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1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY JIM WAGNER, POLCOUNS, AMERICAN EMBASSY LIMA.
REASON 1.5 (D).
2. (C) SUMMARY. IN A NOVEMBER 3-6 VISIT TO LIMA TO ATTEND THE OAS
INTER-AMERICAN DRUG ABUSE CONTROL COMMISSION (CICAD) CONFERENCE,
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[REDACTED] BILATERAL COOPERATION ON
COUNTERNARCOTICS, ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT AND EXTRADITION MATTERS
WERE DISCUSSED. ROMERO ALSO VISITED WITH THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
THE NATIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND CALLED ON
PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF MINES PANDOLFI TO DISCUSS THE
ONGOING LEGAL PROBLEMS OF U.S. FIRM NEWMONT MINES (SEE LIMA 9493).
ROMERO'S ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CICAD CONFERENCE ARE
REPORTED IN LIMA 9471 AND LIMA 9537. END SUMMARY.

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PROMOTING ANTIDRUG, ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT, JUDICIAL REFORM GOALS

4. (C) PDAS ROMERO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY OF THE CALL AT THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY TO COMPLIMENT PERU ON ITS EXCELLENT LEVEL OF BILATERAL
COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES ON COUNTERNARCOTICS PROGRAMS.
ROMERO NOTED THAT EARLIER IN THE DAY HE HAD PARTICIPATED IN A
SIGNING CEREMONY IN WHICH THE USG (THROUGH USAID) PROVIDED AN
ADDITIONAL USD20 MILLION IN CREDITS AND ASSISTANCE FOR ALTERNATIVE
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS TARGETING COCA PRODUCERS. GONZALEZ IZQUIERDO,
WHO IS THE MINISTER OF LABOR, AGREED THAT ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMS REPRESENTED THE ONLY VIABLE WAY TO PERSUADE PEASANT
FARMERS TO LEAVE COCA PRODUCTION AND MOVE INTO MORE PROFITABLE,

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LICIT CROPS.

5. (U) TURNING TO THE ISSUE OF AMCIT DRUG TRAFFICKERS IN JAIL IN PERU, CHARGE HODGES THANKED THE GOP FOR THE RECENT PROGRESS IN TWO CASES, BUT CAUTIONED THAT THERE WAS STILL CONSIDERABLE CONCERN IN [REDACTED]

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THE U.S. CONGRESS ABOUT THE SLOWNESS OF THE PERUVIAN JUDICIAL PROCESS. SHE MENTIONED IN PARTICULAR CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN THE CASE OF JENNIFER DAVIS AND KRISTA BARNES AND URGED THAT THE GOP BRING THE AMCITS' TRIAL TO A SPEEDY CLOSURE.

PROPOSAL FOR EXTRADITION TREATY NEGOTIATIONS

6. (C) PDAS ROMERO ALSO PRESENTED THE ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER WITH A DIPLOMATIC NOTE PROPOSING THE START OF FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS ON A NEW BILATERAL EXTRADITION TREATY. AMBASSADOR DE ZELA MENTIONED THAT IN PRINCIPLE THE USG AND GOP WERE IN AGREEMENT ON THE BASICS FOR A NEW TREATY. HE PROMISED TO FOLLOW UP ON THE PROPOSED DECEMBER DATES FOR THE TALKS.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMUNITY'S PERSPECTIVE

7. (C) AMBASSADOR ROMERO MET ON NOVEMBER 5 WITH SEVERAL LEADERS OF THE PERUVIAN NATIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS (COORDINADORA). HE NOTED THE HEALTHY TRANSITION IN PERU'S HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS FROM A FOCUS ON TORTURE AND KILLINGS BY THE SECURITY FORCES TO A PREOCCUPATION WITH SHORTCOMINGS IN THE COUNTRY'S DEMOCRATIC AND JUDICIAL PROCESSES, AND EXPRESSED HIS GRATIFICATION THAT THE "FACELESS" COURTS HAD BEEN ELIMINATED. THE COORDINADORA REPRESENTATIVES REPLIED THAT THE INTERNAL CONFLICT AND THE ABUSES OF THE PAST ARE NOT YET BEHIND THEM, AS EXEMPLIFIED BY RECENT SENDERO LUMINOSO (SHINING PATH-SL) ACTIVITY, THE TORTURE OF [REDACTED]

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LEONOR LA ROSA, AND THREATS THEY THEMSELVES HAD RECEIVED. THE INTERLOCUTORS ADDED THAT PERU STILL HAS NO LAW PROHIBITING TORTURE. THEY COMPLAINED THAT THE PERUVIAN MILITARY CONTINUES TO REJECT ANY COMMUNICATION WITH THEM, AND WONDERED IF A TRUTH COMMISSION MIGHT BE THE ANSWER.

8. (C) PDAS ROMERO REMINDED THE HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES THAT A LARGE SEGMENT OF THE PERUVIAN PUBLIC UNDOUBTEDLY APPRECIATED THE STRONG MEASURES TAKEN BY THE MILITARY AGAINST THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS, AND MAY ASSUME, HOWEVER WRONGLY, THAT THE ERA OF MONITORING AND RECTIFYING HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IS OVER. HE SAID THAT, IN OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES SUCH AS GUATEMALA, EL SALVADOR, CHILE AND ARGENTINA, THE COORDINADORA'S COUNTERPARTS HAVE SUCCESSFULLY RESHAPED THEIR AGENDA, ARE NOW FIGHTING FOR LOWER

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TAXES AND IMPROVED SOCIAL SERVICES, JUDICIAL REFORM, AND OTHER REFORMS TO STRENGTHEN DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS. HE SAID PEACE WILL COME ONLY WHEN THE POOR BEGIN TO ENTERTAIN HOPE THAT LIFE WILL GET BETTER AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE; OTHERWISE, THEY HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE. ROMERO CAUTIONED THAT, FOR TRUTH COMMISSIONS OR OTHER ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISMS TO WORK, THE INTERNAL CONFLICT MUST BE OVER IN PERU, WHICH IT IS NOT. IN ANY CASE, HE SAID A TRUTH COMMISSION MAY NOT BE AN APPROPRIATE FIRST STEP, AND ENCOURAGED THE COORDINADORA TO BEGIN ESTABLISHING LINKAGES WITH NEW CONSTITUENCIAS, SUCH AS THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, WHICH HAVE AN INTEREST IN PREVENTING FURTHER SOCIAL DISLOCATION AND ACHIEVING STABILITY.

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9. (U) PDAS ROMERO HAS CLEARED THIS MESSAGE.
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