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 TAGS: PGOV ASEC KDEM PHUM PINR PE
 SUBJECT: FUJIMORI ON CRIME, SQUELCHING DEBATE
 - AND RUSHING TO THE WRONG ANSWER.

1. CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR DENNIS C. JETT, EMBASSY LIMA. REASON 1.5 (D).

2. (U) IN THE INTEREST OF "EFFICIENCY," PRESIDENT FUJIMORI HAS ASKED CONGRESS FOR A TWO-WEEK WINDOW IN WHICH THE EXECUTIVE CAN

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 REVIEW AUTHORITY: OSCAR J. OLSON
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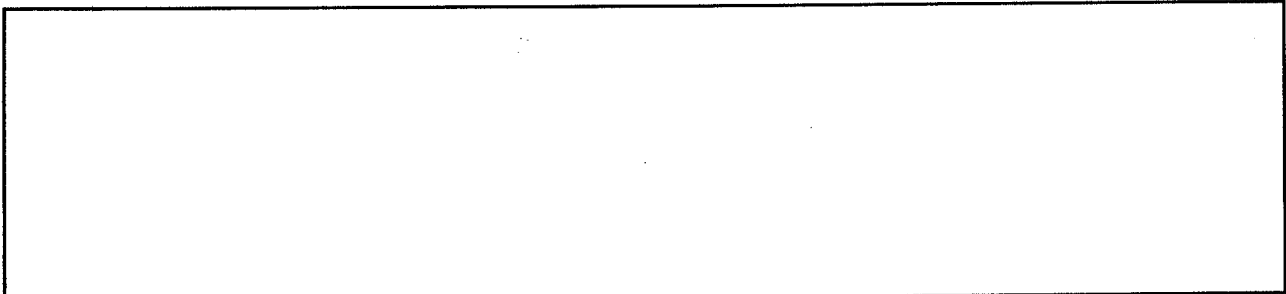
EXERCISE EXTRAORDINARY POWERS TO PUSH THROUGH ANTI-CRIME LEGISLATION. FUJIMORI'S ANNOUNCEMENT COMES JUST DAYS AFTER HE TOLD THE PRESS THAT THE EXECUTIVE HAD ANALYZED THE PROBLEM AND WOULD SUBMIT ITS PROPOSALS FOR THE LEGISLATURE'S CONSIDERATION.

3. (U) THE PERUVIAN PUBLIC IS CLEARLY SEIZED OF THE CRIME ISSUE. RESIDENTS OF PERU ARE TREATED TO DAILY ACCOUNTS OF MURDERS, KIDNAPPINGS AND ARMED ROBBERIES. SUCH CRIMES TAKE PLACE IN EVERY SECTION OF LIMA AROUND THE CLOCK. (SEVERAL EMBASSY EMPLOYEES WITNESSED THE IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH OF A COMBINED MURDER AND KIDNAPPING ON A SUBURBAN THOROUGHFARE A BLOCK FROM A POLICE STATION AND FROM THE EMBASSY THE MORNING OF MAY 5.)

4. (U) FUJIMORI IS POISED TO ANSWER THE PUBLIC CLAMOR FOR A CONCERTED EFFORT TO IMPROVE LAW ENFORCEMENT IN HIS USUAL MANNER: PUSHING HIS OWN PLAN THROUGH THE CONGRESS WITHOUT DEBATE. HE HAS ALREADY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE WANTS TO AVOID BOTH THE "CONSIDERABLE TIME" INVOLVED IN CONGRESS'S DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC SECURITY AND AN OPEN EXCHANGE ON HIS DECISION TO EXPAND THE ROLE OF THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIN) IN FIGHTING "ORGANIZED CRIME." HE ADDED

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THAT HE WILL LEGISLATE AN EXTENSION BEYOND THE 24-HOUR HOLDING PERIOD FOR CRIME SUSPECTS, IGNORING THE NEED TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION. IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER FUJIMORI'S PACKAGE WILL ADDRESS EITHER THE LONG-LANGUISHING CRIMINAL PROCEDURES CODE OR THE ORGANIC LAW GOVERNING PERU'S NATIONAL POLICE (PNP). MOST OBSERVERS EMPHASIZE THE NEED TO MODERNIZE THE POLICE THROUGH BETTER TRAINING, EQUIPMENT, AND HIGHER PAY RATHER THAN BRINGING IN OTHER ENTITIES TO BUTTRESS THE HAPLESS CONSTABULARY.



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