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 1. (C) SUMMARY. THE PERUVIAN SENATE REFUSED TO CONFIRM ON THE FIRST BALLOT FLAG OFFICER PROMOTIONS OF ONE NAVY, EIGHT POLICE, AND NINE ARMY OFFICERS. THE OFFICERS REJECTED INCLUDED THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND THE CHIEFS OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIN). ON A SECOND BALLOT THE PROMOTIONS OF MOST OF THE OFFICERS, INCLUDING THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR WERE CONFIRMED. BUT THE CHIEFS OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE AND SIN WERE AGAIN REJECTED. THE ANTI-CONFIRMATION VOTES WERE NOT DIRECTLY LINKED TO THE CURRENT SPARING

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MATCH BETWEEN FUJIMORI AND THE CONGRESS. INSTEAD THEY APPEAR MOTIVATED BY RITUAL APRA-LEFT RESISTANCE TO FUJIMORI AND HIS MILITARY SUPPORTERS. HOWEVER, MISTRUST OF THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH VALDIMIRO MONTESINOS ALSO PLAYED A PART. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) THE SENATE ON DECEMBER 9-10 CHALLENGED PRESIDENT FUJIMORI ONCE AGAIN WHEN IT REFUSED TO CONFIRM A NUMBER OF PROPOSED PROMOTIONS OF FLAG OFFICERS. THE RESULTS OF THE SECRET BALLOT WERE:

ARMY - NINE REJECTED, 22 CONFIRMED  
 POLICE - EIGHT REJECTED, NINE CONFIRMED  
 NAVY - ONE REJECTED, 11 CONFIRMED  
 AIR FORCE - NONE REJECTED, 13 CONFIRMED

IN ADDITION THE SENATE CONFIRMED FOUR AMBASSADORS (URUGUAY, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, COSTA

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 RICA AND GUATEMALA). THE MOST PROMINENT OFFICERS REJECTED WERE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR BRIGADIER GENERAL JUAN BRIONES DAVILA, CHIEF OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE REAR ADMIRAL JORGE HESSE RAMIREZ AND CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIN) BRIGADIER GENERAL JULIO SALAZAR MONROE. ALL OF THE OFFICERS THAT WERE NOT CONFIRMED (EXCEPT FOR ONE COLONEL WHO RECEIVED AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF NEGATIVE VOTES) WERE ALLOWED A SECOND CONFIRMATION VOTE. IN A SECOND VOTE HELD ON DECEMBER 11 THE PROMOTIONS OF ALL OF THE OFFICERS WERE CONFIRMED EXCEPT FOR ADMIRAL HESSE, GENERAL SALAZAR AND TWO OBSCURE POLICE COLONELS. THE OFFICERS REJECTED TWICE CANNOT BE RECONSIDERED UNTIL NEXT YEAR.

3. (C) A SENIOR SENATE STAFFER SAID THAT THE FAILURE TO CONFIRM THESE OFFICERS WAS NOT AN OFFSHOOT OF THE FEUD BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE SENATE (REF A AND B) OVER MONEY LAUNDERING AND THE RASH OF DECREE LAWS. THE VOTES AGAINST THE PROMOTIONS LIST CAME ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY FROM THE LEFT AND APRA, WHILE THE DISPUTE WITH THE PRESIDENT INVOLVED ALL PARTIES EXCEPT FOR CAMBIO 90. IN 1990 THE SENATE, LED BY APRA AND THE

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LEFT, REJECTED ON THE FIRST BALLOT TWO GENERALS ASSOCIATED WITH HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS (VALDIVIA DUENAS AND FERNANDEZ DAVILA). THE TWO GENERALS WERE LATER CONFIRMED ON A SECOND VOTE. AFTER THIS YEAR'S FIRST BALLOT IT APPEARS THAT MANY SENATORS DECIDED TO APPROVE THE BULK OF THE

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PROMOTIONS TO AVOID SERIOUSLY ALIENATING THE MILITARY.

4. (C) BRIONES' REJECTION WAS AIMED MOST DIRECTLY AT FUJIMORI. EVEN THOUGH HE HAS BEEN MINISTER OF INTERIOR FOR ONLY JUST OVER ONE MONTH, HE ALREADY HAS BEEN SEVERELY CRITICIZED FOR POLICE TACTICS IN BREAKING UP AN APRA STREET DEMONSTRATION (REF C) AND IN THE FAILURE OF THE POLICE TO IDENTIFY THE AUTHORS OF THE BARRIOS ALTOS MASSACRE. IN THE CASE OF HESSE HE IS BELIEVED BY SOME TO BE OVERLY CLOSE TO FUJIMORI'S UNOFFICIAL SECURITY ADVISOR,

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VALDIMIRO MONTESINOS. HESSE ALSO IS BLAMED BY  
SOME NAVAL OFFICERS FOR FUJIMORI'S SACKING OF  
FORMER NAVY CHIEF PANIZO. IT IS LIKELY THAT

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SOME MEMBERS OF THE NAVY LOBBIED AGAINST HESSE.  
SALAZAR IS TAINTED BY HIS ASSOCIATION WITH THE  
FORMER SIN HEAD EDWIN DIAZ. ON THE SECOND  
BALLOT HESSE FELL ONLY ONE VOTE SHORT OF  
CONFIRMATION WHILE SALAZAR NEEDED TWO MORE  
VOTES. NEITHER HESSE NOR SALAZAR HAVE BEEN  
ASSOCIATED WITH ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES.

5. (C) COMMENT. IN 1990 THE CONGRESS PULLED  
THE PRESIDENT'S CHAIN BY REJECTING SEVERAL  
POLITICAL APPOINTEE AMBASSADORS AND DELAYING THE  
TWO GENERALS. THIS TIME, IN WHAT COULD BECOME A  
YEARLY RITUAL, IT APPEARS THAT THE LEFT AND APRA  
INITIALLY REJECTED SOME OF THE PROMOTIONS AS A  
ROUTINE PROTEST AGAINST THE MILITARY AND  
FUJIMORI'S POLICIES. BUT THE SECOND BALLOT  
APPROVAL SHOWS THAT EVEN APRA AND THE LEFT WILL  
NOT RISK TOTALLY ALIENATING THE MILITARY. THE  
LARGE NUMBERS OF ARMY AND POLICE OFFICERS NOT  
CONFIRMED ON THE FIRST BALLOT -- WHILE THE AIR  
FORCE RECEIVED ALL ITS PROMOTIONS AND THE NAVY  
LOST JUST ONE -- REFLECTS THE POOR PUBLIC  
REPUTATION OF THESE SERVICES FOR CORRUPTION AND  
HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES. THERE WAS NO APPARENT  
CONNECTION OF ANY REJECTED OFFICER WITH SPECIFIC  
ABUSES. QUANTON##

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