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SUBJECT: FUJIMORI ORDERS DAUGHTER KEIKO TO STOP CAMPAIGNING AGAINST MONTESINOS; FIRES OFFICIAL WHO RESISTED PRESSURES FROM MONTESINOS

REFS: LIMA 4932 (EXDIS)

1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR JOHN R. HAMILTON FOR REASONS 1.5B AND 1.5D.

2. (C) SUMMARY: PRESIDENT FUJIMORI HAS TOLD HIS DAUGHTER KEIKO IN CATEGORICAL TERMS TO LAY OFF HER CAMPAIGNING AGAINST DE FACTO NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER MONTESINOS -- THAT HE HAS DECIDED TO RETAIN MONTESINOS AND WILL NOT HAVE HIS OWN DAUGHTER UNDERCUTTING HIM.

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IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT INVOLVING MONTESINOS, THE

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PRESIDENT IS FIRING DR. BEATRIZ BOZA, THE WIDELY RESPECTED HEAD OF INDECOPI, A FIVE YEAR OLD MULTIFACETED AGENCY THAT, INTER-ALIA, RULES ON CHAPTER 11-STYLE ADMINISTRATIVE BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS.

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SEPTEL IS REPORTING AUGUST 21 PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE BREAKUP OF COLOMBIAN ARMS TRAFFICKING RING IN WHICH FUJIMORI MADE CLEAR HIS INTENTION TO KEEP MONTESINOS ON BOARD. END SUMMARY.

3. (C) BACKGROUND: AS RECENTLY AS THREE WEEKS AGO, IT

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APPEARED AT LEAST PLAUSIBLE THAT PUBLIC ANTI-MONTESINOS PRONOUNCEMENTS BY ARCHBISHOP JUAN LUIS CIPRIANI AND BY FIRST LADY AND FUJIMORI DAUGHTER KEIKO SOFIA FUJIMORI HAD PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S TACIT SUPPORT. AS NOTED REFTTEL, THAT WAS THE INTERPRETATION GIVEN THE AMBASSADOR BY A MEMBER OF THE CABINET, WHO HAD SAID THAT THIS WAS THE VIEW OF MOST OF HIS COLLEAGUES.

4. (C) WE ARE NOW SATISFIED THAT THIS IS DEFINITELY NOT THE CASE.

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[REDACTED] THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS TOLD KEIKO IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS THAT HE WILL NOT HAVE HER PUBLICLY CALLING FOR MONTESINOS' REMOVAL. WHAT PRECIPITATED THE FATHER-DAUGHTER CONFRONTATION, [REDACTED] WAS PRIME MINISTER SALAS TELLING PUJIMORI THAT KEIKO WAS "DIVIDING THE CABINET." IN A SERIES OF COURTESY CALLS ON NEW MINISTERS, KEIKO HAD SOUGHT TO LEARN WHERE EACH STANDS ON THE MONTESINOS QUESTION, AND SALAS REPORTED THIS TO FUJIMORI.

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5. (C) [REDACTED] PUJIMORI MADE CLEAR TO KEIKO THAT MOTESINOS WAS STAYING. FUJIMORI CLAIMED THAT MONTESNOS HAD FOILED THREE ATTEMPTS ON HIS LIFE ONLY IN THE PAST YEAR (NOTE: THIS IS NEWS TO US), THAT HE OWED HIS RE-ELECTION TO MONTESINOS AND THAT STABILITY IN PERU LIKEWISE DEPENDED ON HIM. IF KEIKO COULD NOT ACCEPT HIS DECISION TO KEEP MONTESINOS, SHE COULD "LEAVE THE PALACE." AN EXTREMELY UPSET KEIKO HAD APPARENTLY CONSIDERED DOING JUST THAT, BUT DECIDED AGAINST AND SUBSEQUENTLY (IN CUZCO AUGUST 15) DEFENDED HER FATHER AGAINST CHARGES THAT HE INAPPROPRIATELY AIDED HIS BROTHER SANTIAGO'S USED CAR BUSINESS.

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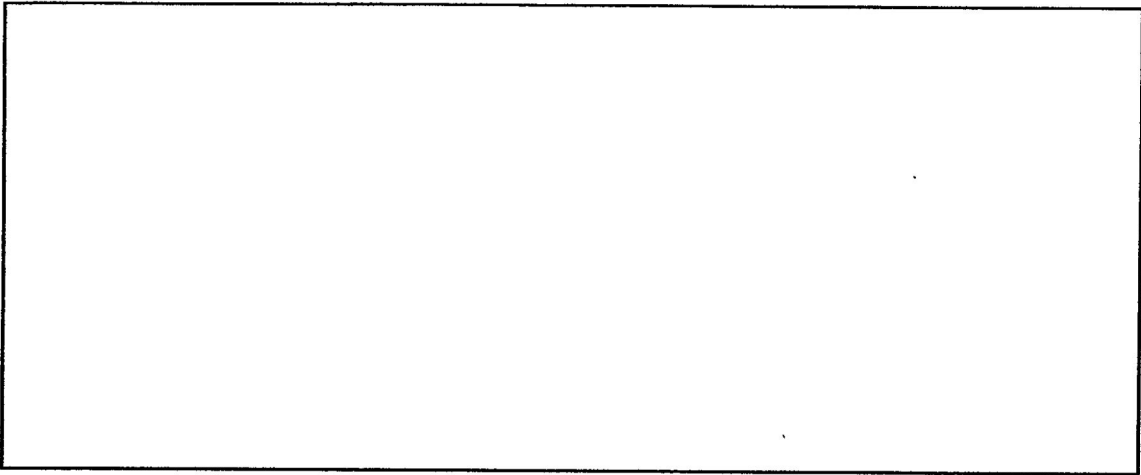
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7. (C) COMMENT: WE ARE REPORTING SEPARATELY THE AUGUST 21 PRESS CONFERENCE IN WHICH PRESIDENT FUJIMORI, WITH MONTESINOS PRESENT AND CONTRIBUTING, ANNOUNCED ARRESTS IN THE AYBAR ARMS-FOR-THE-FARC TRAFFICKING CASE. IN THAT PRESS CONFERENCE, FUJIMORI MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE CONSIDERS MONTESINOS' CONTINUED SERVICE INDISPENSABLE.

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