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E.O. 12356: DECL: DADR
TAGS: SNAR, MASS, PREL, PE
SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S INITIAL CALL ON MINISTER
OF INTERIOR AGUSTIN MANTILLA

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- AFTER PRESENTING MY CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT GARCIA ON DECEMBER 11 (LIMA 18530), ACCOMPANIED BY THE DCM, I CALLED ON OUR PRINCIPAL COLLABORATOR ON NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAMS, INTERIOR MINISTER AGUSTIN MANTILLA; LATE THE SAME AFTERNOON. MANTILLA SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD CALLED HIM FOLLOWING THE MORNING CEREMONY TO EXPRESS HIS SATISFACTION WITH THE MEETING AND WITH THE LETTER I DELIVERED FROM PRESIDENT BUSH. WE SPOKE OF THE VARIOUS PROGRAMS OF ANTI-DRUG COOPERATION THAT THE EMBASSY MAINTAINS WITH THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND MANTILLA REFERRED TO HIS PLAN TO INAUGURATE THE SANTA LUCIA BASE IN THE UPPER HUALLAGA
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VALLEY, SAYING THAT HE HAD ALL BUT DECIDED NOT

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TO ATTEND BEFORE HE RECEIVED THE CALL FROM PRESIDENT GARCIA. MANTILLA MADE CLEAR HIS DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE RESULTS OF HIS COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. AND SAID THAT AFTER FOUR AND A HALF YEARS OF PROMISES, LITTLE HAD APPEARED HERE, BUT PRESIDENT GARCIA NOW SEEMED HOPEFUL ABOUT FUTURE HELP AND HE WOULD PITCH IN TO PUBLICIZE COMPLETION OF THE BASE.

4. I POINTED OUT TO MINISTER MANTILLA THAT WE HAD PROVIDED TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT FOR PERUVIAN POLICE UNITS ENGAGED IN ANTI-DRUG OPERATIONS FOR A DECADE, THAT SINCE THE MIDDLE OF 1988 WE HAD GIVEN THESE UNITS AN AIRLIFT CAPABILITY, THAT A SIZEABLE MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WOULD SOON COMMENCE AND THAT AS MUCH AS USDOLS 100 MILLION IN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE, BASED ON PERFORMANCE, STARTING IN FY-91 AS PART OF THE ANDEAN STRATEGY. HE ADMITTED THAT IT WAS REALLY THE SLOW PACE OF DELIVERY OF OUR ANNOUNCED AID THAT WAS MAKING HIM UNHAPPY AT THE MOMENT BUT, HE ACKNOWLEDGED, OVERALL COOPERATION HAD BEEN EXCELLENT. THE GOP, HE ADDED, WAS COUNTING ON THE USG TO HELP WITH THE DRUG PROBLEM WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT THE GOP'S TOP PRIORITY IS FIGHTING INSURGENCY. I ARGUED THAT OUR STRATEGY WILL ALLOW THE PERUVIAN MILITARY TO GO AFTER INSURGENTS IN THE UHV WHO ARE PROTECTING DRUG TRAFFICKERS, SO LONG AS HUMAN RIGHTS ARE RESPECTED AND TRAFFICKING IS REALLY CURBED.

5. MANTILLA MADE SEVERAL OBLIQUE BUT OBVIOUS
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WE DENIED ANY EMBASSY CONNECTION WITH THE STORY IN LA REPUBLICA THAT DAY QUOTING ALLEGED DEA SOURCES AND CHARGING MILITARY CORRUPTION IN THE UHV. MANTILLA SAID THE PRESS SOMETIMES INVENTED STORIES TOTALLY AND HE DISASSOCIATED THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR FROM THE REPUBLICA ACCOUNT AS WELL.

6. COMMENT: ONCE MANTILLA GOT HIS DISAPPOINTMENT OFF HIS CHEST, HE BECAME MORE FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE, MAKING CLEAR THAT PRESIDENT GARCIA IS HOPING FOR EARLY EVIDENCE OF USG SUPPORT FOR PERU'S FIGHT AGAINST NARCOTRAFFICKING, SUBVERSION AND ECONOMIC CHAOS. LATER WE LEARNED THAT MANTILLA IS

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OF INTERIOR AGUSTIN MANTILLA
PLANNING A HUGE TURNOUT OF GUESTS FOR THE FORMAL
OPENING OF SANTA LUCIA, NOW DELAYED TO
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