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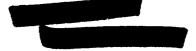
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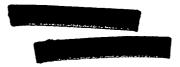
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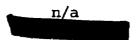
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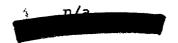
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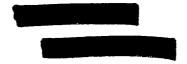
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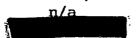
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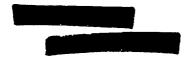
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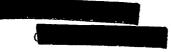
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- (C) 'PERHAPS FUJIMORI IS HONEST, BUT HE'S SURROUNDED BY CORRUPTION'
 - (C) ON FUJIMORI AND PUBLIC CORRUPTION: BOTH PERUVIAN HUMAN



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RIGHTS INTERLOCUTORS AGREED THAT FUJIMORI IS NOT PERSONALLY CORRUPT
BUT THAT HE IS SURROUNDED BY CORRUPT OFFICIALS.

POINTED
OUT CONTROVERSIAL NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIN) ADVISOR
VLADIMIRO MONTISINOS, ASKING WHERE HE HAD GOTTEN HIS TAX FORMDECLARED INCOME OF USD 600,000 AND SUGGESTING THAT MONTESINOS WAS
INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING BECAUSE HE HAD AS A DEFENSE
ATTORNEY PRIOR TO HIS GOP POSITION DEFENDED DRUG LORDS. BOTH
PERUVIANS DECLARED THAT THEY BELIEVED THAT MONTESINOS HAS
SANCTIONED, IF NOT PARTICIPATED IN, SIN HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

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(C) IS GUILTY BUT DID NOT GET FAIR TRIAL,

(D) AGREED

THAT THEY, LIKE ALL PERUVIANS, BELIEVE THAT IS GUILTY OF

TERRORIST ACTIVITIES BUT THAT SHE SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN TRIED FOR

TREASON "BECAUSE SHE IS NOT A PERUVIUAN." THEY ALSO MAINTAINED THAT

SHE AND THOUSANDS OF OTHERS CHARGED WITH TERRORISM HAD NOT RECEIVED

A FAIR TRIAL BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF DUE PROCESS IN THE TRIALS RUN

BY "FACELESS" JUDGES.

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(SBU) 'ECONOMIC SUCCESS DOES NOT REQUIRE DICTATORSHIP'

7. (SBU) SENATOR MCCONNELL EMPHASIZED THE SUCCESSES FUJIMORI HAD HAD IN TAMING TERRORISM AND DRUG TRAFFICKING AND IN SUBSEQUENTLY BOOSTING PERU'S ECONOMY. PERHAPS, THE SENATOR SUGGESTED, THE PERUVIAN PRESIDENT PLANNED TO FOLLOW AN "ASIAN MODEL" OF ACHIEVING DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS GRADUALLY AS OTHER GOALS ARE ACHIEVED, SUCH.



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AS DEFEATING TERRORISM AND IMPROVING THE ECONOMY.
REJECTED THE MERIT OF SUCH A PATH, POINTING OUT THAT FUJIMORI'S SUCCESSES "DID NOT REQUIRE DICTATORSHIP." THE HUMAN RIGHTS NGO LEADER GAVE THE EXAMPLE OF CHILE AS A COUNTRY THAT HAS ACHIEVED

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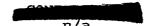
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SENATOR ASKED IF PRESIDENT FUJIMORI HAS THE "CAPACITY" TO IMPROVE
HIS ADMINISTRATION'S RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. BOTH PERUVIANS
REPLIED THAT FUJIMORI DOES NOT HAVE THAT CAPACITY, THAT HE IS
AUTHORITARIAN BY NATURE AND WILL NOT CHANGE. EACH ALSO OPINED THAT
FUJIMORI INTENDS TO WIN REELECTION IN 2000, "WHATEVER IT TAKES."

- (U) VISIT TO STREET KIDS SHELTER
- 8. (U) THE FOUR CODEL MEMBERS, AMBASSADOR AND ACTING NAS DIRECTOR THEN TRAVELED TO THE PERUVIAN DEMAND REDUCTION NGO "CEDRO"-SPONSORED "CASA LA VICTORIA" STREET CHILDRENS SHELTER. FOLLOWING A TOUR OF THE FACILITY, THE SENATOR AND AMBASSADOR JETT HELD A SHORT PRESS CONFERENCE. MOST OF THE REPORTERS' QUESTIONS CENTERED ON PERU-ECUADOR BORDER NEGOTIATIONS.
- (U) LUNCH WITH PERUVIAN CONGRESSPERSONS
- 9. (U) AMBASSADOR JETT NEXT HOSTED A LUNCH AT A MIRAFLORES RESTAURANT FOR THE CODEL MEMBERS AND THREE PERUVIAN CONGRESSPERSONS: FORMER CONGRESS PRESIDENT AND PRESENT FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE PRESIDENT VICTOR JOY WAY, A STRONG FUJIMORI SUPPORTER; FRANCISCO PARDO MESONES, AN INDEPENTENT WHO USUALLY SUPPORTS THE GOP; AND OPPOSITION CONGRESSWOMAN ANEL TOWNSEND, WHOSE GROUP STRONGLY OPPOSES THE FUJIMORI ADMINISTRATION. THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR AND ACTING NAS DIRECTOR ALSO ATTENDED.
- 10. (SBU) JOY WAY STATED THAT HE AND FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL MAJORITY PASS THE BILLS THAT THEY BELIEVE IN AND THAT THEY HAVE FAITH IN FUJIMORI'S POLICIES. THAT IS WHY CONGRESS VOTED

PAGE 04 LIMA 03511 02 OF 04 041237Z TO GRANT FUJIMORI LEGISLATIVE POWERS FOR 15 DAYS TO ENACT DECREES

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REGARDING CRIMINAL CODE CHANGES. TOWNSEND COMPLAINED THAT PERU'S CONGRESS IS WEAK UNDER THE AUTHORITARIAN FUJIMORI, WHO MANIPULATES THE LEGISLATIVE BODY.

- (U) MEETING WITH "CONTRADROGAS" PRESIDENT COSTA BAUER
- 11. (U) FOLLOWING LUNCH, THE CODEL AND AMBASSADOR JETT MET BRIEFLY AT THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH WITH HEALTH MINISTER/CONTRADROGAS PRESIDENT MARINO COSTA BAUER FOLLOWING WHICH THE VISITORS SAT IN ON PART OF A 1997 PERU COCA SURVEY BRIEFING PRESENTED BY A VISITING USG TEAM FOR GOP OFFICIALS.
- (U) CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER
- 12. (U) THE CODEL MEMBERS, AMBASSADOR JETT AND NAS'S RAYMER NEXT MET WITH PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER EDUARDO FERRERO COSTA, VICE MINISTER HUGO PALMA AND SEVERAL OTHER MFA OFFICIALS AT FOREIGN

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PAGE 02 LIMA 03511 03 OF 04 CONCENTRATED ON RIDDING PERU OF TERRORISTS AND THEN BEGAN TO CONCENTRATE IN EARNEST ON THE STRUGGLE AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING. THE FOREIGN MINISTER ALSO PRAISED USG NARCOTICS COOPERATION, EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AS AN ADJUNCT TO COUNTERNARCOTICS LAW ENFORCEMENT.

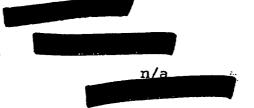
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(C) SENATOR MCCONNELL RAISED THE PERU-ECUADOR BORDER NEGOTIATIONS, ASKING IF AN AGREEMENT SOON BE SIGNED. FERRERO COSTA SAID THAT THE GOP IS HOPEFUL THAT THE 55-YEAR OLD PROBLEM WOULD SOON BE HISTORY, BUT THAT THAT MUST HAPPEN WITHIN THE TERMS OF THE 1942 RIO PROTOCOL, WHOSE BOUNDARY DETERMINATIONS INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS HAD RECENTLY CONFIRMED IN PERU'S FAVOR.

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(C) DINNER WITH HEALTH MINISTER



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(U) CALL ON PRESIDENT FUJIMORI

- 15. (U) ON WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 27, THE CODEL MEMBERS, AMBASSADOR JETT AND RAYMER MET FOR NEARLY AN HOUR WITH PERUVIAN PRESIDENT FUJIMORI AT THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE. BOTH SENATOR MCCONNELL AND MS. CHAO PRAISED PERUVIAN SUCCESSES AND FUJIMORI'S LEADERSHIP IN COMBATTING TERRORISM AND NARCOTRAFFICKING AND IN BOOSTING PERU'S ECONOMY. THE SENATOR NOTED THAT HIS PARTY HAD JUST VISITED COLOMBIA, WHICH FINDS ITSELF IN A WORRISOME SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE POWER OF BOTH TERRORISTS AND DRUG TRAFFICKERS. FUJIMORI SAID THAT PERU PREVIOUSLY HAD A SIMILAR PROBLEM WITH TERRORISTS ALLIED TO AND PROTECTING DRUG GANGS. "FIRST WE ELIMINATED THE TERRORISTS. NOW WE ARE DOING THE SAME TO THE DRUG TRAFFICKERS."
- (U) 'VIOLENT CRIMINALS SHOULD BE TREATED LIKE TERRORISTS'
- 16. (U) SENATOR MCCONNELL RUED THAT SENTENCES FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING OFFENCES IN COLOMBIA ARE TOO LOW, FRUSTRATING AN "EFFECTIVE" COLOMBIAN NATIONAL POLICE WHICH SEES JUDGES RELEASE DRUG DEFENDANTS OR GIVE THEM VERY LITTLE JAIL TIME. FUJIMORI BEAMED, "THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN HERE." HE POINTED OUT THAT SOME DRUG LORDS GET LIFE IMPRISONMENT IN PERU. THE PERUVIAN PRESIDENT THEN RAISED THE GOP'S CURRENT STIFFENING OF SENTENCES FOR CRIMES OF VIOLENCE AND GANG ACTIVITY. HE SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN SUPRISED TO LEARN THAT VIOLENT CRIMINALS IN PERU WERE SERVING HALF OR LESS OF THEIR PRISON

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SENTENCES BECAUSE OF VARIOUS LIBERAL EARLY RELEASE PROVISIONS IN
PERU'S OLD PENAL CODE. FUJIMORI EQUATED VIOLENT CRIME WITH
TERRORISM AND SAID THAT THE GOP IS GOING TO TREAT VIOLENT OFFENDERS
"LIKE THE TERRORISTS THAT THEY ARE." HOWEVER, HIS ANSWER IS NOT TO
DO AWAY WITH THE EARLY RELEASE PROVISIONS, WHICH SERVE THEIR
PURPOSE OF HELPING TO MAINTAIN ORDER IN PRISON AND TO GET OTHER
COOPERATION FROM PRISONERS, BUT TO INCREASE PRISON SENTENCES BY 100
PERCENT OR MORE SO THAT CRIMINALS SERVE A MINIMALLY SUFFICIENT
PERIOD OF HARD TIME FOR THEIR VIOLENT CRIMES.

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(SBU) 'PEACE WITH ECUADOR WILL BRING REDUCED GOP DEFENSE SPENDING'

17. (SBU) ON PERU-ECUADOR, FUJIMORI LAMENTED THAT THE TWO NATIONS WOULD NOT SIGN THEIR BORDER AGREEMENT BY MAY 30, BUT SAID THAT THE GOP WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK ON A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION. THE PRESIDENT DECLARED PERU'S MILITARY BUDGET TO BE TOO HIGH AND SAID THAT HE INTENDS TO REDUCE IT ONCE A PERMANENT PEACE IS ACHIEVED. HE SAID THAT THE GOP'S PEACE DIVIDEND WOULD GO TO DECREASING POVERTY AND TO

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INFRASTRUCTURE BUILDING IN THE PROVINCES.

(U) 'ECONOMY WILL GROW 4 - 5 PERCENT'

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18. (U) ON PERU'S ECONOMY, FUJIMORI NOTED STEADILY-INCREASING
FOREIGN INVESTMENT, ESPECIALLY FROM THE U.S., AND CITED AN EXPECTED
THREE BILLION DOLLAR INVESTMENT BY SHELL AND MOBIL OIL IN THE
CAMISEA GAS FIELDS. FUJIMORI SAID THAT PERU HAS MOSTLY COMPLETED
ITS ECONOMIC PRIVATIZATION PROGRAM BUT WOULD MAINTAIN THE WATER
COMPANY ("SEDAPAL") AND ELECTRIC GENERATION IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR.
STICKING TO THE OFFICIAL GOP LINE, FUJIMORI WAS VERY POSITIVE ON
THE NEXT 12-MONTH ECONOMIC GROWTH RATE, ESTIMATING A 4 - 5 PERCENT
RISE.

- (U) SENATOR SUGGESTED INVITING PEACE CORPS BACK TO PERU 19. (U) SENATOR MCCONNELL MENTIONED THAT HIS WIFE HAD BEEN A PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR IN THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION AND URGED FUJIMORI TO CONSIDER INVITING THE PEACE CORPS BACK TO PERU. FUJIMORI AGREED THAT "MANY YOUNG AMERICANS" HAD COME TO PERU IN EARLIER YEARS AND HAD LIVED AND WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH PERUVIAN VILLAGERS. MS. CHAO POINTED OUT THAT THE NEW PEACE CORPS CAN TAILOR THE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM TO THE NEEDS OF THE HOST COUNTRY, INCLUDING SENDING PROFESSIONAL WORKERS TO SERVE IN URBAN AREAS. FUJIMORI SMILED, BUT DID NOT MAKE ANY COMMITMENT.
- (U) FUJIMORI: 'I NEVER WAIVERED'
- 20. (U) THE LIMA HOSTAGE CRISIS ALSO CAME UP. FUJIMORI PROUDLY DESCRIBED HIS MEETING THE CHALLENGE RESOLUTELY. HE SAID THAT HE NEVER WAIVERED FROM THE DAY THAT THE HOSTAGE TAKING OCCURRED UNTIL 126 DAYS LATER WHEN PERUVIAN COMMANDOS STORMED THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE TO FREE THE HOSTAGES. FUJIMORI SAID THAT HE WAS AS CALM AS HE HAD APPEARED ON TELEVISION, THAT HE HAD NEVER GIVEN INTO PRESSURE AND WAS ALWAYS CONVINCED THAT PERU WOULD SUCCEED IN FREEING THE HOSTAGES.

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- (U) FAMILY PLANNING: 'STERILIZATION VOLUNTARY AND AS SAFE AS U.S.'
- 21. (SBU) REGARDING PERU'S FAMILY PLANNING CONTROVERSY, FUJIMORI DECLARED THE GOP'S COMMITMENT TO ITS STERILIZATION PROGRAM. HE WAS SORRY THAT THE GOP HAD BEEN CRITICIZED IN THE U.S. BUT DECLARED PERU'S PROGRAMNONCOMPULSORY AND DESIGNED TO ALLEVIATE THE MISERY OF POOR WOMENWHO HAVE TOO MANY CHILDREN ("AFTER FOUR THEY DO NOT WANT TO HAVEANY MORE.") HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE RATE OF DEATHS OF WOMEN UNDERGOING STERILIZATION IN PERU HAD BEEN TOO HIGH AT THE BEGINNING

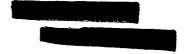
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OF THE GOP PROGRAM BUT THAT NOW IT WAS AT ABOUT THE U.S. RATE ("FOUR DEATHS PER 100,000 STERILIZATIONS"). FUJIMORI REJECTED CATHOLIC CHURCH CRITICISM. HE ESTIMATED THAT PERU HAS 150,000 - 250,000 ILLEGAL ABORTIONS (ABORTIONS ARE NOT LEGAL IN PERU) ANNUALLY AND MANY WOMEN DIE FROM THEM, "BUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH NEVER MENTIONS THAT!"

- (U) THE FUJIMORI GOVERNING STYLE: 'WHY WAIT?'
- 22. (U) MS. CHAO ASKED FUJIMORI IF HE HAD HAD A "MASTER PLAN" FOR GOVERNING PERU PRIOR TO TAKING OFFICE IN 1990. FUJIMORI RESPONDED THAT HE HAD BEEN A TELEVISION TALK SHOW MODERATOR AND HAD HEARD MANY VIEWS. HE KNEW WHAT HE HAD TO DO FROM THE START. "I MAKE DECISIONS FAST. SO I AM CRITICIZED AS "AUTHORITARIAN," BUT WHY WAIT? WE CANNOT WAIT FOR YEARS. THE GOVERNMENT IS ELECTED TO DO THINGS, NOT TO SIT IN A COMFORTABLE CHAIR, AS WAS THE CONCEPT IN THE OLD DAYS."
- (U) 'GOP PRIORITIES ARE SMUGGLING, DRUGS AND POVERTY'
- 23. (U) ON WHAT COMES NEXT, FUJIMORI SAID THAT HIS



PAGE 04 LIMA 03511 04 OF 04 041238Z ADMINISTRATION'S CURRENT PRIORITIES ARE COMBATTING MERCHANDISE SMUGGLING, NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING AND DECREASING POVERTY.

(U) WHEELS UP

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24. (U) FOLLOWING LUNCH, THE CODEL DEPARTED FOR QUITO, ECUADOR, BY AIR AT APPROXIMATELY 1445 HRS. SENATOR MCCONNELL DID NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CLEAR THIS CABLE PRIOR TO THE CODEL'S DEPARTURE.

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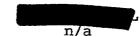
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- 1 (U) CLASSIFIED BY ACTING NAS DIRECTOR ROB RAYMER, FOR REASON 1.5 (D).1.
- 2. (C) SUMMARY: THE FOUR MEMBERS OF CODEL MCCONNELL SPENT A BUSY ONE DAY PLUS IN PERU MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR AND HIS COUNTRY

PAGE 02 LIMA 03511 01 OF 04 012305Z TEAM, HUMAN RIGHTS REPRESENTATIVES, PERUVIAN CONGRESSPERSONS, CONTRADROGAS PRESIDENT COSTA BAUER, FOREIGN MINISTER FERRERO COSTA AND PRESIDENT FUJIMORI. THE GOP INTERLOCUTORS DECLARED THEIR COMMITTMENT TO PEACE WITH ECUADOR AND THE NEED TO REFORM PERU'S PENAL CODE TO COMBAT RISING CRIME. HUMAN RIGHTS REPRESENTATIVES AGREED PERU HAS A FREE PRESS BUT THAT IT IS DANGEROUS FOR JOURNALISTS TO PRACTICE THEIR TRADE WITHOUT A LARGE MEASURE OF SELF-CENSORSHIP. THEY BELIEVE WHO RECEIVED A LIFE SENTENCE FOR HER ASSOCIATION WITH MRTA TERRORISTS, DID NOT RECEIVE A FAIR TRIAL BUT ALSO THAT SHE IS NOT INNOCENT. THEY BELIEVE FUJIMORI IS PROBABLY PERSONALLY HONEST BUT IS SURROUNDED BY CORRUPT OFFICIALS, ESPECIALLY CONTROVERSIAL NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIN) ADVISOR VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS, WHOM THEY ALSO ACCUSED OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. PRESIDENT FUJIMORI DECLARED

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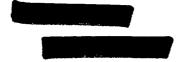


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UNWAIVERING SELF-CONFIDENCE IN HIS POLICIES (INCLUDING GOP BIRTH CONTROL PROGRAMS), SAID THAT PEACE WITH ECUADOR WILL RESULT IN A REDUCED MILITARY BUDGET TO BENEFIT POVERTY PROGRAMS AND NOTED HIS IMPATIENCE WITH WAITING FOR SLOW DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS TO CARRY OUT THE CHANGES THAT GOVERNMENT MUST EFFECT. END SUMMARY.

2 (U) SENATOR MITCH MCCONNELL (R-KY), CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE'S SUBCOMMITEE ON FOREIGN OPERATIONS; HIS SPOUSE, ELAINE CHAO (A FORMER PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT SENIOR OFFICIAL IN THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION AND ONE-TIME UNITED WAY CEO); SUBCOMMITTEE STAFF DIRECTOR ROBIN CLEVELAND; AND U.S. MILITARY ESCORT COL. (BRIG. GENERAL SELECT) TERRANCE "TERRY" PAUL VISITED PERU FROM MONDAY EVENING, MAY 25, TO WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 27.

(U) PERU INTRODUCTION



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4. (U) FOLLOWING THE ARRIVAL OF THE CODEL C-12 AIRCRAFT MONDAY EVENING, U.S. AMBASSADOR JETT AND HIS WIFE HOSTED AN INFORMAL WORKING DINNER FOR THE FOUR CODEL MEMBERS, THE ACTING DCM AND HIS SPOUSE AND THE ACTING NAS DIRECTOR (CODEL CONTROL OFFICER) TO GIVE THE VISITORS AN INTRODUCTION TO CURRENT PERUVIAN POLITICAL AND SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

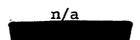
(U) COUNTRY TEAM BRIEFING

5. (U) ON TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 26, THE AMBASSADOR AND VARIOUS MEMBERS OF HIS COUNTRY TEAM BRIEFED THE CODEL ON

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(U) HUMAN RIGHTS CALL

5. (C) FOLLOWING THE COUNTRY TEAM BRIEFING, THE CODEL MEMBERS, AMBASSADOR JETT, POLITICAL COUNSELOR AND ACTING NAS DIRECTOR



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PERUVIANS RESPONDED TO SENATOR MCCONNELL'S INQUIRIES AS FOLLOWS:

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(A) ON FREEDOM OF THE PRESS: AGREED THAT PERU HAS A FREE PRESS IN THAT A JOURNALIST CAN PUBLISH OR PRESENT ON TELEVISION AND RADIO WHATEVER HE OR SHE WISHES, BUT "MUST BE VERY BRAVE TO DO SO." THE PERUVIANS EXPLAINED THAT JOURNALISTS WHO CRITICIZE THE GOP ARE HARASSED, THREATENED AND "EVEN MAY LOSE THEIR TELEVISION STATIONS," CITING THE BARUCH IVCHER CASE (THE FORMER MÁJORITY SHAREHOLDER OF LIMA CHANNEL 2 WHO LOST BOTH HIS PERUVIAN CITIZENSHIP AND HIS TV STATION FOLLOWING THE STATION'S SERIES OF PROGRAMS CRITICAL OF THE FUJIMORI ADMINISTRATION).

'PENAL CODE CHANGES STRENGTHEN HAND OF THE MILITARY' (C)

ON CHANGING THE PENAL CODE TO INCREASE PENALTIES FOR VIOLENT CRIMES AND GANG ACTIVITY: STATED THAT CRIME IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE BUT THAT POVERTY IS THE NUMBER ONE CONCERN FOR MOST PERUVIANS. HE SAID THAT FUJIMORI'S INTENTION TO EQUATE CRIMINAL ACTS WITH TERRORISM BY TRYING SOME CRIMINALS IN MILITARY TRIBUNALS JUST STRENGTHENS THE MILITARY, "MAKING THEM EVEN LESS ACCOUNTABLE."

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- (C) 'PERHAPS FUJIMORI IS HONEST, BUT HE'S SURROUNDED BY CORRUPTION'
- (C) ON FUJIMORI AND PUBLIC CORRUPTION: BOTH PERUVIAN HUMAN RIGHTS INTERLOCUTORS AGREED THAT FUJIMORI IS NOT PERSONALLY CORRUPT

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BUT THAT HE IS SURROUNDED BY CORRUPT OFFICIALS. POINTED
OUT CONTROVERSIAL NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIN) ADVISOR
VLADIMIRO MONTISINOS, ASKING WHERE HE HAD GOTTEN HIS TAX FORMDECLARED INCOME OF USD 600,000 AND SUGGESTING THAT MONTESINOS WAS
INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING BECAUSE HE HAD AS A DEFENSE
ATTORNEY PRIOR TO HIS GOP POSITION DEFENDED DRUG LORDS. BOTH
PERUVIANS DECLARED THAT THEY BELIEVED THAT MONTESINOS HAS
SANCTIONED, IF NOT PARTICIPATED IN, SIN HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

(C) IS GUILTY BUT DID NOT GET FAIR TRIAL'

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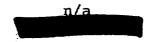
THAT THEY, LIKE ALL PERUVIANS, BELIEVE THAT IS GUILTY OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES BUT THAT SHE SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN TRIED FOR TREASON "BECAUSE SHE IS NOT A PERUVIUAN." THEY ALSO MAINTAINED THAT SHE AND THOUSANDS OF OTHERS CHARGED WITH TERRORISM HAD NOT RECEIVED A FAIR TRIAL BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF DUE PROCESS IN THE TRIALS RUN BY "FACELESS" JUDGES.

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(SBU) 'ECONOMIC SUCCESS DOES NOT REQUIRE DICTATORSHIP'

7. (SBU) SENATOR MCCONNELL EMPHASIZED THE SUCCESSES FUJIMORI HAD HAD IN TAMING TERRORISM AND DRUG TRAFFICKING AND IN SUBSEQUENTLY



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BOOSTING PERU'S ECONOMY. PERHAPS, THE SENATOR SUGGESTED, THE PERUVIAN PRESIDENT PLANNED TO FOLLOW AN "ASIAN MODEL" OF ACHIEVING DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS GRADUALLY AS OTHER GOALS ARE ACHIEVED, SUCH AS DEFEATING TERRORISM AND IMPROVING THE ECONOMY. BASOMBRIO REJECTED THE MERIT OF SUCH A PATH, POINTING OUT THAT FUJIMORI'S SUCCESSES "DID NOT REQUIRE DICTATORSHIP." THE HUMAN RIGHTS NGO LEADER GAVE THE EXAMPLE OF CHILE AS A COUNTRY THAT HAS ACHIEVED ECONOMIC SUCCESS WITH A FULLY DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT. THE U.S.



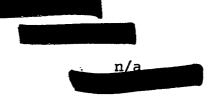
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SENATOR ASKED IF PRESIDENT FUJIMORI HAS THE "CAPACITY" TO IMPROVE
HIS ADMINISTRATION'S RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. BOTH PERUVIANS
REPLIED THAT FUJIMORI DOES NOT HAVE THAT CAPACITY, THAT HE IS
AUTHORITARIAN BY NATURE AND WILL NOT CHANGE. EACH ALSO OPINED THAT
FUJIMORI INTENDS TO WIN REELECTION IN 2000, "WHATEVER IT TAKES."

(U) VISIT TO STREET KIDS SHELTER

8. (U) THE FOUR CODEL MEMBERS, AMBASSADOR AND ACTING NAS DIRECTOR THEN TRAVELED TO THE PERUVIAN DEMAND REDUCTION NGO "CEDRO"-SPONSORED "CASA LA VICTORIA" STREET CHILDRENS SHELTER. FOLLOWING A TOUR OF THE FACILITY, THE SENATOR AND AMBASSADOR JETT HELD A SHORT PRESS CONFERENCE. MOST OF THE REPORTERS' QUESTIONS CENTERED ON PERU-ECUADOR BORDER NEGOTIATIONS.

(U) LUNCH WITH PERUVIAN CONGRESSPERSONS

- 8. (U) AMBASSADOR JETT NEXT HOSTED A LUNCH AT A MIRAFLORES RESTAURANT FOR THE CODEL MEMBERS AND THREE PERUVIAN CONGRESSPERSONS: FORMER CONGRESS PRESIDENT AND PRESENT FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE PRESIDENT VICTOR JOY WAY, A STRONG FUJIMORI SUPPORTER; FRANCISCO PARDO MESONES, AN INDEPENTENT WHO USUALLY SUPPORTS THE GOP; AND OPPOSITION CONGRESSWOMAN ANEL TOWNSEND, WHOSE GROUP STRONGLY OPPOSES THE FUJIMORI ADMINISTRATION. THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR AND ACTING NAS DIRECTOR ALSO ATTENDED.
- 9. (SBU) JOY WAY STATED THAT HE AND FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL MAJORITY PASS THE BILLS THAT THEY BELIEVE IN AND THAT THEY HAVE FAITH IN FUJIMORI'S POLICIES. THAT IS WHY CONGRESS VOTED



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- (U) MEETING WITH "CONTRADROGAS" PRESIDENT COSTA BAUER
- 10. (U) FOLLOWING LUNCH, THE CODEL AND AMBASSADOR JETT MET BRIEFLY AT THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH WITH HEALTH MINISTER/CONTRADROGAS PRESIDENT MARINO COSTA BAUER FOLLOWING WHICH THE VISITORS SAT IN ON PART OF A 1997 PERU COCA SURVEY BRIEFING PRESENTED BY A VISITING USG TEAM FOR GOP OFFICIALS.
- (U) CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER
- 12. (U) THE CODEL MEMBERS, AMBASSADOR JETT AND NAS'S RAYMER NEXT MET WITH PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER EDUARDO FERRERO COSTA, VICE MINISTER HUGO PALMA AND SEVERAL OTHER MFA OFFICIALS AT FOREIGN

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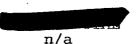
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MINISTRY HEADQUARTERS IN THE "TORRE TAGLE" PALACE. SENATOR MCCONNELL CONGRATULATED THE GOP ON PERU'S VARIOUS SUCCESSES IN TAMING TERRORISM, IMPROVING THE ECONOMY AND REDUCING NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING. FERRERO COSTA ASSENTED, NOTING THAT THE GOP HAD FIRST CONCENTRATED ON RIDDING PERU OF TERRORISTS AND THEN BEGAN TO

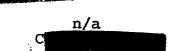


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CONCENTRATE IN EARNEST ON THE STRUGGLE AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING.
THE FOREIGN MINISTER ALSO PRAISED USG NARCOTICS COOPERATION,
EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AS
AN ADJUNCT TO COUNTERNARCOTICS LAW ENFORCEMENT.

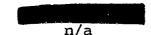
- (C) "FRAGILE" ECUADORIAN GOVERNMENT TO CLEAR PEACE AGREEMENT WITH PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION FRONTRUNNERS'
- 13. (C) SENATOR MCCONNELL RAISED THE PERU-ECUADOR BORDER NEGOTIATIONS, ASKING IF AN AGREEMENT SOON BE SIGNED. FERRERO COSTA SAID THAT THE GOP IS HOPEFUL THAT THE 55-YEAR OLD PROBLEM WOULD SOON BE HISTORY, BUT THAT THAT MUST HAPPEN WITHIN THE TERMS OF THE 1942 RIO PROTOCOL, WHOSE BOUNDARY DETERMINATIONS INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS HAD RECENTLY CONFIRMED IN PERU'S FAVOR.

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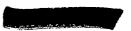
(C) DINNER WITH HEALTH MINISTER



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14. (U) ON TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 26, MINISTER COSTA BAUER HOSTED AN
INFORMAL DINNER AT A SAN ISIDRO RESTAURANT FOR THE CODEL MEMBERS,
AMBASSADOR JETT, "CEDRO'S" ALEJANDRO VASSILAQUI AND ROBERT RAYMER
AND HIS SPOUSE.

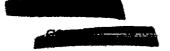
(U) CALL ON PRESIDENT FUJIMORI

15. (U) ON WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 27, THE CODEL MEMBERS, AMBASSADOR JETT AND RAYMER MET FOR NEARLY AN HOUR WITH PERUVIAN PRESIDENT FUJIMORI AT THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE. BOTH SENATOR MCCONNELL AND MS. CHAO PRAISED PERUVIAN SUCCESSES AND FUJIMORI'S LEADERSHIP IN COMBATTING TERRORISM AND NARCOTRAFFICKING AND IN BOOSTING PERU'S ECONOMY. THE SENATOR NOTED THAT HIS PARTY HAD JUST VISITED COLOMBIA, WHICH FINDS ITSELF IN A WORRISOME SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE POWER OF BOTH TERRORISTS AND DRUG TRAFFICKERS. FUJIMORI SAID THAT PERU PREVIOUSLY HAD A SIMILAR PROBLEM WITH TERRORISTS ALLIED TO AND PROTECTING DRUG GANGS. "FIRST WE ELIMINATED THE TERRORISTS. NOW WE ARE DOING THE SAME TO THE DRUG TRAFFICKERS."

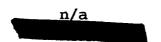
(U) 'VIOLENT CRIMINALS SHOULD BE TREATED LIKE TERRORISTS'

16. (U) SENATOR MCCONNELL RUED THAT SENTENCES FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING OFFENCES IN COLOMBIA ARE TOO LOW, FRUSTRATING AN "EFFECTIVE" COLOMBIAN NATIONAL POLICE WHICH SEES JUDGES RELEASE DRUG DEFENDANTS OR GIVE THEM VERY LITTLE JAIL TIME. FUJIMORI BEAMED, "THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN HERE." HE POINTED OUT THAT SOME DRUG LORDS GET LIFE IMPRISONMENT IN PERU. THE PERUVIAN PRESIDENT THEN RAISED THE GOP'S

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ACTIVITY. HE SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN SUPRISED TO LEARN THAT VIOLENT
CRIMINALS IN PERU WERE SERVING HALF OR LESS OF THEIR PRISON
SENTENCES BECAUSE OF VARIOUS LIBERAL EARLY RELEASE PROVISIONS IN
PERU'S OLD PENAL CODE. FUJIMORI EQUATED VIOLENT CRIME WITH
TERRORISM AND SAID THAT THE GOP IS GOING TO TREAT VIOLENT OFFENDERS
"LIKE THE TERRORISTS THAT THEY ARE." HOWEVER, HIS ANSWER IS NOT TO
DO AWAY WITH THE EARLY RELEASE PROVISIONS, WHICH SERVE THEIR
PURPOSE OF HELPING TO MAINTAIN ORDER IN PRISON AND TO GET OTHER



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COOPERATION FROM PRISONERS, BUT TO INCREASE PRISON SENTENCES BY 100 PERCENT OR MORE SO THAT CRIMINALS SERVE A MINIMALLY SUFFICIENT PERIOD OF HARD TIME FOR THEIR VIOLENT CRIMES.

(SBU) 'PEACE WITH ECUADOR WILL BRING REDUCED GOP DEFENSE SPENDING'

17. (SBU) ON PERU-ECUADOR, FUJIMORI LAMENTED THAT THE TWO NATIONS WOULD NOT SIGN THEIR BORDER AGREEMENT BY MAY 30, BUT SAID THAT THE GOP WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK ON A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION. THE PRESIDENT DECLARED PERU'S MILITARY BUDGET TO BE TOO HIGH AND SAID THAT HE INTENDS TO REDUCE IT ONCE A PERMANENT PEACE IS ACHIEVED. HE SAID THAT THE GOP'S PEACE DIVIDEND WOULD GO TO DECREASING POVERTY AND TO

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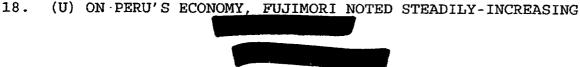
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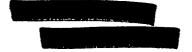
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FOREIGN INVESTMENT, ESPECIALLY FROM THE U.S., AND CITED AN EXPECTED
THREE BILLION DOLLAR INVESTMENT BY SHELL AND MOBIL OIL IN THE
CAMISEA GAS FIELDS. FUJIMORI SAID THAT PERU HAS MOSTLY COMPLETED
ITS ECONOMIC PRIVATIZATION PROGRAM BUT WOULD MAINTAIN THE WATER
COMPANY ("SEDAPAL") AND ELECTRIC GENERATION IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR.
STICKING TO THE OFFICIAL GOP LINE, FUJIMORI WAS VERY POSITIVE ON
THE NEXT 12-MONTH ECONOMIC GROWTH RATE, ESTIMATING A 4 - 5 PERCENT
RISE.

- (U) SENATOR SUGGESTED INVITING PEACE CORPS BACK TO PERU
- 19. (U) SENATOR MCCONNELL MENTIONED THAT HIS WIFE HAD BEEN A PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR IN THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION AND URGED FUJIMORI TO CONSIDER INVITING THE PEACE CORPS BACK TO PERU. FUJIMORI AGREED THAT "MANY YOUNG AMERICANS" HAD COME TO PERU IN EARLIER YEARS AND HAD LIVED AND WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH PERUVIAN VILLAGERS. MS. CHAO POINTED OUT THAT THE NEW PEACE CORPS CAN TAILOR THE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM TO THE NEEDS OF THE HOST COUNTRY, INCLUDING SENDING PROFESSIONAL WORKERS TO SERVE IN URBAN AREAS. FUJIMORI SMILED, BUT DID NOT MAKE ANY COMMITMENT.
- (U) FUJIMORI: 'I NEVER WAIVERED'
- 20. (U) THE LIMA HOSTAGE CRISIS ALSO CAME UP. FUJIMORI PROUDLY DESCRIBED HIS MEETING THE CHALLENGE RESOLUTELY. HE SAID THAT HE NEVER WAIVERED FROM THE DAY THAT THE HOSTAGE TAKING OCCURRED UNTIL 126 DAYS LATER WHEN PERUVIAN COMMANDOS STORMED THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE TO FREE THE HOSTAGES. FUJIMORI SAID THAT HE WAS AS CALM AS HE HAD APPEARED ON TELEVISION, THAT HE HAD NEVER GIVEN INTO PRESSURE AND WAS ALWAYS CONVINCED THAT PERU WOULD

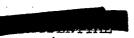


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- (U) FAMILY PLANNING: 'STERILIZATION VOLUNTARY AND AS SAFE AS U.S.'
- 21. (SBU) REGARDING PERU'S FAMILY PLANNING CONTROVERSY, FUJIMORI

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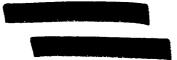
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DECLARED THE GOP'S COMMITMENT TO ITS STERILIZATION PROGRAM. HE WAS SOR

THAT THE GOP HAD BEEN CRITICIZED IN THE U.S. BUT DECLARED PERU'S PROGRAM

NONCOMPULSORY AND DESIGNED TO ALLEVIATE THE MISERY OF POOR WOMEN WHO HAVE TOO MANY CHILDREN ("AFTER FOUR THEY DO NOT WANT TO HAVE ANY MORE.") HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE RATE OF DEATHS OF WOMEN UNDERGOING STERILIZATION IN PERU HAD BEEN TOO HIGH AT THE BEGINNING OF THE GOP PROGRAM BUT THAT NOW IT WAS AT ABOUT THE U.S. RATE ("FOUR DEATHS PER 100,000 STERILIZATIONS"). FUJIMORI REJECTED CATHOLIC CHURCH CRITICISM. HE ESTIMATED THAT PERU HAS 150,000 - 250,000 ILLEGAL ABORTIONS (ABORTIONS ARE NOT LEGAL IN PERU) ANNUALLY AND MANY WOMEN DIE FROM THEM, "BUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH NEVER MENTIONS THAT!"

- (U) THE FUJIMORI GOVERNING STYLE: 'WHY WAIT?'
- 22. (U) MS. CHAO ASKED FUJIMORI IF HE HAD HAD A "MASTER PLAN" FOR GOVERNING PERU PRIOR TO TAKING OFFICE IN 1990. FUJIMORI RESPONDED THAT HE HAD BEEN A TELEVISION TALK SHOW MODERATOR AND HAD HEARD MANY VIEWS. HE KNEW WHAT HE HAD TO DO FROM THE START. "I MAKE DECISIONS FAST. SO I AM CRITICIZED AS "AUTHORITARIAN," BUT WHY WAIT? WE CANNOT WAIT FOR YEARS. THE GOVERNMENT IS ELECTED TO DO THINGS, NOT TO SIT IN A COMFORTABLE CHAIR, AS WAS THE CONCEPT IN THE OLD DAYS."



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- 23. (U) ON WHAT COMES NEXT, FUJIMORI SAID THAT HIS ADMINISTRATION'S CURRENT PRIORITIES ARE COMBATTING MERCHANDISE SMUGGLING, NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING AND DECREASING POVERTY.
- (U) WHEELS UP
- 24. (U) FOLLOWING LUNCH, THE CODEL DEPARTED FOR QUITO, ECUADOR, BY AIR AT APPROXIMATELY 1445 HRS. SENATOR MCCONNELL DID NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CLEAR THIS CABLE PRIOR TO THE CODEL'S DEPARTURE.

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