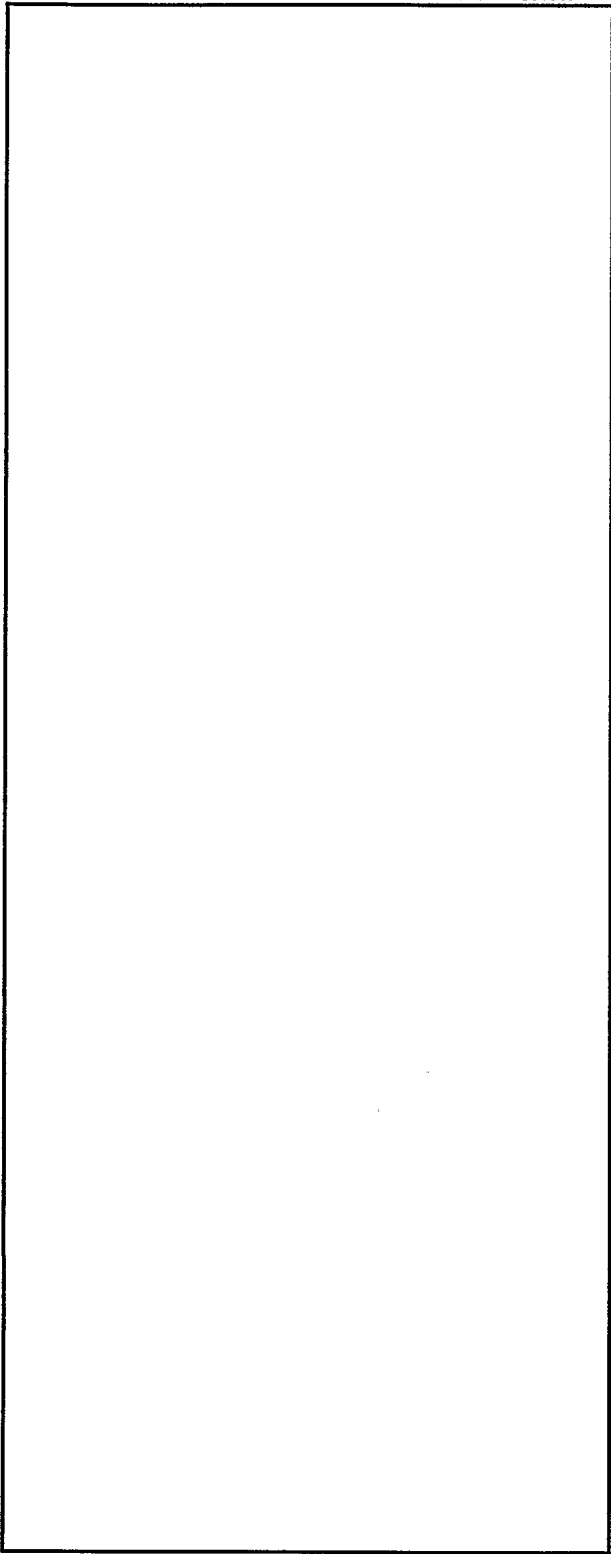
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