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- POLICE HIGH COMMAND FOR DRUG  
- INVOLVEMENT

1. [REDACTED] ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] PRESIDENT FUJIMORI, AS PART OF HIS  
MORALIZATION CAMPAIGN, HAS SIGNED ORDERS WHICH  
WILL FORCIBLY RETIRE SOME 48 OF THE  
APPROXIMATELY 87 SERVING POLICE GENERALS.  
EVENTUALLY SOME 300 POLICE OFFICIALS WILL BE  
FIRED. AN ADDITIONAL 16 GENERAL AND FLAG  
OFFICERS FROM THE ARMED SERVICES WILL ALSO BE  
RETIRED. ALL ARE BEING REMOVED BECAUSE OF  
WIRETAP EVIDENCE LINKING THEM TO  
NARCOTICS-RELATED CORRUPTION. ALL ARE TO BE  
FIRED AT OPENING OF BUSINESS ON MONDAY JULY 30.  
THE ACTIONS WILL REMOVE VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE  
POLICE HIGH COMMAND, INCLUDING NINE OF THE 10  
LIEUTENANT GENERALS ON ACTIVE DUTY. DIPOD  
(ANTI-NARCOTICS POLICE) CHIEF JUAN "ZARATE"

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GAMBINI WILL BE REPLACED. THEY ALSO REPORTED  
THAT FUJIMORI HAS DECIDED TO SIGN THE MILITARY  
ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT AND TO PUT A TRAINING BASE

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AT PALMA DE ESPINO IN THE UPPER HUALLAGA VALLEY. FUJIMORI PLANS TO PUT THE FULL WEIGHT OF THE ARMED FORCES BEHIND THE ANTI-DRUG EFFORT. AS PART OF THIS, HE WILL HAVE THE CURRENT MILITARY COMMANDER IN THE UHV, ARMY GENERAL BRITO, MOVE HIS COMMAND POST TO SANTA LUCIA, WHENCE HE WILL DIRECT ALL POLICE AND MILITARY ACTIONS IN THE VALLEY.

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3. EARLY EVENING JULY 27, [REDACTED]

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4. [REDACTED] FUJIMORI HAD DECIDED ON THE BASIS OF INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION THAT THE SENIOR LEVELS OF THE NATIONAL POLICE WERE INCREDIBLY CORRUPT AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS AND THAT AN URGENT HOUSECLEANING WAS NEEDED. [REDACTED]

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DECREES -- DULY SIGNED BY PRESIDENT FUJIMORI,  
BUT NOT YET COUNTERSIGNED BY THE INCOMING  
INTERIOR MINISTER -- ORDERING POLICE  
RETIREMENTS, TRANSCRIPTS OF [REDACTED]  
TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN FORMER PRESIDENT  
BELAUNDE AND FRIENDS, AND [REDACTED] A  
LATE DRAFT OF THE PRESIDENT'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS.

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CHANGES IN THE NATIONAL POLICE  
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6. [REDACTED] NINE OF 10 SERVING LIEUTENANT  
GENERALS IN THE NATIONAL POLICE WOULD BE FIRED  
AND THAT SOLE REMAINING LT. GEN., (FNUNK)  
"ESCOBEDO" ADOLFO, WOULD BECOME DIRECTOR GENERAL  
(CHIEF) OF THE NATIONAL POLICE. ANTI-DRUG  
POLICE (DIPOD) DIRECTOR [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] GENERAL JUAN ZARATE WAS CORRUPT AND

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SERVED AS THE DRUG MONEY BAGMAN FOR APRA INTERIOR MINISTER MAXIMO AGUSTIN "MANTILLA" CAMPOS AND HIS BROTHER JORGE LUIS (NICKNAME: KOKO) "MANTILLA" CAMPOS. [REDACTED] THAT THE MANTILLA BROTHERS AND ZARATE BROUGHT DOWN FORMER UHV ARMY COMMANDER GENERAL ALBERTO "ARCINIEGA" BY FALSELY ACCUSING HIM OF COLLUSION WITH NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS. GENERAL ZARATE WILL BE REPLACED BY GENERAL EDWIN VILLACORTA.

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7. ALL THREE SUPERIOR DIRECTORS (THE SENIOR OPERATIONAL COMMANDERS OF THE NATIONAL POLICE) WILL BE REPLACED BY THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS: GENERAL POLICE: (FNUNK) "ALVA" PLACENCIA (PHONETIC); TECHNICAL POLICE: GENERAL (FNUNK) "FUENTES" LOPEZ; SECURITY POLICE (FNUNK) "ZUTA" ALQUI.

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 CHANGES IN THE ARMED FORCES  
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8. SIXTEEN GENERAL AND FLAG RANK OFFICERS (EIGHT ARMY AND FOUR EACH FROM THE NAVY AND AIR FORCE) WILL BE RETIRED FOR DRUG CORRUPTION. THE COMMANDER OF THE NAVY AND THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS (ADMIRAL FRANCISCO "VAINSTEIN") WILL BE FIRED, AS WILL THE CHIEF OF THE AIR FORCE. THE NEW COMMANDER OF THE AIR FORCE WILL BE THE CURRENT NUMBER THREE, WHO IS CURRENTLY IN THE U.S. IT WAS NOT CLEAR THAT THE NUMBER TWO MAN IN THE AIR FORCE WOULD BE FIRED OR NOT.

9. CHANGES IN THE UPPER HUALLAGA VALLEY: THE CURRENT MILITARY COMMANDER IN THE VALLEY GENERAL MQRIO BRITO WILL MOVE HIS COMMAND POST TO SANTA LUCIA AND DIRECT POLICE AND MILITARY OPERATIONS FROM THERE. DEA WILL DEFINITELY STAY AT SANTA LUCIA. BRITO HAS BEEN DIRECTED BY FUJIMORI TO DEVELOP AN OPERATION PLAN FOR THE VALLEY. [REDACTED]

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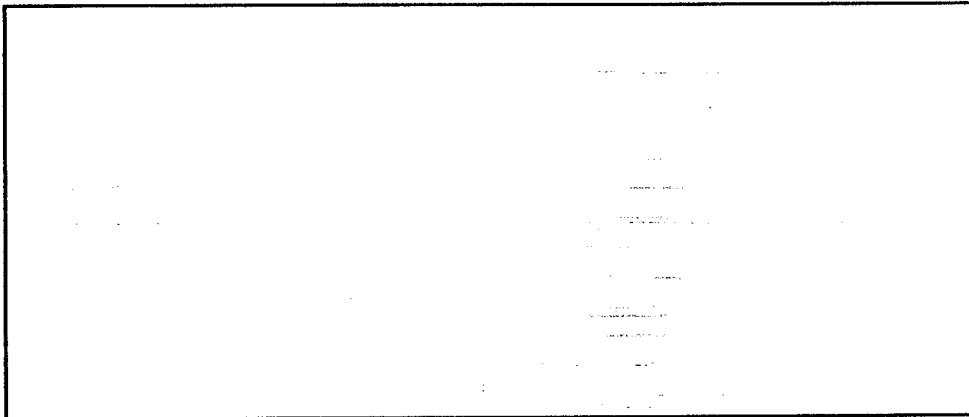
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BILATERAL AGREEMENTS  
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10. FUJIMORI HAS DECIDED TO SIGN THE BILATERAL  
AGREEMENT ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND PUT THE  
FULL WEIGHT OF THE MILITARY INTO THE DRUG WAR.  
FUJIMORI WILL GO AHEAD WITH THE TRAINING BASE IN  
PALMA DE ESPINO [REDACTED]

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PRESIDENT GARCIA  
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12. IN THE LAST DAYS OF THE GARCIA GOVERNMENT, INFLATION HAS MADE PRICE INCREASES FOR BASIC COMMODITIES INEVITABLE. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] GARCIA AND THE MANTILLA BROTHERS ARE PLOTTING TO PROVOKE RIOTS WHEN THE PRICE INCREASES COME. THE FUJIMORI GOVERNMENT HOPES TO RESTRAIN THE POLICE SO THAT ANY RING LEADERS WILL BE CAPTURED ALIVE AND BE MADE TO TESTIFY TO THE ROLE APRA PLAYED IN THE RIOTS. GARCIA IS ALSO THOUGHT TO HAVE PURCHASED (UNDER ASSUMED NAMES) THREE HOUSES NEAR HIS OWN NEWLY BUILT HOME AND TO HAVE PLACED 150 (SIC) MEN IN THESE HOUSES (PERHAPS AS SECURITY GUARDS). [REDACTED] THAT THE MEN HAVE ONLY HAND GUNS AT THIS TIME, BUT THAT THEY ARE UNDER SURVEILLANCE (HE DID NOT INDICATE BY WHICH AGENCY) IN AN ATTEMPT TO PHOTOGRAPH THEM WITH HEAVY WEAPONS.

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13. WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE THIS IS A DELIBERATE AND SUBSTANTIALLY ACCURATE LEAK AUTHORIZED BY FUJIMORI TO FOREWARN THE USG.

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THIS TOUGH STANCE AGAINST THE POLICE WOULD BE ENTIRELY IN KEEPING WITH THE EXCEPTIONALLY STRONG DENUNCIATION OF CORRUPTION IN THE NEW PRESIDENT'S INAUGURAL SPEECH AT NOON TODAY. IF SUBSTANTIATED, THESE MOVES WOULD CONSTITUTE AN ARMY TAKEOVER OF THE INTERIOR MINISTRY AND THE ENTIRE DRUG EFFORT. CLEARLY CORRUPTION IS WIDESPREAD IN THE GOP BUT THE ARMY ITSELF IS NOT EXEMPT AND ITS MANAGEMENT OF THE ANTI-DRUG EFFORT WOULD REQUIRE CLOSE MONITORING AS WELL. THE PLANS TO ESTABLISH ARMY HEADQUARTERS AT THE SANTA LUCIA BASE PRESENT SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR US SINCE THIS WOULD IMPLY

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COUNTER-INSURGENCY AS WELL AS COUNTER-NARCOTICS OPERATIONS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT FROM SANTA LUCIA. WE ARE PUZZLED BY THE DECISION TO USE PALMA DE ESPINO AS A BATTALION TRAINING SITE SINCE THE AMBASSADOR MADE CLEAR TO PRESIDENT-ELECT FUJIMORI IN HIS INITIAL CALL THAT THE PALMA SITE WAS NO LONGER UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION BY THE USG.

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