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SUBJECT: PERUVIAN ELECTIONS UPDATE: MAY 30, SITREP 4

1. [REDACTED] SUMMARY: THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS OFFICE (ONPE)
ANNOUNCED AT 2030 MAY 29 THAT WITH 94.4 PERCENT OF THE VOTE

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COUNTED, PRESIDENT FUJIMORI HAD OBTAINED 51.05 PERCENT, ALEJANDRO TOLEDO 17.42 PERCENT, AND 31 PERCENT WERE BLANK OR NULL. (OF THE VALID VOTE, FUJIMORI HAD WON 74.57 PERCENT AND TOLEDO 25.43 PERCENT.) IN A NATIONALLY TELEVISED ADDRESS SHORTLY AFTER ONPE'S ANNOUNCEMENT, FUJIMORI DEFENDED THE ELECTIONS, SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD TAKE CORRECTIVE MEASURES TO OVERCOME DEMOCRATIC DEFICIENCIES, AND HIGHLIGHTED JOB CREATION AS THE MAIN PRIORITY FOR HIS NEW ADMINISTRATION. IN A CNN INTERVIEW, TOLEDO REJECTED THE LEGITIMACY OF THE ELECTIONS, SAID HE WOULD BE SENDING REPRESENTATIVES TO EUROPE AND THE U.S., AND ANNOUNCED PLANS FOR A FOUR MILLION PERSON MARCH ON LIMA IF FUJIMORI WAS INAUGURATED JULY 28. SMALL PROTESTS WERE REPORTED AROUND THE COUNTRY, DRAWING POLICE TEAR GAS IN HUANCAYO AND AREQUIPA. SINCE MAY 28, POLICE HAVE ARRESTED OVER 445 DEMONSTRATORS, ABOUT HALF OF WHOM STILL REMAIN IN CUSTODY.
END SUMMARY

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VOTING RESULTS AT 94 PERCENT

2. [REDACTED] AT 2030 MAY 29 ONPE DIRECTOR JORGE PORTILLO ANNOUNCED THAT, WITH 94.4 PERCENT OF THE RETURNS COUNTED, FUJIMORI LED TOLEDO 51.05 TO 17.42 PERCENT, WITH 31 PERCENT OF THE VOTE NULL OR INVALID. DISCOUNTING NULL AND INVALID VOTES, ONPE PROJECTED FUJIMORI WINNING 74.57 TO TOLEDO'S 25.43 PERCENT. THE HIGH NUMBER OF NULL BALLOTS, IN COMPARISON TO 2.25 IN THE FIRST ROUND ELECTIONS, SUGGESTS MANY VOTERS HEEDED TOLEDO'S CALL TO VITIATE THEIR BALLOTS. OFFICIAL FIGURES INDICATE THAT LESS OF ONE PERCENT OF THE VOTES WERE LEFT BLANK.

GOVERNMENT DEFENDS ELECTIONS

3. [REDACTED] SHORTLY AFTER ONPE'S ANNOUNCEMENT, PRESIDENT FUJIMORI DELIVERED A NATIONALLY TELEVISED ADDRESS, SAYING ALTHOUGH THE RECENT ELECTORAL PROCESS HAD BEEN ONE OF THE MOST "INTENSE" IN RECENT TIMES, THE MAY 28 RUNOFF REPRESENTED THE EXPRESSION OF THE PEOPLE'S WILL. HE TOLD VIEWERS ELECTORAL CONDITIONS HAD BEEN ADEQUATE TO GUARANTEE A LEGITIMATE PROCESS, AND THE COUNTRY HAD OVERCOME COMPUTER

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PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE VOTE COUNT. THE PRESIDENT CALLED ON PERUVIANS TO TURN THEIR ATTENTION TOWARD THE FIGHT AGAINST POVERTY, CREATION OF JOBS, DECENTRALIZATION, AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT. MORE WOULD BE DONE, HE SAID, TO "CORRECT ERRORS," WITH THE GOAL OF STRENGTHENING PERU'S DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS. THE PRESIDENT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 04 LIMA 03203 01 OF 03 302327Z "CERTAIN SECTORS OF THE POPULATION" WERE JUSTLY DISAPPOINTED DUE TO NEED OF PERU'S ECONOMIC POLICY TO FOCUS ON RECONSTRUCTION AND THE IMPACT OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CRISIS. FUJIMORI PLEDGED THAT, WITH THE HARDEST OBSTACLES ALREADY OVERCOME, HE WOULD LEAD PERU TO A MORE PROSPEROUS ERA.

4. [REDACTED] THESE THEMES TRACKED WITH REMARKS FUJIMORI HAD MADE EARLIER IN THE DAY IN A CNN (ESPANOL) INTERVIEW, IN WHICH HE DEFENDED PERU'S ELECTIONS AS FAIR, JUST, AND CLEAN, DENYING THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS A DICTATORSHIP. FUJIMORI CLAIMED THE ELECTION HAD MET INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS AND THE RESULTS WERE VALID, MAINTAINING THERE HAD BEEN TWO CANDIDATES RUNNING, NOT ONE. HE SAID THE GOP WOULD VIGOROUSLY DEFEND ITSELF AT THE MAY 31 OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL MEETING AND ESTABLISH THE LEGITIMACY OF PERU'S ELECTIONS. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ALLEGED TORTURE OF OPPOSITION JOURNALIST FABIAN SALAZAR (SEPTTEL), FUJIMORI SAID THERE WOULD BE AN INVESTIGATION AND THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR SALAZAR TO PRESENT THE FACTS, INCLUDING HIS INJURIES, NOTING THAT FOUR PEOPLE HAD DENIED SALAZAR'S CHARGES OF HAVING CONTACTS WITH THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIN).

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5. [REDACTED] PM BUSTAMANTE AND FM DE TRAZEGNIES MADE STATEMENTS CRITICAL OF THE USG AND OAS OBSERVER MISSION CHIEF EDUARDO STEIN SPECIFICALLY, WHOM THEY ACCUSED OF BEING PARTIAL AND ATTEMPTING TO IMPOSE HIS WILL ON THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT. STEIN, THEY SAID, HAD TRIED TO BE A MEDIATOR, WHICH WAS OUTSIDE THE OAS MANDATE. (COMMENT: THIS CONTRASTS WITH EARLIER GOVERNMENT STATEMENTS NOTING THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD SHOWN FLEXIBILITY IN REACHING A DEAL WITH STEIN ON POSTPONING THE ELECTIONS, ONLY TO HAVE THE DEAL SCUTTLED BY TOLEDO'S UNWILLINGNESS TO GO ALONG.) PM BUSTAMANTE SAID HE HAD SUSPECTED THE USG'S SUPPORT OF THE PERUVIAN OPPOSITION SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR. HE PLAYED DOWN THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S MAY 29 PRESS GUIDANCE, NOTING THAT IT WAS UNUSUAL FOR SUCH A STRONG STATEMENT TO BE MADE BY AN UNNAMED

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DEPARTMENT SOURCE. HE SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS THIS LANGUAGE HAD BEEN UNAUTHORIZED AND MIGHT HAVE BEEN MADE IN ADVANCE OF A MORE FORMAL DECLARATION.

TOLEDO'S CHARGE CONTINUES

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6. [REDACTED] BUOYED BY STATEMENTS CONDEMNING THE ELECTIONS, TOLEDO CONTINUED TO ALLEGE FRAUD AND CHALLENGE THE VALIDITY OF FUJIMORI'S VICTORY. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH CNN (ESPAÑOL), HE CALLED ON THE OAS TO ACTIVATE RESOLUTION 1080, STIPULATING HE DID NOT WANT INTERNATIONAL SANCTIONS, BUT WARNED THAT THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT HAD PICKED A FIGHT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND RISKED ISOLATION. TOLEDO ACCUSED THE GOVERNMENT OF DAMAGING THE COUNTRY'S REPUTATION AND DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS. HE SAID HE WOULD BE TRAVELLING AROUND PERU TO LEAD A PEACEFUL RESISTANCE MOVEMENT, AND THAT, IF PRESIDENT FUJIMORI "WAS STILL AROUND" TO ATTEND HIS INAUGURATION ON JULY 28, TOLEDO WOULD ORGANIZE A FOUR MILLION PERSON MARCH ON LIMA TO BLOCK THE PRESIDENT FROM SERVING HIS THIRD TERM. TOLEDO TOLD REPORTERS HE WAS SENDING EMISSARIES TO EUROPE AND THE U.S. TO BRIEF GOVERNMENTS ON POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS HERE.

HUMAN RIGHTS OMBUDSMAN, NGOS ALSO CRITICAL

7. [REDACTED] MEETING WITH PRESIDENT OF CONGRESS MARTA HILDEBRANT TO PRESENT HIS ANNUAL REPORT, HUMAN RIGHTS OMBUDSMAN JORGE SANTISTEVAN TOLD THE PRESS THAT THE SECOND ROUND RUNOFF HAD SUFFERED A "DEFICIT OF LEGITIMACY" THAT HAD DIVIDED THE COUNTRY IN TWO. NGO TRANSPARENCIA RELEASED A STATEMENT CHARACTERIZING THE SECOND ROUND RESULTS INVALID, URGING THE POLITICAL PARTIES TO ENGAGE IN DIALOGUE, AND CALLING FOR NEW ELECTIONS. (NOTE: TRANSPARENCIA WILL SEND FOUR OF ITS BOARD MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE OAS PERMANENT

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COUNCIL SESSION MAY 31 AND TO THE OASGA IN WINDSOR.)

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PROTESTS CONTINUE ON SMALLER SCALE, SOME VIOLENCE

8. [REDACTED] IN HIS MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT OF CONGRESS, SANTISTEVAN SAID POLICE HAD, FOR THE MOST PART, EXERCISED RESTRAINT. HE SAID THEY HAD USED EXCESSIVE FORCE IN A FEW INSTANCES AND THERE HAD BEEN INJURIES, BUT POLICE HAD NOT USED ANY FIREARMS TO QUELL DISTURBANCES. THE OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE RELEASED A STATEMENT MAY 29 REPORTING THAT POLICE HAD ARRESTED 445 PROTESTERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND HAD RELEASED ABOUT HALF, LEAVING OVER 200 STILL IN CUSTODY. A TOTAL OF 130 INJURIES HAD BEEN REPORTED NATIONWIDE, INCLUDING ONE WOMAN FROM LIMA IN SERIOUS CONDITION.

9. [REDACTED] MAY 29-30 PRESS REPORTS INDICATED THAT PROTESTS CONTINUED ON A SMALLER SCALE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. TV NEWS FOOTAGE FROM HUANCAYO SHOWED POLICE USING TEARGAS TO DISPERSE AROUND 300 DEMONSTRATORS, THROWING ROCKS AT A MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND BREAKING WINDOWS. IN AREQUIPA, POLICE HAVE SEALED OFF THE TOWN CENTER AND HAVE DEPLOYED A HEAVY PRESENCE. SOURCES IN AREQUIPA REPORTED MINOR

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SKIRMISHES. IN JUNIN, POLICE THWARTED PROTESTORS' ATTEMPT TO ATTACK GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS. IN LIMA, 500 MARCHED PEACEFULLY IN THE CENTRAL PLAZA TO DEMAND THE RELEASE OF PROTESTERS ARRESTED MAY 28. PEACEFUL RALLIES WERE ALSO REPORTED IN CHIMBOTE, TRUJILLO, AND CHICLAYO.

10. [REDACTED] COMMENT: TOLEDO AND PRESIDENT FUJIMORI ARE BOTH DIGGING IN. HOPING TO RIDE OUT THE CURRENT WAVE OF INTERNATIONAL CRITICISM AND DOMESTIC UNREST, THE GOVERNMENT IS PORTRAYING THE ELECTION AS A DONE DEAL. IT MAY MOVE QUICKLY TO APPOINT A NEW CABINET AND UNDERTAKE A HOUSECLEANING TO BURNISH ITS DEMOCRATIC CREDENTIALS. TOLEDO, WHOM PRO-GOVERNMENT PAPERS ARE ALREADY DISMISSING AS THE "EX-CANDIDATE," HAS RECEIVED A BOOST FROM INTERNATIONAL PRESS CRITICAL OF PERU AND IS EXPLORING A VARIETY OF WAYS TO INCREASE PRESSURE ON THE GOVERNMENT. THOUGH ORGANIZING A MARCH OF FOUR MILLION MAY BE FAR TOO AMBITIOUS FOR A PARTY THAT HAD PROBLEMS FINDING 80,000 VOTING TABLE MONITORS, TOLEDO HAS DEMONSTRATED IN RECENT DAYS HIS POPULAR APPEAL AND ABILITY TO GET PEOPLE ON THE STREET. HOWEVER, WITH NO APPARENT LONG-TERM STRATEGY, TOLEDO'S MOMENTUM WILL LIKELY

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