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SUBJECT: CIENEGUILLA KEYS FIT LOCKS
AT LA CANTUTA

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1. (U) IN THE FIRST DIRECT LINK ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE REMAINS DISCOVERED JULY 8 NEAR CIENEGUILLA, ON LIMA'S OUTSKIRTS, AND THE DISAPPEARANCE OF NINE STUDENTS AND A PROFESSOR FROM LA CANTUTA UNIVERSITY IN JULY 1992, KEYS FOUND AT THE CIENEGUILLA GRAVES WORKED TO OPEN LOCKERS AND DOORS AT THE UNIVERSITY. THE PROSECUTOR INVESTIGATING THE CASE, VICTOR CUBAS, TOOK THE KEYS TO THE UNIVERSITY AUGUST 20, AND IN FULL VIEW OF A MEDIA THROG, TRIED THE KEYS.

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2. (U) THERE WERE TWO SETS OF KEYS. ON ONE SET, ONE KEY OPENED A LOCKER AND ANOTHER A DORMITORY DOOR BELONGING TO ONE OF THE MISSING STUDENTS. ON THE OTHER SET, ONE KEY OPENED A LOCKER BELONGING TO ANOTHER OF THE DISAPPEARED, AND ANOTHER OPENED THE DOOR TO THE STUDENT UNION TO WHICH HE BELONGED. THE STUDENTS IN QUESTION WERE IDENTIFIED AS JUAN MARINOS FIGUEROA (29 AT THE TIME OF HIS ABDUCTION) AND ARMANDO AMARO CONDOR (21). IT IS UNCLEAR WHICH KEYS BELONGED TO WHICH STUDENTS.

3. (C) COMMENT: WE ARE AWAITING MORE DETAILS AND WILL REPORT ON THEM SEPARATELY. THE DISCOVERY THAT THE CIENEGUILLA KEYS OPEN LOCKERS AND DOORS AT LA CANTUTA IS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT BREAKTHROUGH IN BOTH CASES SO FAR. THE GOP HAS NOT YET ISSUED A STATEMENT OR OFFERED A RESPONSE.

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 WITH A LINK NOW ESTABLISHED BETWEEN CIENEGUILLA AND LA CANTUTA THE MILITARY MAY PREEMPT THE PUBLIC MINISTRY INVESTIGATION OF THE CIENEGUILLA CASE AS PART OF ITS SECRET INVESTIGATION INTO THE LA CANTUTA DISAPPEARANCES.

4. (C) THIS WOULD BE A DISTURBING DEVELOPMENT. THE CIENEGUILLA INVESTIGATION, FOR ALL OF ITS FAULTS, HAS AT LEAST BEEN MOVING; THE LA CANTUTA INVESTIGATION HAS SHOWN NO SIGNS OF MOVEMENT SINCE THE CCD SHUT DOWN ITS INVESTIGATION. EMBASSY WILL MAKE CLEAR TO GOP THE VERY HIGH IMPORTANCE OF A SERIOUS AND EXPEDITIOUS INVESTIGATION OF BOTH CASES, REMINDING GOP AGAIN OF U.S. OFFER TO PROVIDE FORENSIC ASSISTANCE. EMBASSY HAS NOT YET RECEIVED RESPONSE TO CHARGE'S WRITTEN OFFER TO FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA PUENTE TO PROVIDE THIS ASSISTANCE FROM THE FBI.
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