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- EVEN ITS OWN

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1. (S/NF) SUMMARY: THE PAST AND CURRENT PERUVIAN GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN CREDIBLY ACCUSED RECENTLY OF WIDESPREAD WIRETAPPING OF THEIR DOMESTIC POLITICAL OPPONENTS, EVEN WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH. [REDACTED]

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2. (U) PERU'S MUCKRAKING DEPUTY, FERNANDO "POPPY" OLIVERA, HAS DONE IT AGAIN. PERUVIAN POLITICAL CIRCLES HAVE BEEN ABUZZ IN RECENT WEEKS OVER AN EVER-GROWING SCANDAL CONCERNING ILLEGAL WIRETAPS. THIS TIME DEPUTY OLIVERA, PERU'S ANSWER TO JACK ANDERSON, HAS REVEALED THAT THE GOVERNMENTS OF BOTH ALAN GARCIA AND ALBERTO FUJIMORI HAVE TAPPED THE TELEPHONES OF THEIR POLITICAL OPPONENTS - AND FRIENDS.

3. (U) OLIVERA OPENED THIS VERY LARGE CAN OF WORMS BY STATING ON CESAR HILDEBRANDT'S "EN PERSONA" TELEVISION SHOW THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT ALAN GARCIA (1985-JULY 1990) HAD TAPPED THE PHONES OF OPPOSITION MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. AS "PROOF" HE PRESENTED COPIES OF DOCUMENTS HE SAID WERE LEAKED TO HIM BY MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIN). HIS SOURCES, HE SAID, WERE MILITARY PERSONNEL, "BUT MILITARY WHO BELIEVE IN DEMOCRACY." THE DOCUMENTS PURPORTED TO SHOW LISTS OF POLITICAL AND MEDIA LEADERS WHO HAD BEEN THE TARGET OF WIRETAPS.

4. (U) OLIVERA RAISED THE HEAT FURTHER BY IMPLICATING THE BRAND-NEW "MORALIZING" GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTO FUJIMORI. OLIVERA PRESENTED A LIST OF SIN'S "TOP TEN TARGETS," DATED AUGUST 1990. BOTH OLIVERA AND HILDEBRANDT WERE AMONG THOSE TO BE TAPPED. THE TARGETS CAME FROM ACROSS THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM. PERHAPS MOST DAMAGING TO PRESIDENT FUJIMORI, HOWEVER, WAS TARGET NUMBER TEN: THE PRESIDENT'S OWN CAMBIO 90

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PARTY. AMONG THOSE LISTED FOR TAPPING WERE CONSTITUTIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS MAXIMO SAN ROMAN AND CARLOS GARCIA GARCIA.

5. (U) IN HIS APPEARANCES BEFORE CONGRESS TO DEFEND THE NEW ECONOMIC REFORMS, PRIME MINISTER HURTADO MILLER DENIED THAT THE FUJIMORI GOVERNMENT WAS ENGAGED IN WIRETAPPINGS, ILLEGAL OR OTHERWISE. HE POINTED OUT A NUMBER OF DISCREPANCIES, SOME QUITE OBVIOUS, IN OLIVERA'S DOCUMENTS; THIS LED SOME OBSERVERS TO CONCLUDE THAT OLIVERA HAD BEEN SET UP, "BAMBOOZLED" BY THE PEDDLERS OF FALSE DOCUMENTS.

6. (U) OLIVERA SOON PUT THOSE IDEAS TO REST WHEN HE

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READ ALOUD ON TELEVISION A SERIES OF TRANSCRIPTS OF TELEPHONE INTERCEPTS. AMONG THE TARGETS: LEFT-WING SENATOR JAVIER DIEZ CANSECO, LIBERTAD'S MIGUEL CRUCHAGA, PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE MARIO VARGAS LLOSA, AND TWICE-PRESIDENT FERNANDO BELAUNDE TERRY. MANY OF THE OUTRAGED TARGETS PUBLICLY CONFIRMED THAT THESE PRIVATE CALLS HAD INDEED BEEN MADE, JUST AS THE LEAKED TRANSCRIPTS INDICATED. OLIVERA AND HILDEBRANDT ALSO REVEALED THE ADDRESSES OF A NUMBER OF THE "SAFE HOUSES" USED AS LISTENING POSTS BY THE INTELLIGENCE COLLECTORS. ONE TAPPER WAS CAUGHT IN THE ACT IN A SAFE HOUSE THREE BLOCKS FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE BY OLIVERA AND AN INVESTIGATING ATTORNEY ("FISCAL") FROM THE PUBLIC MINISTRY. (SIN PUBLICLY DENIED KNOWING THE GENTLEMAN WHEN HE TRIED TO COME IN FROM THE COLD.) BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS PROMPTLY ANNOUNCED THE CREATION OF SEPARATE INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEES. JAVIER DIEZ CANSECO IS TO LEAD THE SENATE COMMITTEE.

7. (C/NF) THE CHARGES, COUNTERCHARGES, AND LEAKED

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DOCUMENTS (REAL OR DOCTORED) HAVE CONTINUED WITH LIGHTNING SPEED IN RECENT DAYS. INDEED, IT IS DIFFICULT TO KEEP TRACK OF THEM ALL, MUCH LESS VERIFY THEM. AMONG THE HIGHLIGHTS: IT SEEMS THAT THE SIN AND THE SIE (AR5"PPED, BUT IT IS NOT CLEAR BY WHOM. SIN DISCOVERED THAT THE DESK OF PRESIDENT-ELECT FUJIMORI HAD BEEN BUGGED AT THE "CIRCULO MILITAR." SIN BLAMED SIE, PROMPTLY SOURING FUJIMORI'S BUDDING RELATIONS WITH

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CERTAIN MILITARY ELEMENTS. (SIE CHIEF COLONEL RAFAEL CORDOVA APPARENTLY LOST HIS JOB FOR THAT ONE.) IT HAS ALSO BEEN REPORTED THAT GENERAL LOPEZ ALBUJAR RESIGNED AS GARCIA'S MINISTER OF DEFENSE IN 1989 BECAUSE HE DISCOVERED HIS OFFICE HAD BEEN BUGGED BY THE GOVERNMENT. CESAR HILDEBRANDT NOTED THAT AFTER LOPEZ ALBUJAR WAS ASSASSINATED THIS PAST JANUARY (REF A), THE FAMILY DENIED PRESIDENT GARCIA PERMISSION TO SPEAK AT THE FUNERAL. HILDEBRANDT WENT SO FAR AS TO MAKE THE FRIGHTENING SUGGESTION THAT LOPEZ ALBUJAR'S ASSASSINATION MIGHT HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT AT THE BEHEST OF THE GOVERNMENT HE HAD SERVED AS A MINISTER, AND NOT SIMPLY BY MRTA, WHICH HAD PUBLICLY CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MURDER. (SEE REP B FOR VARIATIONS ON THE THEME OF MRTA/ARPA RELATIONS.)

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8. (C/NF) WIRETAPS, UNDER THE PERUVIAN CONSTITUTION, CAN ONLY BE CONDUCTED WITH A JUDGE'S APPROVAL. THERE HAS BEEN NO INDICATION THAT THIS FUNDAMENTAL RULE WAS FOLLOWED IN ANY OF THESE CASES OF POLITICAL ESPIONAGE. MANY FINGERS ARE NOW POINTING AT SIN'S DIRECTOR, GENERAL (EP) EDWIN DIAZ ZEVALLOS (RET.), AS THE GUILTY PARTY. WHILE HE MAY YET BE OFFERED UP AS A SACRIFICIAL LAMB TO THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEES, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE SYSTEMATIC INTERCEPTING OF THE COMMUNICATIONS OF DOZENS (IF NOT MORE) OF LEADING CITIZENS IS NOT JUST THE DOING OF ONE OVERLY ZEALOUS INDIVIDUAL. NOR WILL IT BE CORRECTED WITH ONE DISMISSAL.

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9. (S/NF) WE NOTE THAT NO SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS HAVE BEEN AMONG THE VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS PUBLICLY IDENTIFIED AS INTERCEPT TARGETS. NOR HAVE ANY FOREIGN EMBASSIES BEEN LISTED, FOR THAT MATTER. WE JUDGE THIS TO BE BECAUSE THE LEAKERS DECIDED TO LEAK ONLY INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT THEY REGARD AS "ILLEGITIMATE" OR "POLITICAL" TARGETS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WE CONSIDER THE CURRENT SCANDAL PROOF OF THE OLD SAW, "JUST BECAUSE YOU ARE PARANOID, DOESN'T MEAN THAT YOU DON'T HAVE ENEMIES." LET THE CALLER BEWARE.

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