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SUBJECT: MEMBERS OF PERU'S CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION REQUEST FOR
FOIA HUMAN RIGHTS INFORMATION

1. THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST.

2. ON JULY 6, POLCOUNS RECEIVED AN OFFICIAL REQUEST FROM FOUR
OPPOSITION MEMBERS OF PERU'S CONGRESS REGARDING INFORMATION THE
USG MAY HAVE REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AGAINST MEMBERS OF
PERU'S OPPOSITION OR THE INDEPENDENT PRESS. THE REQUEST WAS MADE
SHORTLY AFTER MEDIA COVERAGE IN THE U.S. (NEW YORK TIMES) AND
PERU OF U.S. SENATE FOREIGN AID BILL WHICH ACKNOWLEDGES STATE

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DEPARTMENT (INL) FUNDING FOR A COUNTER-NARCOTICS ANALYSIS UNIT
WHICH COMES UNDER THE PERUVIAN NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE
(SIN). THE BILL REQUESTS THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT CONSULT WITH
CONGRESS PRIOR TO ANY "FURTHER" PROVISION OF AID TO THE SIN. (IN
1996-97, INL PROVIDED A TOTAL OF \$184,000 FOR COMPUTERS, SOFTWARE
AND TECHNICAL TRAINING RELATED TO GOP COUNTER-NARCOTICS EFFORTS.)

3. THE FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED
PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS BILL, FY2000, NOTES THE FOLLOWING
REGARDING PERU: "THE COMMITTEE HAS REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED CONCERN
ABOUT U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE PERUVIAN NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE
(SIN). THE COMMITTEE CONTINUES TO RECEIVE REPORTS THAT

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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INVESTIGATIONS OF ALLEGATIONS OF CORRUPTION BY SIN OFFICIALS ARE ROUTINELY BLOCKED, THAT THE SIN HAS WITHHELD INFORMATION FROM U.S. OFFICIALS, AND THAT THE SIN CONTINUES TO HARASS AND INTIMIDATE JOURNALISTS AND OPPONENTS OF THE RULING PARTY. THE COMMITTEE REQUESTS TO BE CONSULTED PRIOR TO ANY DECISION TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE SIN."

4. THE LETTER PRESENTED BY OPPOSITION MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO EMBASSY LIMA NOTES THEIR DESIRE FOR "RELIABLE" USG INFORMATION REGARDING CLAIMS THAT PERU'S INTELLIGENCE SERVICES ARE INVOLVED IN SYSTEMATIC HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY SEEKS GUIDANCE REGARDING NEXT STEP IN RESPONDING TO CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES AND INFORMATION ON FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOIA) REGULATIONS. THERE FOLLOWS THE INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE LETTER'S TEXT.

6. BEGIN TEXT OF LETTER ADDRESSED TO U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, MADELEINE ALBRIGHT, DATED JULY 4, 1999, LIMA, PERU.

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THE PERUVIAN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO SIGN BELOW WISH TO REQUEST YOUR COOPERATION IN THE DEFENSE OF DEMOCRACY AND FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS, PRINCIPLES WHICH SHOULD BE GIVEN A FIRST PRIORITY STATUS IN THE RELATIONS MAINTAINED BY NATIONS. THIS IS PARTICULARLY OUR CASE SINCE WE ARE MEMBERS OF THE SAME ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES.

FOR THAT REASON WE WISH TO REQUEST, THROUGH YOUR PERSON, THAT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA MAKE PUBLIC ALL DOCUMENTS, BEGINNING IN JULY 1990, WHICH ARE RELATED TO HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS OR TO THE USE OF PERUVIAN INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES OR OTHER INSTITUTIONS AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITION OR THE INDEPENDENT PRESS, AND WHICH MIGHT HAVE BEEN ISSUED (THE DOCUMENTS) BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT, THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES, THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT, AND OTHER AGENCIES WHICH YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE.

WE ARE AWARE THAT AMERICAN LEGISLATION PERMITS THE DISCLOSURE OF THOSE DOCUMENTS, AND WE BELIEVE THAT THEY WILL BE MOST IMPORTANT IN STRENGTHENING PERUVIAN DEMOCRACY AND AVOIDING THAT IN THE FUTURE ACTS WHICH ARE CONTRARY TO OUR CONSTITUTION AND TO INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS WHICH PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH OUR NATION HAS SUBSCRIBED, MAY BE PERPETRATED. WE REGRET THAT U.S. AID TO PERU HAS BEEN REDUCED OR PLACED UNDER OBSERVATION DUE TO

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THE IMPROPER CONDUCT OF CERTAIN PUBLIC OFFICERS, WHICH IN TURN
WILL AFFECT THE FINANCIAL STATUS OF ALL PERUVIANS. IN ORDER TO
AVOID THIS FROM OCCURRING AGAIN IN THE FUTURE, WE BELIEVE THAT IT
IS ESSENTIAL FOR YOUR COUNTRY TO DISCLOSE ALL THE INFORMATION IT
HAS ON THE SUBJECT, AS IT HAS ALREADY BEEN THE CASE, FOR EXAMPLE,

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WITH REGARD TO A NEIGHBORING COUNTRY (REFERRING TO CHILE).

WE ARE CERTAIN THAT THIS LETTER WILL MERIT YOUR CONSIDERATION,
AND WISH TO THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR ANY ASSISTANCE WHICH THE
UNITED STATES MAY GRANT TO THE PERUVIAN PEOPLE.

SINCERELY,

(SIGNED) CARLOS CHIPOCO
PERUVIAN CONGRESSMAN

(SIGNED) HENRY PEASE
PERUVIAN CONGRESSMAN

(SIGNED) ANEL TOWNSEND
PERUVIAN CONGRESSWOMAN

(SIGNED) LOURDES FLORES NANO
PERUVIAN CONGRESSWOMAN

7. PLEASE ADVISE.

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