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SUBJECT: FUJIMORI CHANGES MILITARY COMMAND

1. (U) PRESIDENT FUJIMORI, IN DECISIVE ACTION TO REDUCE THE POWER OF FORMER INTELLIGENCE CHIEF VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS, REPLACED PERU'S MILITARY HIGH COMMAND OCTOBER 28. HE ACCEPTED THE RESIGNATIONS OF JOINT STAFF AND ARMY COMMANDER GEN. JOSE VILLANUEVA, NAVY COMMANDER ADM. ANTONIO IBARCENA AND AIR FORCE COMMANDER GEN. ELESVAN BELLO. ALL WERE MONTESINOS CLASSMATES AND EXTREMELY CLOSE TO HIM. THE PRESIDENT ALSO REPLACED MONTESINOS BROTHER-IN-LAW GEN. LUIS

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CUBAS AS COMMANDER OF THE COUNTRY'S SECOND MILITARY REGION. HE CONFIRMED MINISTER OF DEFENSE CARLOS BERGAMINO WOULD STAY IN HIS PRESENT JOB.

2. (SBU) IN HIS MID-AFTERNOON ANNOUNCEMENT, FUJIMORI MADE A POINT OF PRAISING THE OUTGOING COMMANDERS' ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND APPEARED TO BE MAKING AN AMICABLE BREAK. THE AMBASSADOR SPOKE WITH PRIME MINISTER FEDERICO SALAS FOLLOWING THE PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT. SALAS CONFIRMED THE MILITARY CHANGES WERE TO REDUCE MONTESINOS'S INFLUENCE. THE PRESIDENT HAS LEFT THE OUTGOING COMMANDERS, SCHEDULED TO RETIRE AT THE END OF THE YEAR, UNASSIGNED.

3. (U) THE NEW JOINT STAFF AND ARMY COMMANDER IS GEN. WALTER CHACON, WHO MOVES FROM THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR. REPLACING ADM. IBARCENA IS VICE ADM. VICTOR RAMOS, FORMERLY CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS. LT. GEN. CARLOS BALAREZO, A TRANSPORT PILOT AND FORMER AIR FORCE INSPECTOR GENERAL, REPLACES GEN. BELLO.

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4. (U) PERUVIAN NATIONAL POLICE COMMANDER GEN. JUAN DIANDERAS REPLACES GEN. CHACON AS MINISTER OF INTERIOR. WE HAVE WORKED WITH DIANDERAS OVER THE YEARS. HE HAS BEEN SUPPORTIVE OF OUR COUNTER NARCOTICS EFFORTS AND WE DO NOT BELIEVE CLOSELY LINKED TO MONTESINOS. DIANDERAS'S REPLACEMENT IS EXPECTED TO BE APPOINTED SHORTLY.

5. (SBU) COMMENT: MILITARY SOURCES INDICATE MANY IN THE SERVICES HAVE BEEN SHOCKED BY THE CHANGES, BUT WE HAVE SEEN NO INDICATION WHATSOEVER THAT THE CHANGES WILL BE RESISTED. THE CHANGES RETURN THE MILITARY SERVICES TO TRADITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMANDERS VERSUS INTELLIGENCE PROFESSIONALS, AS HAD BEEN THE CASE IN THE AIR FORCE AND THE NAVY. NONE OF THE THREE NEW COMMANDERS ARE CLOSE TO MONTESINOS AND FUJIMORI CLEARLY BELIEVES THEM TO BE LOYAL TO HIM.
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