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 AMEMBASSY LA PAZ
 AMEMBASSY MADRID
 AMEMBASSY QUITO
 AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO
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 TAGS: PREL, EAID, PE
 SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR PUBLICIZES U.S. ELECTIONS ASSISTANCE;
 DEFENDS CIA, U.S. COOPERATION ON MONTESINOS INVESTIGATION

REF: A) LIMA 00649 B) ARIAS/TROLLAND TELCON 2/12

CLASSIFIED BY JOHN R. HAMILTON, AMBASSADOR. REASON FOR
CLASSIFICATION 1.5 (B) AND (D).

1. (U) AMBASSADOR AND NATIONAL ELECTIONS OFFICE (ONPE),

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CHIEF FERNANDO TUESTA MADE PUBLIC THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THE USG IS PROVIDING FOR PERU'S 2001 ELECTIONS AT A SIGNING CEREMONY AND PRESS CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 9. THE AMBASSADOR HIGHLIGHTED FOR REPORTERS THAT THE U.S. THROUGH AID IS GIVING \$3.3 MILLION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO ONPE AND THE NATIONAL ELECTION BOARD (JNE), \$2.3 MILLION FOR ELECTION OBSERVATION; AND \$1.3 MILLION FOR VOTER EDUCATION FOR A TOTAL OF \$7 MILLION. THE EVENT WAS CARRIED LIVE ON PERUVIAN CABLE NEWS, "CHANNEL N" AND AMPLY REPORTED ON ALL TV NEWS PROGRAMS. ALL MAJOR PAPERS GAVE THE SIGNING AND ANNOUNCEMENT PROMINENT, ACCURATE COVERAGE FEBRUARY 10.

2. (U) QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS FOCUSED PRIMARILY ON MONTESINOS, NOT THE ELECTIONS. THE AMBASSADOR WAS ASKED TO RESPOND TO RECENT PUBLIC COMMENTS BY CONGRESS PRESIDENT CARLOS FERRERO (PERU POSSIBLE) ASSERTING THAT THE CIA IS NOT COOPERATING IN THE SEARCH FOR MONTESINOS BECAUSE IT IS AN "AUTONOMOUS" POWER IN THE USG. THE AMBASSADOR DISAGREED.

WHICH IS TRUE

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HE SAID THE CIA IS A DISCIPLINED PROFESSIONAL AGENCY, SUBJECT NOT ONLY TO INTERNAL CONTROLS WITHIN THE CIA ITSELF, BUT ALSO TO OVERSIGHT BY THE EXECUTIVE AND U.S. CONGRESS. THE IDEA THAT THE CIA IS CONDUCTING ITS OWN FOREIGN POLICY IS SIMPLY NOT TRUE.

SOXKY, BUDDY
IT IS TRUE

3. (U) TO ANOTHER QUESTION THE AMBASSADOR RESPONDED THAT, CONTRARY TO THE ASSERTIONS OF LACK OF U.S. COOPERATION, HELP ON THE ARREST AND FORTHCOMING RETURN OF VICTOR VENERO WAS A CLEAR, CONCRETE DEMONSTRATION OF U.S. COOPERATION. ASKED IF HE THOUGHT THE VLADIVIDEOS SHOULD BE RELEASED, THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE BELIEVED PERU IS NOW ON THE RIGHT TRACK IN STARTING THE PROPER BALANCE BETWEEN THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO THE TRUTH, THE RIGHTS OF THOSE INVOLVED TO PROTECTIONS OF DUE PROCESS AND THE NEED TO PRESERVE EVIDENCE FOR USE IN POSSIBLE CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS.

4. (U) ASKED IF HE HAD EVER VISITED THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIN), MET WITH MONTESINOS, AND IF HE WOULD BE APPEARING ON ANY VIDEOS. AMBASSADOR ASSERTED HE "OF COURSE" HAD MET WITH THE FORMER NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR, AS IT IS HIS JOB TO DEAL WITH OFFICIALS OF THE GOVERNMENT TO WHICH HE IS ACCREDITED. HE HAD NEVER VISITED SIN OFFICES, HOWEVER, "...SO THE VIDEOS ARE ALL MINE (LAUGHTER)."

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5. (C) COMMENT: FERRERO'S COMMENTS FOLLOWED PUBLIC COMPLAINTS BY FELLOW PERU POSSIBLE LEGISLATOR DAVID WAISMAN ABOUT ALLEGED LACK OF USG COOPERATION WITH HIS COMMISSION INVESTIGATING MONTESINOS. ALTHOUGH CONTRADICTED BY SPECIAL PROSECUTOR UGAZ AND PRIME MINISTER PEREZ DE CUELLAR,
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BOTH LEGISLATORS' COMMENTS HAVE RECEIVED SUBSTANTIAL MEDIA ATTENTION AND THE CRITICISMS ARE ECHOING. THE AMBASSADOR DEFENDED OUR EFFORTS TO ASSIST THE PERUVIANS -- AND THE AGENCY -- STRONGLY. OUR BIGGEST VULNERABILITY AT THE MOMENT, HOWEVER, IS NOT YET HAVING PROVIDED ANY FORMAL RESPONSE TO THE LETTERS ROGATORY REGARDING THE VARIOUS ALLEGED MONTESINOS ACCOUNTS IN U.S. BANKS.
HAMILTON
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