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(C) 'PERHAPS FUJIMORI IS HONEST, BUT HE'S SURROUNDED BY CORRUPTION'

(C) ON FUJIMORI AND PUBLIC CORRUPTION: BOTH PERUVIAN HUMAN  
[REDACTED]  
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RIGHTS INTERLOCUTORS AGREED THAT FUJIMORI IS NOT PERSONALLY CORRUPT  
BUT THAT HE IS SURROUNDED BY CORRUPT OFFICIALS. [REDACTED] POINTED  
OUT CONTROVERSIAL NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIN) ADVISOR  
VLADIMIRO MONTISINOS, ASKING WHERE HE HAD GOTTEN HIS TAX FORM-  
DECLARED 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) [REDACTED] IS GUILTY BUT DID NOT GET FAIR TRIAL'

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(D) [REDACTED] AGREED  
THAT THEY, LIKE ALL PERUVIANS, BELIEVE THAT [REDACTED] 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. [REDACTED]  
REJECTED THE MERIT OF SUCH A PATH, POINTING OUT THAT FUJIMORI'S  
SUCCESSSES "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  
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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  
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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 INDEPENDENT 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  
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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  
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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  
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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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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

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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.

(C) [REDACTED] ECUADORIAN GOVERNMENT TO CLEAR PEACE AGREEMENT WITH PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION FRONTRUNNERS'

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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  
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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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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 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

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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  
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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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- 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

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TEAM, HUMAN RIGHTS REPRESENTATIVES, PERUVIAN CONGRESSPERSONS,  
CONTRADROGAS PRESIDENT COSTA BAUER, FOREIGN MINISTER FERRERO COSTA  
AND PRESIDENT FUJIMORI. THE GOP INTERLOCUTORS DECLARED THEIR  
COMMITMENT 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 [REDACTED] 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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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 SUBCOMMITTEE 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  
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5. (U) ON TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 26, THE AMBASSADOR AND VARIOUS MEMBERS OF HIS COUNTRY TEAM BRIEFED THE CODEL ON

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ECON - ECONOMIC OVERVIEW  
USAID - ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
MAAG - DOD COUNTERNARCOTICS ASSISTANCE  
DEA - COUNTERNARCOTICS LAW ENFORCEMENT

(U) HUMAN RIGHTS CALL  
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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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(C) 'PRESS IS FREE, BUT ONE MUST BE BRAVE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE'

(A) ON FREEDOM OF THE PRESS: [REDACTED] 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 MAJORITY 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).

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

(B) ON CHANGING THE PENAL CODE TO INCREASE PENALTIES FOR VIOLENT CRIMES AND GANG ACTIVITY: [REDACTED] 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. [REDACTED] POINTED OUT CONTROVERSIAL NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIN) ADVISOR VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS, ASKING WHERE HE HAD GOTTEN HIS TAX FORM-DECLARED 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) [REDACTED] IS GUILTY BUT DID NOT GET FAIR TRIAL'

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(D) [REDACTED] AGREED THAT THEY, LIKE ALL PERUVIANS, BELIEVE THAT [REDACTED] IS GUILTY OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES BUT THAT SHE SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN TRIED FOR TREASON "BECAUSE SHE IS NOT A PERUVIAN." 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  
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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  
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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 INDEPENDENT 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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TO GRANT FUJIMORI LEGISLATIVE POWERS FOR 15 DAYS TO ENACT DECREES  
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  
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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  
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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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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  
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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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(U) 'ECONOMY WILL GROW 4 - 5 PERCENT'

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18. (U) ON PERU'S ECONOMY, FUJIMORI NOTED STEADILY-INCREASING

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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 L  
IVED  
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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SUCCEED IN FREEING THE HOSTAGES.

(U) FAMILY PLANNING: 'STERILIZATION VOLUNTARY AND AS SAFE AS U.S.'

21. (SBU) REGARDING PERU'S FAMILY PLANNING CONTROVERSY, FUJIMORI

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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 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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(U) 'GOP PRIORITIES ARE SMUGGLING, DRUGS AND POVERTY'

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  
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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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