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SUBJECT: WITH CAMBIO 90 HELP, EX-PRESIDENT GARCIA  
WINS A CLOSE VOTE

REF: LIMA 15897  
1. (C) SUMMARY: CAMBIO 90 HAS ONCE AGAIN SIDED  
WITH APRA, THIS TIME TO DEFEAT AN INVESTIGATIVE  
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION THAT EX-PRESIDENT GARCIA BE  
INDICTED FOR ORDERING THE 1986 PRISON MASSACRES. THE  
VOTE HAS PUT TO BED THE SECOND OF THE CONGRESSIONAL

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INVESTIGATIONS OF GARCIA. THIS EVENT MAY BE REPLAYED  
SEVERAL TIMES IN THE NEAR FUTURE AS ADDITIONAL  
COMMITTEES INVESTIGATING GARCIA FINISH THEIR WORK.  
CAMBIO 90 AND APRA HAVE NOW COOPERATED TO WIN THREE  
KEY CONGRESSIONAL VOTES, DESPITE CAMBIO 90 PROTESTS  
THAT THERE IS NOT AN APRA-CAMBIO 90 ALLIANCE. END  
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2. (U) ON NOVEMBER 7 THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES REJECTED THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING ACCUSATIONS THAT EX-PRESIDENT ALAN GARCIA ORDERED THE MILITARY TO MASSACRE ABOUT 250 PRISONERS (MAINLY SENDERISTAS) DURING THE 1986 PRISON UPRISINGS. THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE HAD RECOMMENDED THAT GARCIA BE STRIPPED OF HIS CONGRESSIONAL IMMUNITY AND INDICTED. THE LONE APRA MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE SUBMITTED A MINORITY REPORT FINDING GARCIA BLAMELESS. THE FINAL FLOOR VOTE WAS 80 TO 75 AGAINST THE MAJORITY REPORT (I.E. FOR GARCIA). THE 80 VOTES GARCIA RECEIVED WAS THE EXACT MINIMUM NECESSARY TO OVERRIDE THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

3. (U) ONCE AGAIN THE LINEUP PITTED APRA AND CAMBIO 90 AGAINST BOTH THE LEFT AND THE RIGHT. THREE REBEL CAMBIO 90 DEPUTIES DEFECTED BUT THE REMAINING APRA AND CAMBIO DEPUTIES HAD JUST ENOUGH VOTES TO CARRY THE DAY. THERE WERE TWO ABSTENTIONS, BOTH FROM "POPY" OLIVERA'S CORRUPTION-BUSTING FRENTE INDEPENDIENTE MORALIZADOR (FIM) PARTY. THE ABSTENTIONS WERE NOT CRITICAL TO GARCIA SINCE THE KEY WAS TO GET THE 80 VOTES AGAINST THE COMMITTEE

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 RECOMMENDATION, BUT SYMBOLICALLY THEIR ABSTENTIONS WERE A SIGNIFICANT BLOW TO "POPY" OLIVERA. THE CHARISMATIC DEPUTY HAS MADE A PERSONAL CRUSADE OF GETTING GARCIA. THIS VOTE, AND GARCIA'S STRONG DEFENSE IN THE COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING HIS PERSONAL FINANCES (REFTEL), WHICH IS CHAIRED BY OLIVERA, MAKE IT INCREASINGLY UNLIKELY THAT THE CONGRESS WILL FIND A MAJORITY TO RECOMMEND THAT GARCIA BE INDICTED ON ANY OF THE VARIOUS CHARGES AGAINST HIM. FOLLOWING THE VOTE, APRA DEPUTIES AND SUPPORTERS HOUNDED OLIVERA WITH SHOUTS OF "CLOWN" AND "GARCIA WILL RETURN IN 95."

4. (C) THE PRISON MASSACRES WERE ESSENTIALLY A LEFT WING ISSUE; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE WAS JULIO CASTRO GOMEZ OF THE RADICAL LEFT PUM PARTY. THE RIGHT NEVER SEEMED COMFORTABLE IN ACCUSING GARCIA OF ORDERING THE MILITARY TO KILL DETAINED TERRORIST SUSPECTS. DESPITE THIS

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DISCOMFORT, THE MORE NUMEROUS RIGHT JOINED THE LEFT  
IN A MUTUAL EFFORT TO PILLORY GARCIA AND APRA.  
DURING THE VOTE THE FREDEMO GROUP (AP, PPC, LIBERTAD  
AND SODE) GENERALLY HELD THEIR PARTY DISCIPLINE  
ALTHOUGH SOME AP DEPUTIES WERE ABSENT.  
5. (U) AFTER THE VOTE SOME OF THE LEFT BLAMED  
FREDEMO ABSENCES FOR THE LOSS. FREDEMO GENERALLY  
RAILED AGAINST THE APRA-CAMBIO 90 "MARRIAGE." CAMBIO  
90 DEPUTIES ARGUED THAT THERE IS NO SUCH "MARRIAGE"  
AND THAT EACH CAMBIO DEPUTY VOTED HIS OWN  
CONSCIENCE. APRA SUPPORTERS GLOATED.

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6. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH APRA AND CAMBIO 90 DO NOT HAVE  
A MAJORITY (COMBINED THEY HAVE 85 OF 180 DEPUTIES)  
THEIR TWO BLOCKS, HELPED BY KEY ABSENCES FROM THE  
RIGHT (ESPECIALLY ACCION POPULAR), HAVE NOW WON THREE  
KEY VOTES (SENATE RATIFICATION OF THE RESERVE BANK  
PRESIDENT, DEFEAT OF THE CENSURE OF THE CHAMBER OF  
DEPUTIES PRESIDENT, THE PRISON MASSACRES  
ACCUSATION). PRESIDENT FUJIMORI WILL NEED APRA  
SUPPORT TO FRUSTRATE NULLIFICATION OF HIS DECREES ON  
PARDONS AND THE SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET. APRA WILL NEED  
CAMBIO SUPPORT TO KILL ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATIONS

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AGAINST GARCIA INCLUDING ALLEGED PERSONAL FINANCIAL IMPROPRIETIES. THE INEXPERIENCED CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE (COMPOSED EXCLUSIVELY OF FIRST-TERM CAMBIO 90 DEPUTIES) CAN ALSO USE THE PARLIAMENTARY SAVVY OF EXPERIENCED APRA VETERANS. DESPITE FUJIMORI'S DESIRE TO AVOID ALLIANCES THAT LIMIT HIS FREEDOM OF ACTION, INDICATIONS ARE THAT

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BLOC VOTING BY APRA AND CAMBIO 90 IS BECOMING HABIT FORMING. QUAINTON

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