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1. (U) THE FOLLOWING INR INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS AND ASSESSMENTS ARE PROVIDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND COMMENT.

I. BRIEFS

(U) HAITI: ELECTORAL DEATH KNELLS CONTINUE

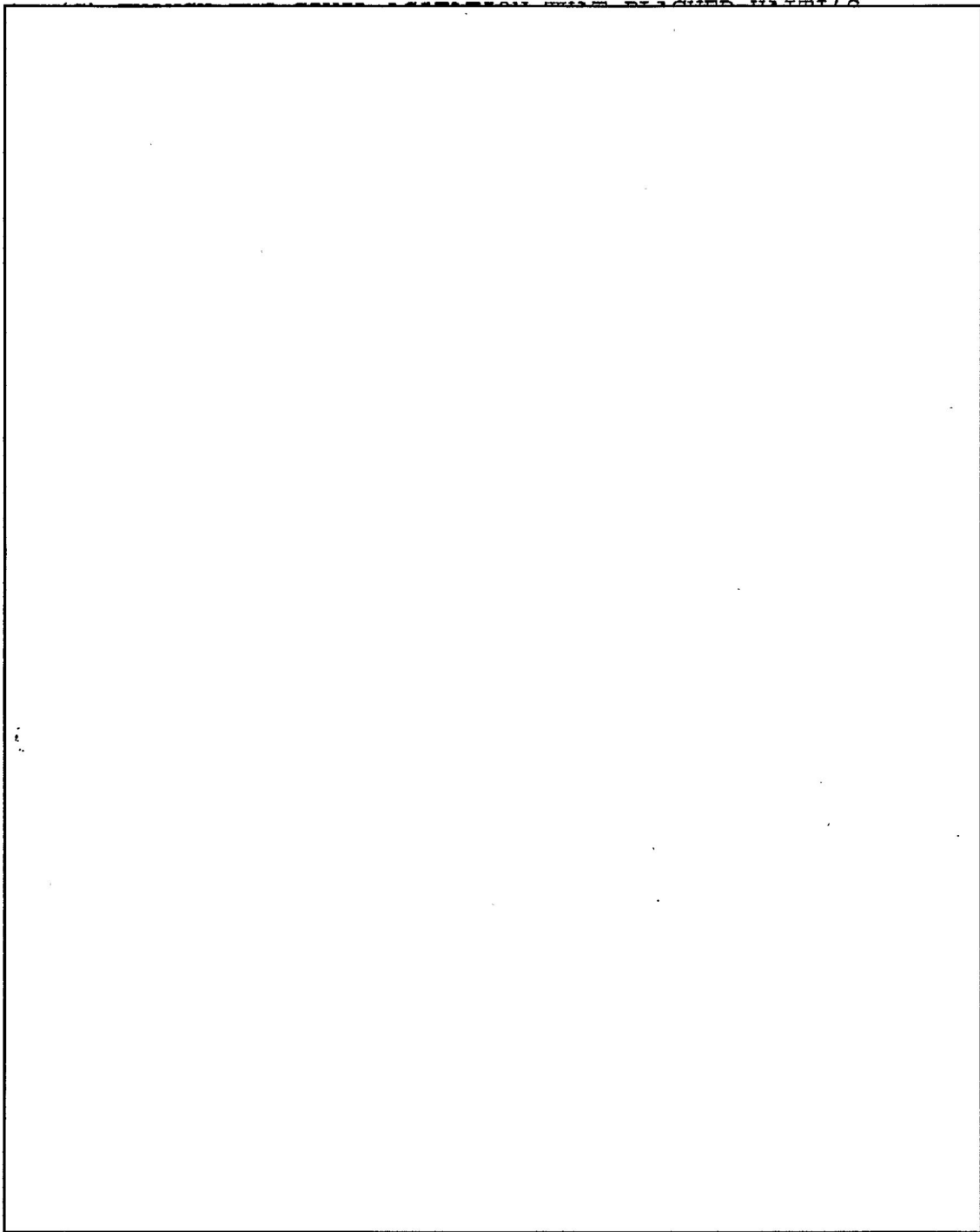
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6. (U) LOCAL UN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (UNCHR)

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REPRESENTATIVE ANDERS KOMPASS ON MARCH 28 CALLED ON ALL
SIDES IN THE CONFLICT TO CONSIDER AN AGREEMENT ON
HUMANITARIAN RULES OF ENGAGEMENT TO PREVENT FURTHER
CIVILIAN CASUALTIES, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS.

7. (C) COMMENT: THE GOVERNMENT AND CIVIL SOCIETY FOR
YEARS HAVE SOUGHT IN VAIN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE

GUERRILLAS TO CONDUCT THE FIGHTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH
INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW. THE GUERRILLAS OFTEN
TORTURE AND EXECUTE MILITARY AND POLICE CAPTIVES, OR
MUTILATE THEIR CORPSES, AND THE FARC'S RELIANCE ON
INACCURATE HOMEMADE MORTARS RESULTS IN FREQUENT CASUALTIES
AMONG INNOCENT CIVILIANS.

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(U) EL SALVADOR: ROLLING BACK AMNESTY

9. (U) EL SALVADOR'S CENTRAL AMERICAN UNIVERSITY (UCA)
HAS FILED SUIT TO REOPEN THE CASE OF THE 1989 MURDER OF SIX
JESUITS ON THE UCA CAMPUS, ACCORDING TO EMBASSY SAN
SALVADOR. THE SUIT DEMANDS PROSECUTION OF FIVE FORMER
SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS, INCLUDING TWO FORMER DEFENSE

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MINISTERS, AND ASKS THAT FORMER PRESIDENT CRISTIANI BE
CHARGED WITH FAILING TO PREVENT THE CRIME.

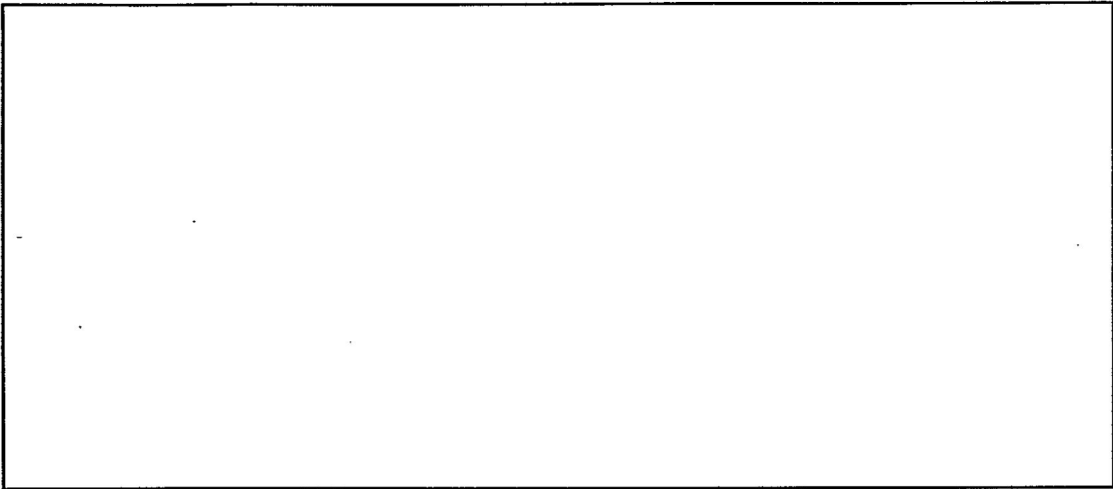
10. (U) COMMENT: A UN TRUTH COMMISSION FOUND "SUBSTANTIAL
EVIDENCE" THAT THE OFFICERS PARTICIPATED IN ORDERING THE
KILLINGS. TWO LOWER-RANKING OFFICERS FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER
IN THIS CASE WERE RELEASED UNDER A 1993 AMNESTY; THE UCA
SUIT ARGUES THAT THE AMNESTY LAW IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND
VIOLATES SALVADOR'S INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITMENTS.

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II. ASSESSMENTS

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(U) PERU: TENSE SUSPENSE

13. (C) ONCE UNTOUCHABLE, PERUVIAN PRESIDENT FUJIMORI HEADS INTO THE APRIL 9 ELECTIONS WITH A GOOD CHANCE OF BEING FORCED INTO A SECOND ROUND WITH ALEJANDRO TOLEDO, WHOSE POPULARITY HAS BEEN SURPRISING. IF FACED WITH A RUNOFF, FUJIMORI MAY BE UNABLE TO RESIST TAMPERING TO RETAIN POWER, EVEN UNDER THE GLARE OF HEIGHTENED INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION.

14. (C) THE FRAUD FACTOR. THE FINAL PHASE OF A CAMPAIGN WHOSE INTEGRITY HAS ALREADY SUFFERED "IRREPARABLE DAMAGE," ACCORDING TO INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS, HAS SEEN FUJIMORI SCRAMBLE TO INTRODUCE A SEMBLANCE OF FAIRNESS AND TRANSPARENCY. HE BUILT AN EARLY LEAD IN PART THANKS TO DIRTY TRICKS MASTERMINDED BY HIS NATIONAL SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE ADVISER, VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS. BUT THE FRAUD AND INTIMIDATION BECAME SO BLATANT THAT, STARING AT A VOTER BACKLASH, FUJIMORI WAS FORCED TO GIVE THE OPPOSITION A MORE LEVEL FIELD.

15. (C) [REDACTED]. WHILE MONTESINOS AND HIS MINIONS MAY HAVE BEEN UNKNOWINGLY HURTING FUJIMORI, A CREDIBLE CHALLENGER WAS EMERGING, SEEMINGLY FROM NOWHERE.

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TOLEDO, WHO HAS RISEN TO APPROXIMATELY 30 PERCENT IN RECENT POLLS, IS A STANFORD-TRAINED ECONOMIST. WITH HIS FLUENT QUECHUA AND INDIGENOUS ROOTS, HE APPEALS TO PERU'S RURAL INDIAN AND MESTIZO POOR, A SUPPORT BASE ON WHICH FUJIMORI ALSO RELIES. WITH THE HELP OF HIS WIFE, ELAINE KARP, A QUECHUA-SPEAKING BELGIAN ANTHROPOLOGIST, TOLEDO

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HAS CAPTURED THE EXCITEMENT OF PERUVIANS EAGER FOR A VIABLE CANDIDATE TO UNSEAT FUJIMORI. IRONICALLY, TOLEDO APPEARS TO ENJOY THE SAME "OUTSIDER" APPEAL THAT BROUGHT FUJIMORI A STARTLING SECOND-ROUND VICTORY IN 1990.

16. (C) INSTEAD OF WHINING ABOUT FUJIMORI'S CAMPAIGN TACTICS, AS OTHER OPPOSITION CANDIDATES HAVE DONE, TOLEDO TALKS ABOUT ECONOMIC REFORM, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND ANTI-CORRUPTION. HE PROMISES JOBS, EDUCATION, AND DIGNITY, IN CONTRAST TO FUJIMORI'S HANDOUTS. TOLEDO IS ALSO COMMITTED TO RESTORING DEMOCRACY AND UNDOING MONTESINOS' FIRM, IF UNOFFICIAL, HOLD ON THE COUNTRY'S INTELLIGENCE APPARATUS

AND ARMED FORCES. TOLEDO SHRUGS OFF SMEAR ATTEMPTS, SUCH AS ALLEGATIONS OF INVOLVEMENT IN A PYRAMID SCHEME AND FATHERING AN ILLEGITIMATE CHILD, AVOIDING THE KIND OF AD HOMINEM EXCHANGES THAT FUJIMORI'S FORCES USUALLY WIN.

17. (C) ... AND THE GRINGO MONITORS. SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 43, WHICH CALLS FOR PRESIDENT CLINTON TO ALTER THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP IF ELECTIONS ARE DEEMED UNFAIR, HAS BECOME AT LEAST A MINOR CAMPAIGN ISSUE. THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF COCA ERADICATION ANNOUNCED AFTER THE RESOLUTION MAY BE INTENDED AS A MESSAGE FROM FUJIMORI TO WASHINGTON. HE ALSO MAY HAVE SOME SUCCESS IN RAISING NATIONALIST IRE AGAINST PERCEIVED US INTERVENTION. OPPOSITION CANDIDATES ARE QUIETLY PLEASED WITH THE RESOLUTION BUT FEAR BEING BRANDED AS "PUPPETS" IF THEY ENDORSE IT.

18. (C) CLOSE MAY NOT COUNT. THOUGH POLLS SUGGEST

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FUJIMORI WOULD NOT WIN A REASONABLY FAIR FIRST ROUND (I.E., GAIN 50 PERCENT PLUS ONE VOTE), POLITICAL PREDICTIONS IN PERU OFTEN RUN AFOUL OF THE DIFFICULTY OF POLLING IN RURAL AREAS. FUJIMORI REPEATEDLY HAS DEMONSTRATED HE WILL DO

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ALMOST ANYTHING TO WIN, SCALING BACK ONLY THE MOST
OUTLANDISH SCHEMES AFTER US CRITICISM. CLAIMING THAT A
FIRST-ROUND FUJIMORI VICTORY WOULD HAVE TO BE FRAUDULENT,
TOLEDO HAS VOWED TO LEAD A "POPULAR UPHEAVAL" SHOULD
FUJIMORI WIN ON APRIL 9. EVEN ABSENT ELECTION-DAY FRAUD,
PROTESTS ARE LIKELY IF FUJIMORI PULLS IT OUT ON APRIL 9.
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