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E.O. 12958: DECL 9/14/05
 TAGS: PGOV, PREL, PINS, OAS, PHUM, PE
 SUBJECT: VIDEO SHOWS MONTESINOS BUYING OFF OPPOSITION
 LEGISLATOR, CALLS MOUNT FOR PRESIDENT'S RESIGNATION AND NEW

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ELECTIONS

1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY AMB JOHN HAMILTON FOR REASONS 1.5B AND 1.5D. NIACT PRECEDENCE BECAUSE REQUIRES IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF DEPARTMENT PRINCIPALS.
2. (C) LATE AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 14, MORAL INDEPENDENCE FRONT LEADER (FIM) LEADER FERNANDO OLIVERA RELEASED A 56-MINUTE VIDEO OF A MEETING BETWEEN DE FACTO INTELLIGENCE CHIEF VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS AND THEN PERU POSSIBLE LEGISLATOR-ELECT ALBERTO KOURI. THE VIDEO SHOWS THE TWO MEN DISCUSSING THE TERMS OF KOURI'S DEFECTION TO PERU 2000 AND MONTESINOS PAYING KOURI 15,000 USD. THE MEETING TOOK PLACE MAY 5. KOURI JOINED RULING PARTY PERU

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
 REVIEW AUTHORITY: OSCAR J. OLSON
 DATE/CASE ID: 7 AUG 2001 200003849

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3. (SBU) THE BOMBSHELL PROMPTED CALLS BY OPPOSITION LEGISLATORS FOR AN INVESTIGATION, MONTESINOS'S REMOVAL, NEW ELECTIONS AND THE PRESIDENT TO RESIGN. KOURI CLAIMED THE MONEY WAS A PERSONAL LOAN TO FINANCE HIS CAMPAIGN AND HIS PROJECT TO HELP POOR VILLAGERS, AND OFFERED TO SUBMIT HIMSELF TO AN INVESTIGATION. OLIVERA CLAIMS TO HAVE OTHER VIDEOS OF MONTESINOS.

4. (SBU) A SPECIAL PLENARY SESSION OF THE CONGRESS MAY BE CALLED TODAY (SEPTEMBER 15), ALTHOUGH A QUORUM MAY NOT BE ATTAINABLE. A SMALL, PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION OCCURRED NEAR THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE LAST NIGHT. APRA LEGISLATOR JORGE DEL CASTILLO HAS CALLED FOR A PROTEST IN LIMA'S CENTRAL SQUARE THIS AFTERNOON. NEITHER THE GOP NOR MILITARY HAS REACTED PUBLICLY, BUT NORMALLY PRO-GOVERNMENT ELECTRONIC MEDIA HAVE BROADCAST [REDACTED]

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PARTS OF THE VIDEO.

5. (C) THIS CRISIS HAS SHAKEN PUBLIC FAITH ACROSS THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM, AND PUTS THE VIABILITY OF MONTESINOS IN DOUBT. VARIOUS OPPOSITION PARTICIPANTS HAVE ANNOUNCED THE SUSPENSION OF THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE OAS DIALOGUE. A PLANNED TRIP TODAY BY A MIXED OPPOSITION-GOVERNMENT GROUP TO SAN JOSE TO DISCUSS THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS, A POINT IN THE OAS DIALOGUE, HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

6. (SBU) FURTHER REPORTING, ANALYSIS, AND OUR POLICY SUGGESTIONS FOLLOW SEPTELS.

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