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1. (U) THE FOLLOWING INR INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS ARE PROVIDED
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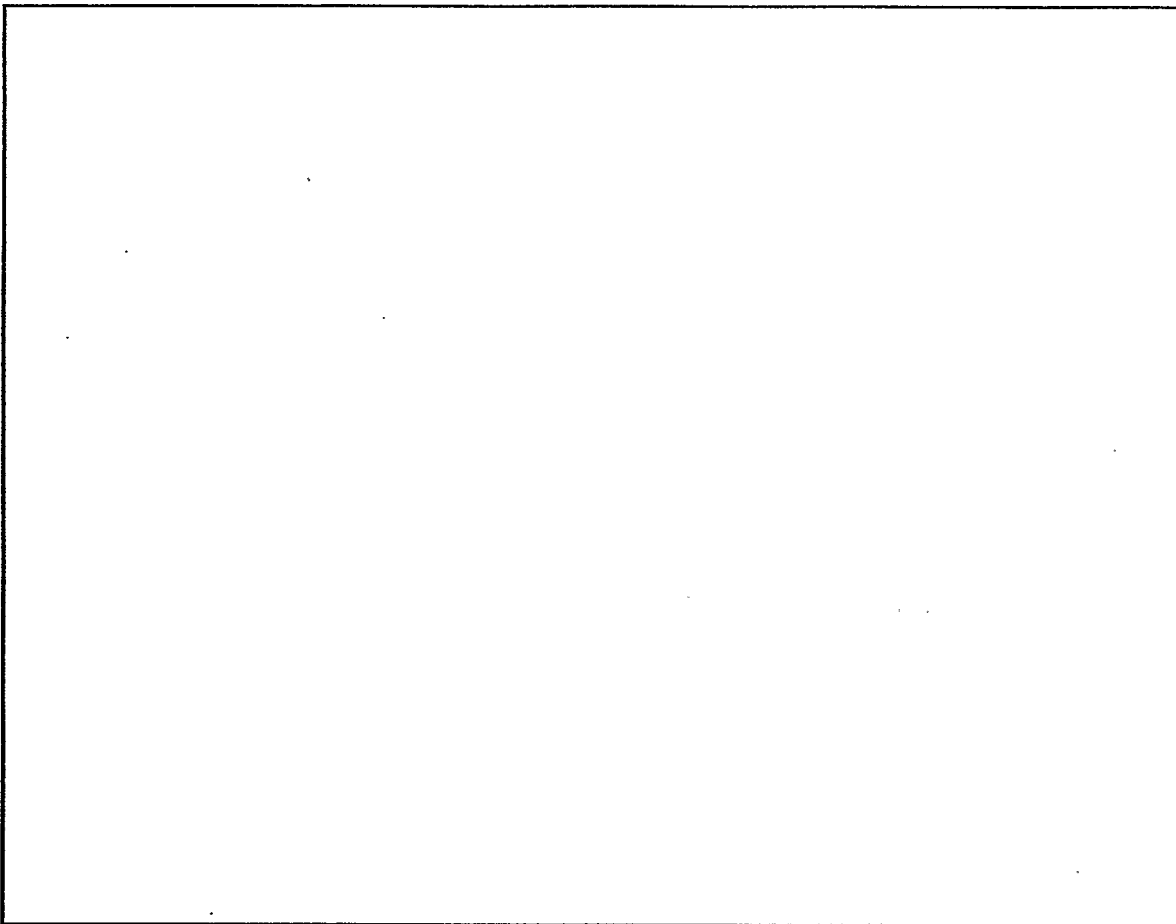
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(U) PERU: FUJIMORI'S RISING POLLS

5. (C) PERUVIAN PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S STEADY RISE IN THE POLLS SINCE BOTTOMING OUT LATE LAST YEAR SUGGESTS HE IS EFFECTIVELY EXPLOITING THE VAST POWERS OF THE PRESIDENCY TO SECURE A THIRD CONSECUTIVE TERM NEXT SPRING.

6. (C) FLAWED METHODOLOGIES AND LIMITED SAMPLES ASIDE, THE POLLING TREND FAVORS FUJIMORI. IN THE LATEST POLL IN LIMA, HE WAS CHOSEN BY 30 PERCENT OF POTENTIAL VOTERS, AHEAD OF SEVEN OTHER PROBABLE CANDIDATES, INCLUDING POPULAR LIMA MAYOR ANDRADE. IN A THEORETICAL FACE-OFF, 45 PERCENT CHOSE FUJIMORI AND 39 PERCENT ANDRADE. FUJIMORI'S APPROVAL RATING BOUNCED BACK TO 46 PERCENT FROM LATE LAST YEAR'S LOW OF 33 PERCENT; AT THAT TIME A MAJORITY OF RESPONDENTS HAD EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH HIS HANDLING OF THE ECONOMY.

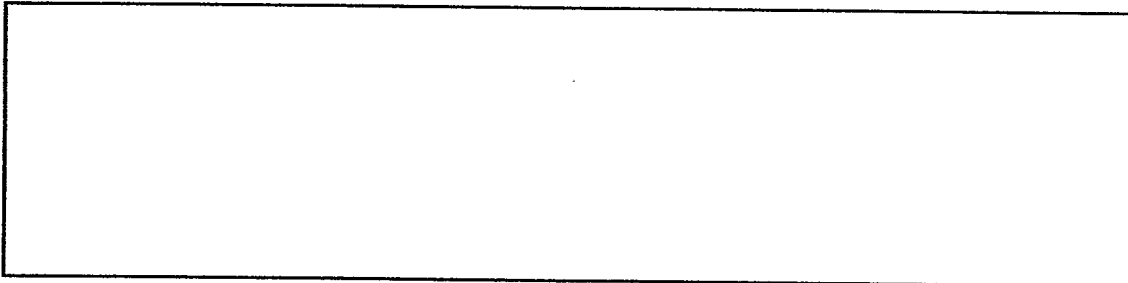
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7. (C) TWICE THIS YEAR FUJIMORI REVAMPED THE CABINET WITH AN EYE TOWARD TRIPLING LAST YEAR'S ANEMIC 1 PERCENT GDP GROWTH. SINCE LAST OCTOBER'S PEACE ACCORD WITH ECUADOR, HE HAS MADE EVERY EFFORT TO SQUEEZE A PEACE DIVIDEND OUT OF SECRET

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THE DEFENSE BUDGET FOR SOCIAL SPENDING. FUJIMORI'S POPULARITY WAS ALSO AIDED BY HIS PUBLIC REJECTION OF A CALL BY THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS FOR A NEW CIVILIAN TRIAL FOR FOUR CHILEANS CONVICTED OF TERRORISM IN PERU'S MILITARY COURTS.

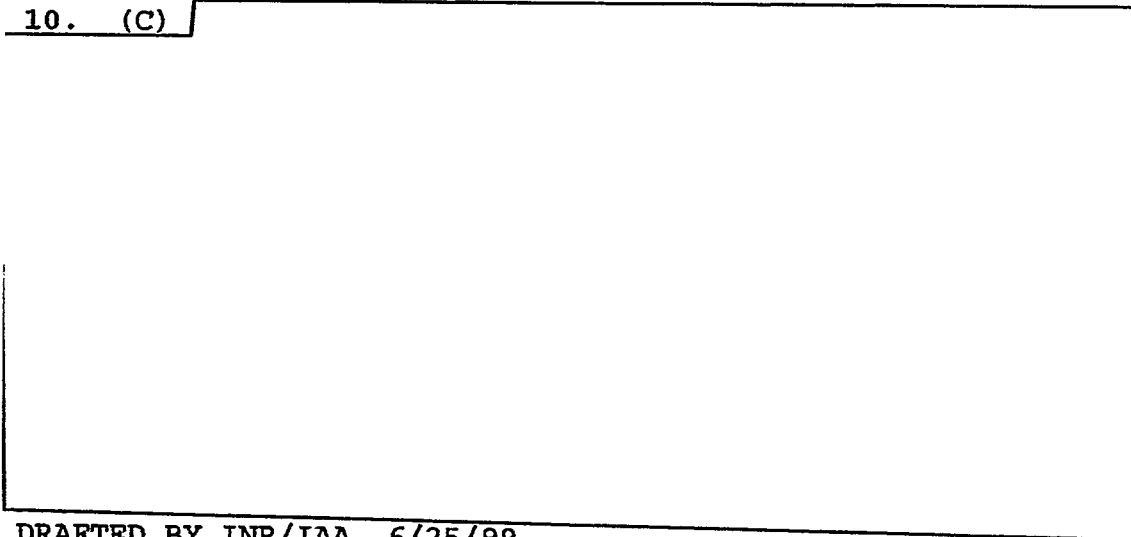


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(U) BRAZIL: CARDOSO LOSING PATIENCE

9. (U) PRESIDENT CARDOSO RECENTLY LASHED OUT AT LEGISLATORS AND POLITICAL PARTIES, DECRYING WHAT HE TERMED A LACK OF DISCIPLINE AND A FAILURE TO CONTINUE BRAZIL'S ECONOMIC REFORM PROCESS, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS.

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(U) HAITI: IMPASSE STALLS ELECTION PROCESS

11. (C) HAITIAN PRESIDENT PREVAL'S REJECTION OF A PROVISIONAL ELECTORAL COUNCIL (CEP) RULING COULD LEAD TO PROTRACTED DELAYS IN LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS THE CEP WANTS TO HOLD LATE THIS YEAR. THE CEP ON JUNE 11 SAID IT WOULD TREAT AS "VACANT" TWO SENATE SEATS THAT FORMER PRESIDENT ARISTIDE'S LAVALAS FAMILY (FL) PARTY CLAIMED IT HAD WON IN FRAUD-TAINTED 1997 ELECTIONS. PREVAL SUBSEQUENTLY SAID THE NEW CEP, THOUGH "SOVEREIGN" IN ITS OWN SPHERE, LACKS AUTHORITY TO ANNUL THE VICTORIES OF THE TWO FL SENATORS-ELECT, WHO WERE NEVER SEATED BY THE NOW-DEFUNCT SENATE.

12. (C) DEFENDING THE COUNCIL'S POSITION, A CEP SPOKESMAN NOTED A PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION LAST YEAR HAD CONCLUDED THE 1997 ELECTIONS WERE "TOTALLY FRAUDULENT AND IRREGULAR."



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13. (C) SOME OPPOSITION PARTIES HAVE CHARGED PREVAL IS TRAMPLING ON CEP INDEPENDENCE TO APPEASE ARISTIDE. BUT THE USUALLY ANTI-ARISTIDE LAVALAS POLITICAL ORGANIZATION (OPL) AND CENTRIST LEADER MARC BAZIN HAVE DESCRIBED PREVAL'S REMARKS AS A CALL FOR "COMPROMISE" THAT MERITS SUPPORT. AN FL SPOKESMAN REJECTED COMPROMISE AND VOWED TO FIGHT THE CEP DECISION IN COURT. THE RESIGNATION OF CEP MEMBERS TO PROTEST PREVAL'S ACTIONS, OR A LENGTHY JUDICIAL PROCESS, COULD DELAY PREPARATIONS FOR MONTHS, SHARPLY REDUCING CHANCES FOR ANY ELECTIONS THIS YEAR. IF THE CEP RECANTS, SOME DEMOCRATIC PARTIES WILL PROBABLY BOYCOTT THE ELECTIONS.

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