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The Honorable Lawrence S. Eagleburger Acting Secretary of State Washington, DC 20520

Dear Larry:

In recent years the Administration has requested and the Congress has recommended large increases in foreign aid to combat narcotics in the Andean countries. However, in its report on the fiscal 1991 foreign aid appropriations bill, the Senate Appropriations Committee noted with concern "the Administration's evident intention to continue a growing emphasis on the military component in US counternarcotics efforts in the Andean region." The Committee made particular reference to the Administration's proposal to increase dramatically military aid to Peru, despite reports by reputable human rights organizations of widespread human rights atrocities by Peruvian security forces. The Committee recommended that:

"at a minimum, no military assistance be provided to Peru until the Peruvian Government commits itself to strong measures to bring the military under civilian control and to enforce respect for basic human rights.

Concrete steps the new Peruvian Government should be asked to undertake include (1) accounting for persons detained and disappeared in 1989 and 1990; (2) establishing a registry of all detentions so family members can be notified promptly of the arrest of a relative; (3) granting access to the International Committee of the Red Cross to all places of detention; (4) taking steps to bring to justice military officers responsible for human rights abuses, including the 1988 Cayara massacre; (5) purging from the military those directly involved in past abuses."

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With respect to the \$34.9 medicon in military aid programmed as described in a letter of July 31, 1991 from General Teddy G. Allen, we will agree to the obligation, but not the disbursement, of all except \$10.05 million proposed for the Peruvian Army, the most notorious abuser of human rights among the security forces. These funds for the Army are primarily for counterinsurgency training and weapons. However, at the urging of President Fujimori, we are prepared to agree to the obligation of \$3.7 million of the funds intended for the Army for road building and other construction equipment for civic action programs only.

Our agreement to obligation of the portion of the military assistance funds described above is contingent on the understanding that prior to disbursement of the military assistance, the Administration will inform the appropriate committees of Congress that the following steps have been taken by the Peruvian authorities:

--Arrangements that the military assistance will be provided directly to President Fujimori and made available to the Peruvian military services by him.

--Creation and publication of a central registry of all detainees of any of the Peruvian security forces within three months;

--Access to all places of detention by the International Committee of the Red Cross and Peruvian justice personnel, immediately following arrest;

Failure to publish the central registry of all detainees within three months will be taken into account when we receive notifications for release of any additional military assistance for Peru that may be approved for fiscal 1992.

In addition, our agreement to obligation of the military assistance is contingent on Administration agreement to consultations with Congress prior to disbursement concerning specific actions the Peruvian Government is taking to discipline and prosecute those responsible for the following cases:

-November 1988 murder of Jugo Bustios

-June 1989 murder of Fernando Mejia Egocheaga

-September 1990 murders of Zacarias Pasca Huamani
and Marcelino Valencia Alvaro

-August 1990 massacre at Iquicha, Ayacucho

-September 1990 murders at Vilcashuaman, Ayacucho

-July 1991 massacre at Santa Barbara, Huancavelica

-March 1991 murders at Chuschi, Ayacucho

-June 1991 murders of medical student and two

minors.

Further, these consultations should include discussion of actions the Peruvian Government is taking to appoint special prosecutors in each province with a public mandate from the national government and sufficient resources to investigate and prosecute human rights violators.

Finally, we would urge the Administration to seriously consider training Peruvian military personnel in the United States rather than sending US trainers to Peru. Both US and Peruvian citizens have serious concerns about sending US military advisers to that country.

Upon receipt of a letter from you entering into the understanding described in this letter, our holds on obligation of the military assistance with the exception of \$10.05 million for the Peruvian Army are removed.

Sincerely,

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