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PERU'S "NEW" PLAN TO COMBAT TERRORISM SUBJECT:

INTERIOR MINISTER ARMANDO VILLANUEVA'S SUMMARY: MARCH 10 SPEECH ON TERRORISM WAS LARGELY PANNED BY THE LIMA MEDIA AND POLITICIANS AS OFFERING LITTLE CONFIDENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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NEW AND AS NOT CONSTITUTING A PLAN. **VILLANUEVA**

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CALLED FOR A NATIONAL FRONT AGAINST TERRORISM.
HE PROMISED NEW RESOURCES TO THE MILITARY AND
WARNED THAT SOME OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WOULD
HAVE TO SACRIFICE TO SUPPORT THE ANTI-TERRORISM
CAMPAIGN. HE ALSO SPOKE OF THE NEED FOR MEDIA
SELF-CENSORSHIP, TRYING MILITARY DESERTERS TO THE
TERRORISTS IN MILITARY COURTS, BETTER CONTROLLING
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN THE UNIVERSITIES, AND
ESTABLISHING A NEW NATIONAL ID SYSTEM. VILLANUEVA
MENTIONED OPPOSITION LEADERS BELAUNDE; VARGAS
LLOSA AND BEDDYA BY NAME IN CALLING FOR BI-PARTISAN
SUPPORT. THE SPEECH LACKED ANY UNIFYING CONCEPT
AND DID NOT INDICATE WHAT NEXT STEPS MIGHT BE
OR WHEN THEY WOULD BE TAKEN. END SUMMARY.

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4. WHAT HE SAID:

- (U) VILLANUEVA CALLED FOR A "TOTAL WAR AGAINST TERRORISM" BEGINNING WITH A PROJECT TO REEQUIP THE MILITARY AND POLICE MITH NEW ARMS AND EQUIPMENT "WITHOUT ANY REGARD TO BUDGETARY RESTRAINT". IN AN APPARENTLY RELATED WARNING TO OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES OF POSSIBLE BUDGET REDUCTIONS THE INTERIOR MINISTER STATED THAT A PRESIDENTIAL DECREE WOULD SOON BE ISSUED "ORDERING ALL THE PUBLIC ENTITIES TO GIVE THEIR FULL SUPPORT IN THE MOMENT THAT THE ARMED FORCES REQUEST IT".
- 5. (U) HE PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE LAW, NEW RESTRICTIONS ON THE POSSESSION OF ARMS; TRYING CAPTURED TERRORISTS WHO ARE DESERTERS FROM THE ARMED FORCES IN MILITARY RATHER THAN CIVILIAN COURTS; CHANGING AND STANDARDIZING THE NATIONAL IDENTITY CARD SYSTEM TO MAKE IT HARDER FOR TERRORISTS TO USE FAKE DOCUMENTS. HE ALSO RESURRECTED THE 1DEA OF ESTABLISHING SPECIAL CIVILIAN CRIMINAL COURTS TO TRY ALL TERRORISM

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6. (U) SOME OF VILLANUEVA'S TEXT EVOKED CRIES OF CONFIDENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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CONCERN FROM THE MEDIA AND HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS. HE CALLED ON ALL THE PRESS, "AS REPRESENTA-

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TIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT ... TO REFLECT ON WHETHER
OR NOT THEY HAVE BEEN SUPPORTING TERRORISM."
VILLANUEVA TEMPERED THIS CALL FOR MEDIA SELFCENSORSHIP BY ADDING "LET IT BE DONE IN COMPLETE
FREEDOM AND WITH NO PRESSURE WHATSDEVER FROM THE
GOVERNMENT." REFERRING TO PERU'S UNIVERSITIES AS
"SCHOOLS OF CRIME", VILLANUEVA ALSO WARNED THAT
"UNIVERSITY AUTONOMY IS NOT EXTRATERRITORIALITY.
WE WILL NOT PERMIT THAT THIS LIBERTY BE DISTORTED."

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7. (U) HE ALSO JOINED THOSE CALLING FOR A BIPARTISAN SOLUTION TO PERU'S PROBLEMS. "I INVITE MY 1980 OPPONENT (VILLANUEVA MAR THE APRA CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT AGAINST THE EVENTUAL MINNER, BELAUNDE) HHO DEFEATED ME CLEANLY AND FAIRLY, I INVITE LUIS BEDOYA (PPC), MARIO YARGAS LLOSA (LIBERTAD), AND THE LEADERS OF THE UNITED LEFT" TO A CONVERSATION TO SOLVE THE TERRORISM PROBLEM. HE SIMILARLY CALLED ON ALL BUSINESSMEN, AND THE CITIZENRY AT LARGE, TO JOIN IN THE ANTI-TERRORISM STRUGGLE.

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