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1. FOLLOWING STATEMENT FOLLOWS UP ON EARLIER FAX. THIS  
DRAFT HAS BEEN CLEARED BY AMBASSADOR AND A/S ARONSON.  
SUGGEST CLEARANCE WITH WHITE HOUSE AND OAS AMBASSADOR  
EINAUDI, BUT ANY CHANGES SHOULD BE CLEARED BACK THROUGH  
A/S ARONSON.

BEGIN TEXT:

THE UNITED STATES REGARDS THE ACTIONS TAKEN DURING THE

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NIGHT OF APRIL 6 IN PERU, INCLUDING THE DETENTION OF OPPOSITION POLITICIANS AND LEGISLATORS AND THE SEIZURE OF NEWS MEDIA AS UNJUSTIFIED. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT PRESIDENT FUJIMORI INHERITED SEVERE PROBLEMS, WE BELIEVE THESE PROBLEMS DO NOT JUSTIFY NOR CAN THEY BE RESOLVED THROUGH UNCONSTITUTIONAL MEANS.

THE UNITED STATES CALLS FOR THE FULL AND IMMEDIATE RESTORATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY, WHICH MUST INCLUDE:

- IMMEDIATE FREEDOM FOR THOSE DETAINED AND FULL RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS;
- IMMEDIATE RESTORATION OF A FREE AND INDEPENDENT PRESS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES; AND
- IMMEDIATE REESTABLISHMENT OF INDEPENDENT LEGISLATIVE AND JUDICIAL BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT.

ANY NEEDED REFORMS IN PERU'S DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS MUST BE PURSUED WITHIN THE LEGITIMATE CONSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK. END TEXT  
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2. HERewith DRAFT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS CONCERNING PERU. THEY HAVE BEEN CLEARED BY A/S ARONSON AND TED MCNAMARA. PLEASE USE SAME CLEARANCE MECHANISM MENTIONED ABOVE.

3. Q: IS ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARONSON IN PERU? IS HIS VISIT RELATED TO THESE EVENTS?

A: ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARONSON ARRIVED IN PERU ON A LONG-PLANNED VISIT TO DISCUSS ONGOING ISSUES IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP, INCLUDING COUNTERNARCOTICS AND ALTERNATIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE THREAT POSED BY SENDERO LUMINOSO. NEITHER HE NOR ANYONE ELSE IN THE USG HAD ANY FOREKNOWLEDGE OF PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S ACTIONS.

- OBVIOUSLY, THIS AGENDA HAS BEEN OVERTAKEN BY SUNDAY NIGHT'S EVENTS.

Q: DID ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARONSON HAVE AN APPOINTMENT

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WITH PRESIDENT FUJIMORI? DOES HE STILL HAVE ONE?

- MR. ARONSON WAS SCHEDULED TO SEE PRESIDENT FUJIMORI MONDAY AFTERNOON. HE HAS DECIDED NOT TO CALL ON PRESIDENT FUJIMORI.

Q: DOES THE UNITED STATES REGARD PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S ACTIONS AS A COUP?

A: WE CONSIDER THIS, AS WE SAID, TO BE UNCLASSIFIED

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EXTRACONSTITUTIONAL AND UNJUSTIFIED.

Q: WILL THIS TRIGGER A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE OAS UNDER ITS RECENTLY ENACTED ANTI-COUP PROCEDURES?

A: THAT IS OBVIOUSLY A DECISION FOR THE OAS, BUT WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH A MEETING.

Q: WHAT ARE ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARONSON'S PLANS?

A: HE PLANS TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON SHORTLY. I CANNOT COMMENT ON HIS SCHEDULE AT THIS TIME.

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Q: WILL THE UNITED STATES CONTINUE ITS AID PROGRAMS TO PERU.

A: IN LIGHT OF THESE EVENTS, OUR ASSISTANCE TO PERU WILL HAVE TO BE URGENTLY REVIEWED.

END Q AND A.

4. ACTION REQUESTS:

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A) PLEASE COMMUNICATE EXACTLY WHAT ELEMENTS WERE USED IN NOON BRIEFING BACK TO USIS LIMA (HAMILTON, BIGLER OR IVES) VIA THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS AVAILABLE. WE NEED TO CONVEY THIS TO A/S ARONSON AND TO MEDIA IN PERU. TELEPHONE (5114) 330-555 OR FAX (5114) 334635.

B) REQUEST DEPARTMENT REPEAT CONTENTS OF THIS CABLE TO OTHER POSTS AS IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE. HAMILTON

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