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1. (C) SUMMARY: PRESIDENT FUJIMORI HAS NOW MADE HIS BREAK
WITH FORMER EX-INTELLIGENCE ADVISOR VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS PUBLIC
IN A DRAMATIC, PERSUASIVE WAY. HE AUTHORIZED GOP NEGOTIATORS
TO REMOVE THE LINKAGE BETWEEN MILITARY AMNESTY AND NEW ELECTIONS.
BOTH ACTIONS GAVE THE OAS TALKS A MUCH-NEEDED ELEMENT OF
CONFIDENCE AND FACILITATED A MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH OCTOBER 25.
POLITICAL TENSIONS HAVE EASED AND THE OPPOSITION HAS AGREED TO
RETURN TO CONGRESS. END SUMMARY

2. (C) IN THE OAS TALKS OCTOBER 25, PRESIDENT FUJIMORI

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AUTHORIZED HIS NEGOTIATORS TO DROP THE LINKAGE BETWEEN MILITARY AMNESTY AND NEW ELECTIONS, AND THE OPPOSITION AGREED TO PUT RECONCILIATION (WHICH ALSO INCLUDES THE AMNESTY ISSUE) FORMALLY ON THE OAS AGENDA. THE PARTICIPANTS AGREED THAT CONGRESS WOULD TAKE THE SECOND REQUIRED VOTE NOVEMBER 2 ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS FOR ELECTIONS. THE PARTIES AGREED THAT GENERAL ELECTIONS WOULD OCCUR APRIL 8. AN OAS WORKING GROUP WILL MEET ON ELECTORAL REFORMS. THE NEXT FULL OAS MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27.

3. (C) DURING THE TALKS, JUSTICE MINISTER BUSTAMANTE ANNOUNCED THAT THE PRESIDENT FUJIMORI HAD LEFT THE PALACE TO HEAD AN OPERATION TO "LOCATE" EX-INTELLIGENCE ADVISOR VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS, [REDACTED]

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4. (SBU) THE OPERATION ITSELF WAS UNSUCCESSFUL. PRESIDENT FUJIMORI TOLD THE PRESS THAT HE HAD NOT ISSUED A WARRANT FOR MONTESINOS'S ARREST BUT OPERATIONS IN FIVE LOCATIONS WERE UNDERWAY TO FIND MONTESINOS. THE SEARCH WOULD CONTINUE DAY AND NIGHT UNTIL SUCCESSFUL, HE ADDED. FUJIMORI DENIED ANY GOP ROLE IN ARRANGING MONTESINOS'S RETURN AND SAID MONTESINOS'S PRESENCE HAD BEEN DISRUPTIVE. THE PRESIDENT ADDED THAT HE WOULD LET THE PUBLIC AND JUSTICE MINISTRIES "DO THEIR JOBS" IN BRINGING CHARGES AGAINST HIS FORMER ADVISOR.

5. (C) PALACE SOURCES TOLD US THE PRESIDENT'S FIRST PRIORITY IS TO FIND MONTESINOS; THE GOP HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHAT CHARGES IT WILL BRING AGAINST HIM. HUMAN RIGHTS OMBUDSMAN JORGE SANTISTEVAN TOLD THE PRESS THAT HIS ORGANIZATION HAD NO PENDING LEGAL COMPLAINTS AGAINST MONTESINOS, BUT OPINED THE INVESTIGATION AGAINST HIM FOR BRIBING A LEGISLATOR COULD BE REOPENED. HUMAN RIGHTS CONTACTS SAY SEVERAL CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS REMAIN ON THE BOOKS FOR HIS ALLEGED ROLE IN THE KILLING OF CIVILIANS IN BARRIOS ALTOS AND LA CANTUTA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS. THERE IS ALSO A COMPLAINT AGAINST MONTESINOS FOR THE TORTURE OF EX-SIN AGENT LEANOR LA ROSA, AND THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COORDINADORA FILED CHARGES LAST YEAR AGAINST MONTESINOS FOR GENOCIDE. NONE OF THESE CASES WAS RECOMMENDED FOR PROSECUTION IN EARLIER INVESTIGATIONS.

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