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YOSHIYAMA HAD SAID TO ME THE NIGHT BEFORE, THAT AN EARLY REFERENDUM ON THE PRESIDENT'S DECISIONS WAS NOT IN THE CARDS BECAUSE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY DIFFICULTIES THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE IN ORGANIZING IT.

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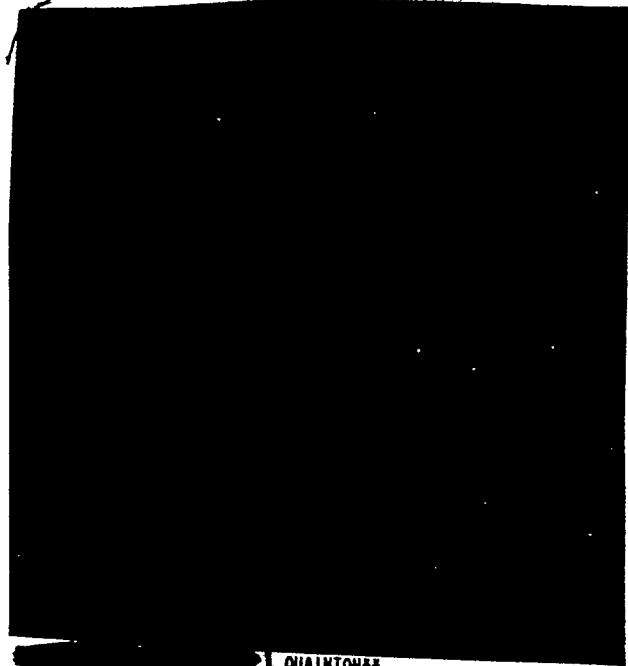
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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S CONVERSATIONS WITH ENERGY AND DEFENSE MINISTERS

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT
2. ON APRIL 8 AFTER PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S TIRADE AGAINST THE LEGISLATIVE AND JUDICIAL BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE EXPORTERS' ASSOCIATION (SEPTEL), I SPOKE TO FUJIMORI'S MINISTER



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OF ENERGY AND MINES, JAIME YOSHIYAMA. AS IN OTHER RECENT CONVERSATIONS I URGED THE GOVERNMENT TO RELEASE IMMEDIATELY ALL DETAINED POLITICIANS, BEGIN A DIALOGUE WITH THE OPPOSITION AND DRAMATICALLY SHORTEN THE TIMETABLE FOR THE RETURN OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS. YOSHIYAMA, WHO APPEARED PREOCCUPIED, SAID ACCELERATING THE TIMETABLE WOULD BE EXTRAORDINARILY DIFFICULT. IT WOULD NOT BE TECHNICALLY POSSIBLE TO ORGANIZE THE FIRST PLEBISCITE WITHIN FOUR TO SIX WEEKS. IN THE PAST IT HAD TAKEN MANY MONTHS FOR THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION TO ORGANIZE ELECTIONS, PRINT BALLOTS AND UPDATE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS. HE ASSURED ME THAT THE DETAINEES WOULD BE RELEASED BUT DID NOT KNOW WHEN.

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3. ON APRIL 9 I CALLED ON DEFENSE MINISTER VICTOR MALCA. I WENT OVER THE SAME POINTS WITH HIM. HE SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED FREEING THE DETAINEES WITH HIS COLLEAGUES. THE FOREIGN MINISTER, HE SAID, HAD ASKED FOR HIS HELP IN THIS REGARD. HE HAD HAD TO REPLY THAT THIS WAS A DECISION FOR THE PRESIDENT. HE ASSURED ME THAT ALL THE PARLIAMENTARIANS WOULD BE RELEASED INCLUDING LEFTIST DEPUTY BARRERA BAZAN AND APRA SENATOR SALINAS. THE DETAINEES WERE ALL WELL, WERE IN TOUCH WITH THEIR FAMILIES, AND HAD RECEIVED CLOTHING FROM HOME. THE GOVERNMENT WANTED THE SITUATION TO CALM DOWN BEFORE RELEASING THEM SINCE THEY WERE SURE TO WANT TO AGITATE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT ON THEIR RELEASE. HE SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS "POLISHING" A SERIES OF DECREES WHICH HAD BEEN PREPARED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO TO PERMIT "DRASTIC" ACTION AGAINST NARCO TRAFFICKERS AND SUBVERSIVES. THESE WOULD BE ISSUED IN

THE NEXT FEW DAYS, AND WOULD GREATLY STRENGTHEN THE HAND OF THE ARMED FORCES. MALCA CONFIRMED WHAT

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