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INTELLIGENCE SERVICES, MAKING THEM SUBJECT TO CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT AND PUTTING DE FACTO INTELLIGENCE CHIEF VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS IN CHARGE.

THE AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE HAS BEEN THAT THE REFORM EFFORT NEEDS TO BE SERIOUS; THAT THE GOP MUST COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE GAVIRIA/AXWORTHY MISSION AND THAT, IN MOVING ON REFORMS, PROCESS IS IMPORTANT, TOO, I.E., THE GOP SHOULD ENGAGE THE OPPOSITION AND CIVIL SOCIETY, TO BEGIN TO LOWER THE LEVEL OF POLARIZATION.

FOR ITS PART, THE OPPOSITION/CIVIL SOCIETY REMAINS FOCUSED ON HOW THEY, IN TANDEM WITH THE OAS MISSION, CAN FORCE NEW ELECTIONS. A REFERENDUM INITIATIVE TO BE LAUNCHED AFTER PRESIDENT FUJIMORI IS SWORN IN JULY 28 IS THE MOST THOUGHT-OUT GAME PLAN TO THIS END. THE OPPOSITION IS DEEPLY SKEPTICAL THAT COLLABORATION WITH THE GOP ON DEMOCRATIC REFORMS CAN BE FRUITFUL, BUT WE WILL CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE DIALOGUE. END SUMMARY

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3. (C) AMBASSADOR MET SEPARATELY JUNE 7 AND 8 WITH [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] MEMBERS OF THE DEMOCRACY COMMISSION -- JUNE 12-13; THESE MEETINGS WILL BE REPORTED SEPARATELY. ON JUNE 8, AMBASSADOR AND SEVERAL EMBASSY OFFICERS MET WITH FIVE OF THE PERUVIAN OPPOSITION/CIVIL SOCIETY GROUP THAT WERE AT WINDSOR.

4. (C) MEETINGS WITH [REDACTED]

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ALTHOUGH THE GOP HAS SPUN THE OUTCOME AT WINDSOR AS A POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC VICTORY, [REDACTED] BELIEVE THAT IT HAS THE POTENTIAL (FROM A GOP PERSPECTIVE) OF "GETTING OUT OF HAND" AND THEY ARE, ACCORDINGLY, UNEASY. THEIR STRATEGY IS TO BEGIN ENACTING THE MOST FEASIBLE DEMOCRATIC REFORMS, BEFORE THE OAS ARRIVES. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] IS BUSY RECRUITING A PROFESSIONAL STAFF. THE COMMISSION MEETS FOR THE FIRST TIME JUNE 12, AS PRIME MINISTER BUSTAMANTE HAS BEEN OUT OF

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TAGS: PGOV, PREL, OAS, PE  
SUBJECT: POST-WINDSOR DISCUSSIONS WITH GOP OFFICIALS,  
OPPOSITION/CIVIL SOCIETY

THE LONG-STANDING IDEA OF SWITCHING FROM THE CURRENT SYSTEM  
OF A SINGLE, NATIONAL DISTRICT FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO  
ONE OF (U.S.-LIKE) MULTIPLE, GEOGRAPHIC DISTRICTS WOULD GO  
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FORWARD. [REDACTED] IS ALSO INTERESTED IN PROMOTING A REFORM  
WHEREBY ONE-THIRD OF THE CONGRESS WOULD BE ELECTED EVERY  
YEAR AND A HALF OR TWO YEARS. (CURRENTLY, THE FULL, 120-  
MEMBER CONGRESS IS ELECTED FOR A 5-YEAR TERM COINCIDING WITH  
THE PRESIDENTIAL TERM.)

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7. (C) ON THE PRESS, [REDACTED] IS KEEN ON PUSHING A FREEDOM  
OF INFORMATION ACT, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] TO GET AT THE  
PROBLEM OF PERU'S TABLOID PRESS, [REDACTED] SAID THE  
GOVERNMENT IS THINKING OF ASKING THE PERUVIAN PRESS  
ASSOCIATION TO COME UP WITH AN ETHICS TRIBUNAL (AN IDEA THE  
GOVERNMENT FIRMLY REJECTED BETWEEN THE FIRST AND SECOND  
ROUND OF ELECTIONS). [REDACTED] ALSO SAYS THERE IS A  
CONSTITUTIONAL BASIS FOR A LAW THAT WOULD PUT PRESSURE ON  
NEWSPAPERS IMMEDIATELY TO "RECTIFY" INACCURATE OR SLANDEROUS  
STATEMENTS.

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8. (C) [REDACTED] SAYS THE IDEA TO REFORM THE INTELLIGENCE  
SERVICES -- REDEFINING THEIR ROLE (MORE NARROWLY),  
DOWNSIZING THEM, MAKING THEM SUBJECT TO CONGRESSIONAL  
OVERSIGHT AND PUTTING MONTESINOS IN CHARGE -- IS HIS IDEA.  
(NOTE: PRESIDENT FUJIMORI MENTIONED JUNE 8 THAT MONTESINOS  
MIGHT RECEIVE A FORMAL POSITION IN HIS NEW GOVERNMENT AND

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NEW FUJIMORI GOVERNMENT. (THE PROCESS IS TO COLLECT THE REQUISITE SIGNATURES -- ABOUT 1.4 MILLION -- AND THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF CONGRESSIONAL VOTES, 48.) THEY BELIEVE THAT THE FUJIMORI GOVERNMENT WOULD BE UNABLE TO BLOCK THE REFERENDUM IN THE NEW CONGRESS, WHERE ITS SUPPORT WILL BE FAR LESS THAN IN THE CURRENT CONGRESS.

11. (C) COMMENT: ALTHOUGH [REDACTED] IDEA OF A REFERENDUM MAY HAVE SOME TRACTION, THE WINDSOR GROUP'S TALK OF CONTINUING DEMONSTRATIONS AND POLITICAL MOBILIZATION AS MEANS OF FORCING NEW ELECTIONS STRIKES US AS UNREALISTIC. WE BELIEVE PERU'S HUMANRIGHTS AND OPPOSITION COMMUNITY HAVE THEIR BEST HANCE FOR PROMOTING DEMOCRATIC REFORM BY ENGAGIN WITH TH GOVERNMENT, UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYE AND PARALLEL EFFORTS OF THE OAS. WE WILL KEEP PUSHING HIS LINE.  
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