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1. CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL BY ARA PDAS PETER ROMERO.
REASON 1.5(D).

2. SUMMARY: [REDACTED] A MEMBER OF
THE [REDACTED] IN PERU'S CONGRESS,
CALLED ON ARA PDAS PETER ROMERO ON MAY 13 AND ARA/AND
OFFICE DIRECTOR DAVID PASSAGE ON MAY 15. [REDACTED] EXPRESSED
CONCERNS ABOUT ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE FUJIMORI GOVERNMENT

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WHICH DIEZ CHARACTERIZED AS AN OPEN CAMPAIGN OF
INTIMIDATION AGAINST PERU'S POLITICAL OPPOSITION. [REDACTED]
URGED THE USG TO TAKE NOTE OF THESE ACTIONS AND TO SPEAK
OUT AGAINST THEM AT THE UPCOMING OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN
LIMA. END SUMMARY.

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MEETING WITH ARA PDAS ROMERO

3. [REDACTED] IN HIS MEETING WITH PDAS ROMERO DESCRIBED WHAT HE CALLED A CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE OPPOSITION AS STARTING IN A SENSE WITH THE OCTOBER 1996 BOMBING OF A PUNO TELEVISION STATION WHICH HAD BROADCAST OPPOSITION TELEVISION PROGRAMS. THAT BOMBING, ALLEGEDLY CARRIED OUT BY ARMY INTELLIGENCE AGENTS, IN TURN LED TO THE SUBSEQUENT ARREST/ABDUCTION OF RETIRED GENERAL RODOLFO ROBLES, AFTER THE GENERAL MADE PUBLIC STATEMENTS CHARGING THAT FORMER MEMBERS OF THE LA COLINA DEATH SQUAD WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BOMBING (REF A AND PREVIOUS) [REDACTED] NOTED THAT THE BOMBING CASE HAD NOT YET BEEN RESOLVED, AND THAT ALTHOUGH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM WAS FUNCTIONING IN THE CASE, IT WAS ONLY DOING SO WITH GREAT DIFFICULTY.

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4. [REDACTED] THEN RECOUNTED THREE CASES INVOLVING CRIMINAL ATTACKS AGAINST OPPONENTS OF THE FUJIMORI GOVERNMENT AND THE PRESS WHICH HAD OCCURRED DURING THE MRTA HOSTAGE CRISIS. THE CASES INVOLVE ATTACKS AGAINST FORMER APRA ECONOMY MINISTER SABERBEIN, LA REPUBLICA EDITOR BLANCA ROSALES, AND ARGENTINE HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST PATRICIA VALDEZ. THE LATTER ATTACK OCCURRING WHILE VALDEZ WAS RIDING IN [REDACTED] CITED ALL THREE ATTACKS AS PLANNED GOVERNMENT INTIMIDATION OF THOSE PERCEIVED TO BE

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ITS OPPONENTS. HE DID NOT REFER TO SEEMINGLY STRONG EVIDENCE THAT THE ATTACK AGAINST LA REPUBLIC EDITOR BLANCA ROSALES WAS PURELY CRIMINAL (REF C).

5. [REDACTED] ALSO CONDEMNED GOVERNMENT INACTION CONCERNING THE NOVEMBER 1990 DYNAMITING OF HIS HOME. HE STATED JOSE LUIS BAZAN, A FORMER INTELLIGENCE AGENT, HAD ADMITTED ON TELEVISION IN 1995 AND AGAIN IN 1999 THAT HE AND TWO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE LA COLINA GROUP WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BOMBING. IRONICALLY, GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES HAD TAKEN NO ACTION AGAINST BAZAN BASED UPON HIS CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DYNAMITING, BUT HAD RECENTLY CHARGED HIM WITH "INFIDELITY" AND "ABANDONING HIS POST", PRESUMABLY AS A RESULT OF HIS REMARKS IMPLICATING THE LA COLINA GROUP IN THE DYNAMITING. [REDACTED] HAS COMMENCED A CIVIL PROCEEDING AGAINST BAZAN.

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6. [REDACTED] ALSO ARGUED THAT THE FUJIMORI ADMINISTRATION IS ATTEMPTING TO INTIMIDATE OR TAKE CONTROL OF WHAT DIEZ BELIEVES ARE THE LAST TWO GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONS NOT DOMINATED BY PRESIDENT FUJIMORI, THE FISCAL DE LA NACION AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT. IN THE CASE OF THE FISCAL,

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ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] THE SUPREME MILITARY TRIBUNAL HAS BROUGHT CHARGES AGAINST THE FISCAL AS A CONSEQUENCE OF A JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTE BETWEEN THE FISCAL AND MILITARY TRIBUNAL GROWING OUT OF THE ROBLES CASE. IN THE CASE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT, [REDACTED] STATED THAT CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES BELONGING TO PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S MOVIMIENTO 90 GROUPING WERE ATTEMPTING TO REMOVE FOUR OF THE SEVEN MEMBERS OF PERU'S CONSTITUTIONAL COURT FOR THEIR

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ACTIONS IN A CASE INVOLVING A CHALLENGE OF A LAW (AUTHENTIC CONSTITUTIONAL INTERPRETATION) WHICH WOULD ALLOW PRESIDENT FUJIMORI TO RUN FOR A THIRD PRESIDENTIAL TERM IN 2000. IN THE CASE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT, [REDACTED] ARGUED THAT THE COURT IN EFFECT WOULD BE "DECAPITATED" IF THE REMOVAL EFFORT SUCCEEDS, SINCE FUJIMORI'S SUPPORTERS DO NOT HAVE THE TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY NEEDED TO NAME REPLACEMENT MEMBERS OF THE COURT.

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-- [REDACTED] SAVED PERHAPS HIS STRONGEST CRITICISM FOR VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS, COMMONLY REPORTED IN PERU AS THE DE FACTO HEAD OF PERU'S INTELLIGENCE SERVICE. [REDACTED] CRITICIZED MONTESINOS AS BEING DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE OPPOSITION AND AS HAVING CONNECTIONS WITH DRUG TRAFFICKERS. [REDACTED] ARGUED THAT A REPORT MONTESINOS HAD FILED WITH PERUVIAN TAX AUTHORITIES SHOWING HIM TO HAVE HAD INCOME DURING 1996 OF SOME 1.6 MILLION SOLES (ABOUT ~50,000 USD) WAS STRONG EVIDENCE OF CORRUPTION. [REDACTED] STATED THAT SUCH INCOME WAS OBVIOUSLY EXTRAORDINARY FOR SOMEONE WHO WAS SUPPOSEDLY A FULL TIME PUBLIC EMPLOYEE AND THAT THE INCOME LEVEL FAR EXCEEDED THAT WHICH ANY OTHER LAWYER OR OTHER PROFESSIONAL IN PERU WOULD BE CAPABLE OF EARNING. [REDACTED] ALSO REFERRED TO A REPORT IN THE PERUVIAN MAGAZINE CARETAS THAT MONTESINOS WAS THE SUBJECT OF SOME FIFTY U.S. DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REPORTS AS ADDITIONAL "EVIDENCE" OF MONTESINOS' ALLEGED CONNECTIONS WITH DRUG TRAFFICKERS.

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8. [REDACTED] ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT A POSSIBLE

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RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MONTESINOS AND THE UNITED STATES.
[REDACTED] ASSERTED THAT MONTESINOS WAS A U.S. INTELLIGENCE
AGENT, A CHARGE REJECTED BY ROMERO.
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9. [REDACTED] CONCLUDED HIS CONVERSATION WITH PDAS ROMERO BY
REFERRING TO THE "PSYCHOLOGY" OF PRESIDENT FUJIMORI. HE
NOTED THAT FUJIMORI WAS "PREPARING THE LAND" FOR HIS RE-
ELECTION IN 2000. [REDACTED] ADDED THAT FUJIMORI'S CAMPAIGN
AGAINST THE OPPOSITION WAS LEADING TO A DANGEROUS

SITUATION, AND HE CALLED FOR THE UNITED STATES TO SPEAK OUT
AGAINST FUJIMORI'S ANTI-OPPOSITION CAMPAIGN. [REDACTED] CITED
THE UPCOMING OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE
U.S. AND OTHERS TO SPEAK OUT, BUT SPECULATED THAT FUJIMORI,
COMING OFF THE SUCCESS OF THE RESCUE MISSION ENDING THE
MRTA HOSTAGE CRISIS, WAS HOPING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
UNITED STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES AT THE MEETING WOULD SAY
NOTHING.

MEETING WITH ARA/AND DIRECTOR PASSAGE

10. [REDACTED] WAS ACCOMPANIED TO THE MAY 15 MEETING
WITH ARA/AND DIRECTOR DAVID PASSAGE BY [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] DURING THE
MEETING TOUCHED ON MANY OF THE SAME THEMES HE RAISED DURING
THE EARLIER MEETING WITH PDAS ROMERO.

11. [REDACTED] DURING THE MEETING ALSO CHALLENGED THE NOTION
THAT EVEN IF FUJIMORI IS ABLE TO FIND A WAY TO RUN FOR A
THIRD PRESIDENTIAL TERM IN 2000, THE PERUVIAN PEOPLE
ULTIMATELY WILL DECIDE IN THAT ELECTION WHETHER FUJIMORI
SHOULD BE RETURNED TO OFFICE. [REDACTED] QUESTIONED WHETHER SUCH
ELECTION WOULD BE TRULY FREE AND FAIR, DESPITE A GENERAL

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HISTORY OF CLEAN ELECTIONS IN PERU. [REDACTED] ARGUED THAT
PRESIDENT FUJIMORI WOULD TAKE STEPS TO GAIN CONTROL OF
NATIONAL ELECTORAL BODIES BEFORE 2000. HE ALSO ARGUED THAT
IT WILL BE HARD TO SAY ELECTIONS WERE FREE AND FAIR IF

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OPPOSITION CANDIDACIES HAVE BEEN DISCOURAGED BEFORE THE ELECTIONS. HE ALSO CLAIMED THE PRESENCE OF INTERNATIONAL ELECTION OBSERVERS WOULD NOT GUARANTEE FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS, SINCE ANY FRAUD PRESUMABLY WOULD OCCUR BEFORE ARRIVAL OF THE OBSERVERS.

12. [REDACTED] ADMITTED THAT AT LEAST A FEW CHECKS AND BALANCES STILL EXISTED IN THE PERUVIAN POLITICAL SYSTEM. THE PRESS CONTINUES TO BE FREE, ALTHOUGH IT IS AT TIMES UNDER PRESSURE FROM THE FUJIMORI ADMINISTRATION. [REDACTED] ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS TRANSPARENCIA (WHICH MONITORS ELECTIONS) CONTINUED TO FUNCTION IN PERU.

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13. [REDACTED] EXPRESSED SPECIAL CONCERNS ABOUT THE UPCOMING OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN LIMA. HE FEARS THAT PRESIDENT FUJIMORI WILL USE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN A WAY WHICH MAKES IT

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APPEAR THAT THE ASSEMBLY IS A HEMISPHERIC STAMP OF APPROVAL FOR THE FUJIMORI ADMINISTRATION'S POLICIES. [REDACTED] URGED THE UNITED STATES TO NOT ALLOW THE ASSEMBLY TO BE USED IN SUCH WAY, AND URGED THE US DEL TO THE ASSEMBLY TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS AND INTIMIDATION OF PERU'S POLITICAL OPPOSITION. [REDACTED] EXPRESSED SPECIAL INTEREST IN SEEING THE USG SPEAK OUT AGAINST WHAT [REDACTED] BELIEVES IS THE FUJIMORI ADMINISTRATION'S ATTEMPT TO DECAPITATE THE CONSTITUTIONAL TRIBUNAL.

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14 [REDACTED] ALSO WAS CRITICAL OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN LIMA. [REDACTED] CLAIMED THAT THE PERU PORTION OF THE REPORT, WHICH COVERS 1996, FAILED TO LINK THE BOMBING OF THE TELEVISION STATION IN PUNO AND THE ARREST/ABDUCTION OF GENERAL ROBLES. (NOTE: THE GOP INTERESTINGLY HAS ALSO BEEN CRITICAL OF THE REPORT, SAYING IT FAILED TO GIVE APPROPRIATE CREDIT TO PERU FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IMPROVEMENTS. END NOTE)

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15. [REDACTED] ALSO STATED THAT HE THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT THAT THE U.S. EMBASSY IN LIMA MAINTAIN CONTACTS WITH THE OPPOSITION. [REDACTED] ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE HAS CONTACTS WITH THE EMBASSY, BUT EXPRESSED THE DESIRE FOR

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR OPPOSITION MEMBERS TO HAVE A MORE INTENSIVE DIALOGUE WITH MISSION MEMBERS, PERHAPS IN SMALL GROUP SESSIONS, THAN THE OPPORTUNITIES HE NORMALLY GETS IN RECEPTION SETTINGS. [REDACTED] ALSO INDICATED AN INTEREST IN MEETING WITH CODEL MEMBERS WHO VISIT LIMA SO THAT THE OPPOSITION'S STORY COULD BE HEARD BY THEM.
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