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SUBJECT: POINTS FOR PRESIDENT FUJIMORI ON  
MONTESINOS' RETURN

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1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY WHA AA/S PETER F. ROMERO. REASON:  
1.5(D).2. (S) THIS IS AN IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUEST. AMBASSADOR  
IS INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT PRESIDENT FUJIMORI AT THE  
EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY OUR VIEWS ON AN APPROPRIATE  
RESPONSE TO THE RETURN OF VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS, AND ON THE  
IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO MOVING FORWARD WITH NEW ELECTIONS  
AND THE OAS REFORM PROCESS. AMBASSADOR SHOULD MAKE CLEAR  
THAT, WHILE WE VIEW PRESIDENT FUJIMORI AS THE BEST  
AVAILABLE OPTION FOR OVERSEEING THE TRANSITION TO A NEW

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GOVERNMENT - PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF VICE PRESIDENT TUDELA'S RESIGNATION - THAT SUPPORT IS CONTINGENT ON FUJIMORI FOLLOWING THROUGH WITH HOLDING NEW ELECTIONS AND COMMITMENT TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE OAS-SPONSORED TALKS.

3. (S) AMBASSADOR SHOULD DRAW ON THE TALKING POINTS BELOW:

--- WE ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED BY MONTESINOS' RETURN TO PERU. HIS RENEWED PRESENCE IS EXTREMELY DISRUPTIVE TO THE DEMOCRATIC REFORM PROCESS.

--- AS SECRETARY ALBRIGHT SAID DURING YOUR LAST MEETING, WE BELIEVE IT IS CRITICAL TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE FULL AGENDA OF PROPOSED REFORMS, TO INCLUDE ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEW ELECTIONS.

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--- WE REALIZE THAT MONTESINOS' RETURN PRESENTS A CONSIDERABLE CHALLENGE TO THIS PROCESS AND WE WANT TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE IN MOVING THE REFORM PROCESS FORWARD.

--- WE ARE COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH OAS SECRETARY GENERAL GAVIRIA, THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE OAS TO SUPPORT AND PROMOTE THE OAS DEMOCRACY DIALOGUE IN PERU.

--- WE BELIEVE GAVIRIA'S TRIP TO PERU THIS WEEK AFFORDS A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY TO ADVANCE THE PROCESS.

--- WE WOULD WELCOME YOUR VIEWS ON OTHER STEPS THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

--- THE UNITED STATES REMAINS COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH YOU AND YOUR ADMINISTRATION AS LONG AS YOU CONTINUE TO MEET YOUR COMMITMENT TO HOLD NEW ELECTIONS AND TO WORK WITH THE OAS MISSIONS ON DEMOCRATIC REFORM.

--- WE WOULD ALSO URGE YOU TO PUBLICLY RECOMMIT YOURSELF TO THE OAS-SPONSORED NATIONAL DIALOGUE, AND THE PROCESS OF TRANSITION THAT WILL LEAD TO NEW ELECTIONS. THE VISIT OF OAS SECRETARY GENERAL IS A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO DO THIS.

--- WITH REGARDS TO MONTESINOS, WHAT MEASURES ARE YOU

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CONSIDERING TO PRECLUDE DESTABILIZING ACTION BY HIM?  
DEPENDING ON FUJIMORI'S ANSWER, AMBASSADOR SHOULD RAISE  
THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL POINTS FOR DISCUSSION:

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HAS MONTESINOS BEEN BARRED FROM CONTACTING GOVERNMENT  
OFFICIALS - PARTICULARLY THOSE OF THE ARMED FORCES AND THE  
INTELLIGENCE SERVICE? HAS HE BEEN EXCLUDED FROM ENTRY  
INTO GOVERNMENT FACILITIES, AS HE WAS IN THE 1980S? IS

THERE A VALID LEGAL BASIS TO DETAIN, ARREST OR PLACE  
MONTESINOS UNDER HOUSE ARREST?

WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU TAKE STEPS TO ENSURE  
THAT MONTESINOS DOES NOT BECOME A THREAT TO PERU'S  
STABILITY.

END TALKING POINTS.  
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