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 SUBJECT: [REDACTED] MEETS DAS MCLEAN AND DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

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1. [REDACTED] - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. IN A FRIENDLY MEETING THURSDAY, JUNE 13, DAS PHIL MCLEAN MET WITH [REDACTED]

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ALSO MET THE DAY BEFORE WITH A GROUP OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS INTERESTED IN HUMAN RIGHTS IN PERU. THIS CABLE REPORTS BRIEFLY ON BOTH MEETINGS.

3. [REDACTED] THANKED MCLEAN FOR THE USG'S RAPID CONDEMNATION OF THE ATTACK AGAINST COMISEDH ATTORNEY DR. ZUNIGA AND FOR OUR CONTINUING EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT THE INCIDENT IS

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THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED. OUR ACTIONS HAD ENCOURAGED, AND PROTECTED, HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS IN PERU. [REDACTED] PARTICULARLY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF HOW RAPIDLY THE DEPARTMENT HAD PUT OUT A STATEMENT, AND STRESSED THAT THE SECOND PARAGRAPH OF THE STATEMENT, ABOUT DEFENDING THE WORK OF HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS, WAS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT. HE ALSO HAD HIGH PRAISE FOR THE EMBASSY AND ITS ACTIVE ROLE IN DEFENDING HUMAN RIGHTS. FROM [REDACTED] PERSPECTIVE, THE PERUVIAN JUSTICE SYSTEM MUST BE STRENGTHENED. MANY ARE WORKING TO ADVANCE HUMAN RIGHTS WITHIN THE SYSTEM, BUT THE SYSTEM ITSELF IS WEAK. THERE ARE FEW SUCCESSFUL INVESTIGATIONS OR PROSECUTIONS. THE COORDINADORA, OF WHICH COMISEDH IS A PART, WILL WORK THROUGH THE PERUVIAN CONGRESS TO PRESS FOR INVESTIGATIONS IN SPECIFIC CASES, FOR JUDICIAL REFORM, AND FOR THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN GENERAL. IT IS VITAL THAT WE BOTH KEEP UP THE PRESSURE ON THE GOP. [REDACTED] EXPRESSED FRUSTRATION THAT THE INVESTIGATIONS ON THE ZUNIGA CASE WERE AT "ZERO."

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4. ACKNOWLEDGING THAT WE PLAN SOON TO PROVIDE MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO THE GOP, HE CAUTIONED US TO INCREASE OUR OWN SECURITY. WITH INCREASED BILATERAL

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NARCOTICS COOPERATION AND SENDERO'S COMPLICITY WITH TRAFFICKING, HE BELIEVES THAT U.S. PERSONNEL ARE AT INCREASED RISK FROM SENDERO. ALTHOUGH SUPPORTIVE OF OUR ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING THE PLANNED MILITARY ASSISTANCE, HE CAUTIONED THAT WE WILL HAVE TO CLOSELY MONITOR THE MILITARY'S HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD. [REDACTED] SAID HIS SUPPORT OF OUR INVOLVEMENT WAS HIS OWN PERSONAL VIEW, AND THAT THE PERUVIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMUNITY WAS STILL DEBATING THEIR POSITION. HE ALSO STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT, COGNIZANT OF THE VIOLENCE OF SENDERO AND THE MAGNITUDE OF PERU'S PROBLEMS, HE BELIEVED IT WAS FAR BETTER FOR THE U.S. TO BE INVOLVED THAN TO WALK AWAY FROM PERU. [REDACTED] EXPRESSED CONCERN, WHICH HE SAID WAS WIDESPREAD IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMUNITY, THAT DUE TO THE IMPORTANCE OF SUPPRESSION OF COCAINE TRAFFIC TO U.S. DOMESTIC POLICY, THE USG WOULD NEVER REDUCE OR CUT AID TO THE PERUVIAN MILITARY ONCE IT BEGAN. THIS, HE FEARED, WAS GIVING THE PERUVIAN MILITARY A SENSE OF INVULNERABILITY TO CRITICISM OF THEIR BEHAVIOR. DAS MCLEAN STRESSED THAT THIS WAS NOT THE CASE - OUR CURRENT PROGRAM IN PERU IS SMALL, AND IF PERUVIAN

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MILITARY BEHAVIOR DID NOT CHANGE TO CONFORM TO U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS, WE WOULD END OR SUSPEND OUR COOPERATION. [REDACTED] SAID THE HUMAN RIGHTS COORDINADORA HAD PRESENTED A PLAN ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO FUJIMORI, BUT THE PRESIDENT HAD YET TO ACT. IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION, HE CONFIRMED THAT DESPITE REPEATED ATTEMPTS, NO MEETING BETWEEN FUJIMORI AND THE COORDINADORA HAD BEEN SCHEDULED.

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5. DAS MCLEAN CONFIRMED THAT WE WOULD INDEED BE WATCHING THE MILITARY CLOSELY. OUR INCREASED ASSISTANCE WOULD NOT BE AT THE COST OF INCREASED HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES. HE

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ASSURED [REDACTED] THAT HUMAN RIGHTS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE AT THE FOREFRONT OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE GOP AND THAT THE EMBASSY, THROUGH CHANGES IN PERSONNEL, WOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS THE GOP FOR ACTION.
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