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- 1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE ASDAR FROM JUNE 21, 1993
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BEGIN TEXT:

VENEZUELA

(C) RELATIONS WITH PERU. VENEZUELA AND PERU RECENTLY RESTORED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, WHICH CAP HAD SUSPENDED AFTER FUJIMORI'S AUTOGOLPE. RELATIONS HAD REMAINED SUSPENDED EVEN AFTER PERU'S RETURN TO DEMOCRACY LARGELY BECAUSE OF THE PERSONAL ANIMUS BETWEEN CAP AND FUJIMORI. (KAPLAN)

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ECUADOR

(LOU) SIXTO PLANS US VISIT: PRESIDENT DURAN BALLEEN WILL VISIT WASHINGTON JUNE 30 - JULY 3 FOR A MEDICAL CHECKUP (HE HAD BACK SURGERY AT SIBLEY HOSPITAL IN FEBRUARY). SIXTO ALSO WANTS TO MEET SENIOR IMF OFFICIALS IN AN ATTEMPT TO CONVINCING THEM TO ELIMINATE POLITICALLY CONTROVERSIAL FUEL PRICE INCREASES AS A PRECONDITION FOR AN IMF AGREEMENT. (RAMOTOWSKI)

BOLIVIA

(C) GONI ON ERADICATION: PRESIDENT-ELECT GONZALO SANCHEZ DE LOZADA TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE FAVORED "TEARING OUT ALL THE COCA BUSHES QUICKLY." GONI SAID HE WOULD SUPPORT AN APPROACH TO THE WORLD BANK FOR A MASSIVE ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT FINANCING PROJECT. EMBASSY COMMENT: GONI'S ABILITY TO PRESS A VIGOROUS ERADICATION PROGRAM WILL DEPEND ON THE AMOUNT OF ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT FUNDING AVAILABLE AND THE POLITICAL ALLIANCES HE MAKES. A

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 COALITION WITH THE MBL OR CONDEPA WOULD DOOM SUCH AN POLICY. (MARCUS)

(C) GONI ON EXTRADITION: THE PRESIDENT-ELECT WAS COOL TO THE IDEA OF NEGOTIATING A NEW EXTRADITION TREATY. HE PROFESSED AN ATTACHMENT TO THE 1900 TREATY WHICH WAS SIGNED BY HIS GRANDFATHER. GONI SAID HE WOULD PREFER TO NEGOTIATE AMENDMENTS TO THE OLD TREATY. EMBASSY COMMENT: IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, WE WILL BE STARTING FROM SCRATCH WITH GONI ON EXTRADITION. (MARCUS)

(C) UCS TO JOIN WITH THE MNR?: THE TOP LEADERSHIP OF THE CIVIC SOLIDARITY UNION (UCS), INCLUDING VP CANDIDATE EDGAR TALAVERA BUT NOT PARTY PRESIDENT MAX FERNANDEZ, TOLD EMBASSY OFFICERS THEY WOULD LIKE TO JOIN SANCHEZ DE LOZADA'S NEW GOVERNMENT. INDICATING THAT THEY WISH TO KEEP FERNANDEZ ONLY AS A FIGUREHEAD PRESIDENT WHILE LETTING TALAVERA RUN THE PARTY, THEY ASKED IF EMBASSY LA PAZ HAD ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE UCS AS A PARTY. EMBASSY OFFICERS SAID NO. TALAVERA SAID THE UCS WOULD BE A MORE LOGICAL PARTNER OF THE MNR THAN THE UNRELIABLE CONDEPA OR OVERLY-DEMANDING MBL. (A PREVIOUS REPORT INDICATED GONI IS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING AN ALLIANCE WITH THE UCS IF MAX CAN BE PUT OUT TO PASTURE.) (MARCUS)

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PERU

(LOU) SENDERO ACTIONS IN LIMA. SENDERO IS REPORTEDLY THE SILENT FORCE BEHIND A WHOLESALERS' CONCERNS OVER NEW TAXES TO PUSH FOR A STRIKE WITHIN 2 DAYS OF AN IMPORTANT SL ANNIVERSARY. SEPARATELY, MICHEL AZECUTA, THE FORMER MAYOR OF VILLA EL SALVADOR WHO NARROWLY ESCAPED AN SL ASSASSINATION

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 ATTEMPT JUNE 16, IS RECOVERING FROM A SECOND EMERGENCY OPERATION. HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO LIMA'S CENTRAL POLICE HOSPITAL AS IT APPEARS THAT SL MADE A ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE HIM AT THE MARIA AUXILIADORA HOSPITAL. EMBASSY COMMENT: WITH THE ATTACK ON AZECUTA AND THE EARLIER FORCED EXILE OF HUAYCAN LEADER PASCUALA ROSADO, THE SENDERO HAVE NEARLY NEUTRALIZED PROGRESS IN LIMA'S TWO LEADING "MODEL" SHANTYTOWNS. (KEAN)

(C) CANTUTA MAY COST HERMOZA HIS JOB. THE CHIEF STAFFER ON THE CCD JUDICIARY COMMITTEE CLAIMS PRESIDENT FUJIMORI PLANS MAJOR CHANGES IN THE MILITARY HIGH COMMAND IN JULY. AMONG THOSE BELIEVED TO BE SLATED TO LEAVE WILL BE ARMY COMMANDER NICOLAS HERMOZA. FUJIMORI WILL MAKE THE MOVES TO QUIET THE GROWING FUROR OVER HERMOZA'S ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN THE LA CANTUTA DISAPPEARANCES. (HALL)

(U) GDP UP SLIGHTLY. PERUVIAN GDP ROSE 0.2 PERCENT IN APRIL OVER MARCH ON A SEASONALLY ADJUSTED BASIS, AND BY 6.4 PERCENT OVER APRIL 1992. DURING THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF THIS YEAR GDP WAS 2.8 PERCENT HIGHER THAN DURING THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. (HALL)

(C) SECOND HUANCAYO DOCUMENT. ANOTHER ANONYMOUS "LEON DORMIDO" DOCUMENT PURPORTS TO RECOUNT THE DETAILS OF THE TORTURE AND EXECUTION OF SOME 31 UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IN HUANCAYO IN 1992. THE DOCUMENT ALLEGES THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN HUANCAYO IS INVOLVED IN THE COVER-UP, AND CLAIMS THAT IT WILL SOON OFFER A REPORT ON ALL DISAPPEARANCES IN THE MANTARO FRONT IN 1991. EMBASSY COMMENT: LIKE LEON DORMIDO'S FIRST QOR(S) THESE CLAIMS ARE DETAILED ENOUGH TO WARRANT AN INVESTIGATION. THE QOR(S)

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GENERAL PEREZ DOQET. SINCE PEREZ DOCUMENTED A PROMINENT
ROLE IN THE CAPTURE (AND REPORTEDLY PERMITTED THE ABUSE) OF THE
PARTICIPANTS IN THE FAILED NOVEMBER 1992 COUP PLOT, THE JAILED
CONSPIRATORS MAY BE BEHIND THE RELEASE OF THESE PAPERS. IF THE
ALLEGATIONS ARE TRUE, THE COUP PLOTTERS WOULD HAVE BEEN IN A
POSITION TO KNOW. (HALL)

(C) STATUS OF CANTUTA INVESTIGATIONS. THREE SEPARATE OFFICIAL
INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE LA CANTUTA DISAPPEARANCES ARE UNDERWAY
IN PERU. THE SPECIAL CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE LOOKING AT THE
CASE WINDS UP ITS WORK THIS WEEK WITH A REPORT DUE TO BE
RELEASED JUNE 18. BOTH THE CONGRESSIONAL AND THE PUBLIC
MINISTRY INVESTIGATIONS HAVE RUN INTO A BRICK WALL; THE
MILITARY REFUSE TO LET ANY ACTIVE-DUTY SUSPECTS/WITNESSES BE
INTERROGATED. THE MILITARY COURT'S OWN INVESTIGATION IS
SHROUDED IN SECRECY. (HALL)

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