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1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY JOHN R. HAMILTON, AMBASSADOR U.S.  
EMBASSY LIMA FOR REASON 1.5 (C).

2. (C) SUMMARY: THE AMBASSADOR MET INDIVIDUALLY WEEK OF  
OCTOBER 18 WITH THREE OF THE FOUR LEADING PRESIDENTIAL PRE-  
CANDIDATES, LIMA MAYOR ALBERTO ANDRADE, "PERU POSIBLE'S"  
ALEJANDRO TOLEDO, AND "MAPU'S" RETIRED GENERAL KETIN VIDAL.  
HE WILL MEET WITH "SOLIDARIDAD NACIONAL" CHIEF LUIS  
CASTANEDA LOSSIO ON OCTOBER 26. HE UNDERScoreD THAT THE  
UNITED STATES IS NOT NEUTRAL REGARDING PERU'S ELECTORAL  
PROCESS, WHICH WE ARE SEEKING TO ENSURE, WITHIN OUR LIMITS,  
IS FAIR AND TRANSPARENT. THE USG WILL REMAIN, HOWEVER,

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NEUTRAL, IN DEED AND APPEARANCE, WITH RESPECT TO THE VARIOUS CANDIDACIES, AND STUDIOUSLY AVOID ANY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE WHO WINS.

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ALBERTO ANDRADE  
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3. (C) ANDRADE THANKED THE AMBASSADOR FOR HIS FAVORABLE COMMENTS ON THE MAYOR'S SUCCESSFUL URBAN RENEWAL CAMPAIGN, WHICH HAD TRANSFORMED LIMA'S HISTORIC CENTER. ANDRADE POINTED UP DOWNTOWN CHINATOWN'S RECENT FACELIFT, NOTING HIS EFFORTS TO ENLIST BUSINESS AND PRIVATE SUPPORT FUNDING FOR SUCH ENDEAVORS. A SELF-DESCRIBED BUSINESSMAN, ANDRADE DEMURRED ON WHEN HE WOULD FORMALLY ANNOUNCE HIS PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY. Q COMPLAINED OF GOP-SANCTIONED HARASSMENT DURING HIS CAMPAIGN SWINGS OUTSIDE OF LIMA AND CHARGED THAT THE FUJIMORI ADMINISTRATION SOUGHT TO DISCREDIT HIM BY ENCOURAGING DISMISSED LIMA MUNICIPAL WORKERS TO SEEK PUBLIC

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CONFRONTATIONS, WHICH INJURED SEVERAL OF HIS SUPPORTERS DURING A RECENT DEMONSTRATION. ANDRADE ALSO ALLEGED THE GOP WAS BEHIND EFFORTS INTER ALIA TO VILIFY HIM IN THE PRESS; TO PASS LEGISLATION REDUCING LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTONOMY; AND TO PREVENT THE MUNICIPALITY FROM RAISING REVENUE THROUGH BUSINESS LICENSES.

4. (C) REGARDING PROSPECTS FOR OPPOSITION UNITY IN THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS, AND CITING VARGAS LLOSA'S EXPERIENCE IN 1990, ANDRADE EXPLAINED THAT IT WOULD BE SUICIDAL FOR NON-TRADITIONAL POLITICAL MOVEMENTS SUCH AS SOMOS PERU TO MERGE FORMALLY WITH FAILED TRADITIONAL POLITICAL PARTIES AND LEADERS. NEVERTHELESS, HE MAINTAINED TIES WITH THE OPPOSITION, AND SUPPORTED EFFORTS TO FORGE A COMMON ELECTORAL PLATFORM. ANDRADE SAID HE AND LUIS CASTANEDA LOSSIO HAD AGREED NOT TO ATTACK EACH OTHER, AND WOULD REASSESS THEIR ELECTORAL PROSPECTS IN DECEMBER, WITH THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE WEAKER OF THE TWO "DEFERRING TO THE LEADER" IN THE RUN-UP TO ELECTIONS. AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED THE USG'S EVEN-HANDED APPROACH VIS-A-VIS THE VARIOUS PRESIDENTIAL PRE-CANDIDATES, AND INDICATED OUR INTEREST IN MAINTAINING A FLUID, CONSTANT DIALOGUE BOTH ON ELECTION ISSUES AND ISSUES IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. HE OFFERED TO FACILITATE APPROPRIATE MEETINGS WITH USG OFFICIALS WHEN ANDRADE TRAVELED TO WASHINGTON.

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ALEJANDRO TOLEDO  
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5. (C) HIGHLY-REGARDED ECONOMIST ALEJANDRO TOLEDO PORTRAYED

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HIMSELF AS A PERUVIAN HORATIO ALGER WHO, DESPITE HIS HUMBLE, INDIGENOUS ORIGINS, HAD SUCCEEDED BECAUSE HE HAD GOTTEN AN EDUCATION. TOLEDO WAS UPBEAT ABOUT HIS FLEDGLING CAMPAIGN. HE WANTS TO BUILD ON FUJIMORI'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS, BUT WHERE HE HOPED TO BREAK NEW GROUND IS ON DECENTRALIZATION, JOB CREATION, AND DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS. HE SAID THE FUJIMORI ADMINISTRATION HAD TRAPPED ITSELF IN AN IMF BOX THAT HAD FROZEN GROWTH AT TOO LOW A LEVEL. TOLEDO ADVOCATED RESPONSIBLE RENEGOTIATION OF PERU'S DEBT SERVICING PAYMENTS, WHICH HE SAID COULD FREE UP 500 MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY FOR INVESTMENT IN EDUCATION, HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. TOLEDO SAID HE HAD BUILT BRIDGES TO THE MILITARY WHOSE SALARIES HE WOULD RAISE IF ELECTED WHILE DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON ARMS PURCHASES. HE SAID FUJIMORI'S ACTIONS HAD WORKED AGAINST THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF DEMOCRACY IN PERU. HE NOTED, IRONICALLY, THAT PERUVIAN BROADCAST AND PRINT MEDIA OUTLETS HAD RECENTLY OPENED TO HIM WHILE SHUTTING OUT THE OTHER PRE-CANDIDATES, ESPECIALLY ANDRADE. TOLEDO SAID THAT OPPOSITION FRONTRUNNER CASTANEDA HAD NOT SUPPORTED OPPOSITION EFFORTS TO FORGE A COMMON ELECTORAL PLATFORM, PRIMARILY BECAUSE HE WAS RIDING HIGH IN THE POLLS. (NOTE: LATEST APOYO POLL SHOWS FUJIMORI MAINTAINING A COMFORTABLE LEAD AMONG THE PRESIDENTIAL PRE-CANDIDATES WITH 33 PERCENT. HE IS FOLLOWED BY CASTANEDA LOSSIO AT 24

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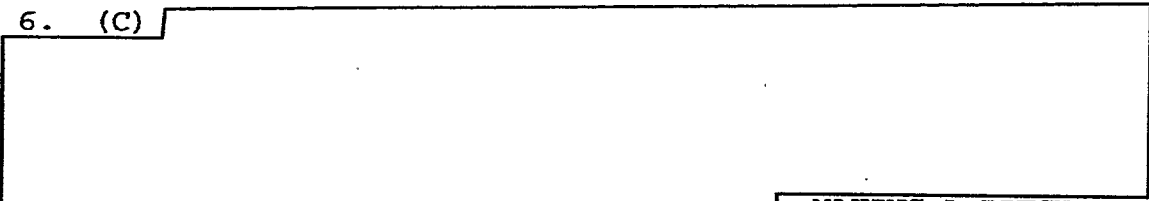
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PERCENT. ANDRADE COMES IN THIRD WITH 16 PERCENT, FOLLOWED  
BY TOLEDO (7 PERCENT) AND KETIN VIDAL (3 PERCENT).

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6. (C)

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FOR USG BACKING FOR TOLEDO'S CANDIDACY, DR. LUIS SOLARI, WHO  
ACCOMPANIED HIM TO THE MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR,  
SUGGESTED THAT THE USG ULTIMATELY WOULD HAVE TO SIDE WITH  
FUJIMORI OR THE OPPOSITION IN THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS.  
AMBASSADOR REITERATED FORCEFULLY THAT THE USG WOULD BE  
NEUTRAL, IN DEED AND APPEARANCE, WITH RESPECT TO THE VARIOUS  
CANDIDACIES, AND MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME OF  
THE ELECTIONS. TOLEDO AGAIN AGREED THAT THIS WAS THE  
CORRECT POSTURE.

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KETIN VIDAL  
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7. (C) AS THE FORMER DIRECTOR OF PERU'S ANTI-TERRORIST  
ENTITY DINCOTE AND OF THE PERUVIAN NATIONAL POLICE, RETIRED

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GENERAL ANTONIO KETIN VIDAL PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN THE CAPTURE OF SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) TERRORIST LEADER ABIMAEI GUZMAN. THE PRESS AND PUNDITS HAVE PLAYED UP VIDAL'S ATTRACTION AS A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, BASED ON HIS CELEBRATED ROLE IN THE DEFEAT OF TH SL. HOWEVER, VIDAL TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT, NOTWITHSTANDING INSISTENT PRESS SPECULATION, HE WAS NOT A PRESIDENTIAL PRE-CANDIDATE. HE ADMITTED, HOWEVER, HIS  
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POTENTIAL TO SWING A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF VOTES IN THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS, THROUGH THE SMALL POLITICAL MOVEMENT WITH WHICH HE WAS ASSOCIATED, "MOVIMIENTO APLIO PAIS UNIDO" (MAPU). HE CRITICIZED THE FUJIMORI ADMINISTRATION'S ASSAULT ON DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND LAMENTED THERE WAS NO UNIFYING OPPOSITION CANDIDATE. NEITHER ANDRADE NOR CASTANEDO LOSSIO OFFERED A UNIQUE VISION, IN HIS VIEW.

8. (C) VIDAL WELCOMED THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF TERRORISM IN PERU, RECALLING HIS EFFORTS AS A POLICE OFFICIAL TO BUILD FROM SCRATCH A COMPETENT, PROFESSIONAL INTELLIGENCE APPARATUS.

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VIDAL UNDERSCORED HIS EFFORTS TO IMBUE A SENSE OF DEMOCRACY AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN HIS UNITS. IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS THE WAR AGAINST SL WAS A SHOWDOWN BETWEEN TWO OPPOSING SYSTEMS -- DEMOCRACY AND RADICAL MARXISM/COMMUNISM. THIS UNDERSTANDING HELPED TO MOTIVATE HIS PEOPLE, WHO DEVELOPED EXCELLENT POLICE SKILLS. SL HAD SERIOUSLY UNDERESTIMATED THE POLICE'S CAPACITY TO REGROUP AND RISE TO THE OCCASION. VIDAL SAID THERE WERE NO SIGNIFICANT LINKS BETWEEN SL AND FARC, AND UNLIKE THE SITUATION IN COLOMBIA, SL RECEIVED NO MEANINGFUL OUTSIDE POLITICAL/ECONOMIC SUPPORT. SL TERRORISM NEVER RECOVERED FROM GUZMAN'S CAPTURE, BUT THE REEMERGENCE OF A SIMILAR PHENOMENON WAS OT INCONCEIVABLE, HE SAID. THE UNDERLYING FACTOS WHICH GAVE RISE TO THE MOVEMENT -- POVERTY AND INJUSTICE, AMONG OTHERS -- WERE STILL SERIOUS PROBLEMS.

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