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FOLLOWING IS THE ASDAR FOR JULY 02, 1997

1. (SBU) PERU: IVCHER CASE UPDATE. A PERUVIAN MILITARY COURT SUMMONED BARUCH IVOHER, THE OWNER OF LIMA'S CHANNEL TWO, TO APPEAR TODAY (JULY 2) BEFORE THE COURT AS A WITNESS IN A CASE AGAINST TWO "POLICE PROSECUTORS" WHOM IVCHER HAS ACCUSED OF EXTORTION. A CIVILIAN COURT ALSO HAS SUMMONED IVCHER TO TESTIFY IN A

CASE AGAINST IVCHER FOR "RESISTING AUTHORITY" WHEN HE PREVIOUSLY FAILED TO APPEAR FOR TESTIMONY IN THE CASE AGAINST THE TWO POLICE PROSECUTORS. A FORMAL ARREST WARRANT HAS NOT BEEN ISSUED AGAINST IVCHER, BUT A CONTINUED FAILURE TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COURTS SUMMONING HIM COULD LEAD PERUVIAN AUTHORITIES TO TAKE FURTHER ACTION AGAINST IVCHER. MEANWHILE, IVCHER HAS CHECKED INTO A MIAMI HOSPITAL, SAYING THROUGH HIS ATTORNEY THAT HE IS SUFFERING FROM A HEART PROBLEM BROUGHT ON BY THE STRESS OF HIS SITUATION. IVCHER HAS VOLUNTEERED TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY IN MIAMI TO APPROPRIATE PERUVIAN OFFICIALS, AN OFFER APPARENTLY REJECTED BY THE PERUVIAN MILITARY COURT ON THE GROUND THAT IT LACKS AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT.

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2. (C) PERU: KETIN VIDAL RETIRES. ANTONIO KETIN VIDAL, FORMER DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE PERUVIAN NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), RETIRED ON JUNE 24. KETIN VIDAL ASKED TO RETIRE FOR "ETHICAL AND MORAL REASONS" RATHER THAN TAKE UP THE WELL-PAID JOB OF POLICE ATTACHE AT PERU'S WASHINGTON EMBASSY. THE RESPECTED CAPTOR OF SENDERO LUMINOSO HEAD ABIMAEEL GUZMAN WAS ELIGIBLE TO CONTINUE IN THE POLICE RANKS UNTIL 2005. KETIN VIDAL WAS SEPARATED FROM THE TOP SPOT OF THE PNP RIGHT BEFORE THE MRTA HOSTAGE RESCUE. SOME OBSERVERS BELIEVE HE MAY NOW ENTER POLITICS (AND NOT WITH THE GOVERNMENT) IN THE RUN-UP TO 2000. THE EX-POLICE CHIEF ENJOYS CREDIBILITY ACROSS THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM AND WOULD HELP ANY PARTY HE SUPPORTS. FOR THE TIME BEING, HOWEVER, HE WILL HEAD UP SECURITY AT A BANK AND GO ON THE LECTURE CIRCUIT.

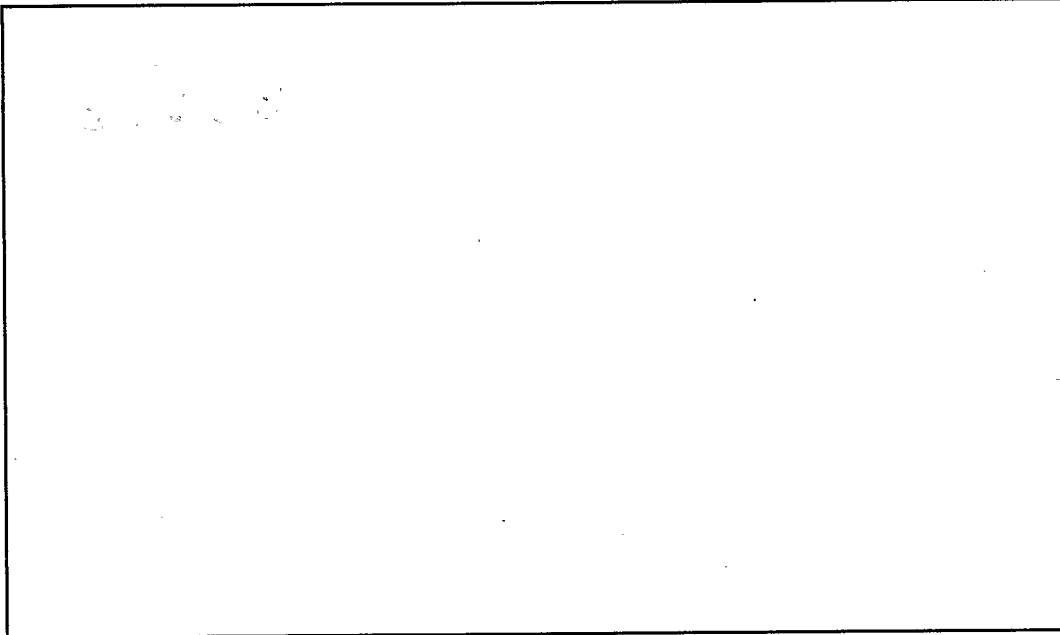
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