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1. (C) SUMMARY. AS SPANISH POLITICAL LEADERS EXPRESS GRAVE CONCERN OVER RECENT EVENTS IN PERU, THE GOS INTENDS TO SUSPEND ALL AID TO LIMA. A WELL-PLACED MFA OFFICIAL SAID, HOWEVER, THAT SPAIN SEES LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF POSITIVE CHANGE IN PERU DURING THE NEAR TERM. THE PRESS IS GIVING EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO THE SITUATION IN PERU, INCLUDING THE CASE OF A JOURNALIST FOR A SPANISH NEWSPAPER TEMPORARILY HELD BY SECURITY FORCES.

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END SUMMARY.

SPAIN SUSPENDS ASSISTANCE

2. (C) [REDACTED] B1, 1.5(D)

[REDACTED] CONFIRMED THAT THE GOS INTENDS TO SUSPEND ALL AID TO PERU. [REDACTED] EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT IN FUJIMORI AND GENERAL PESSIMISM ABOUT THE SITUATION IN PERU, SAYING THE GOS SEES LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF POSITIVE CHANGE IN THE NEAR TERM. [REDACTED] SAID FUJIMORI'S

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USURPATION OF POWER IS PARTICULARLY UNFORTUNATE IN LIGHT OF THE "IBEROAMERICAN" SUMMIT SCHEDULED IN MADRID THIS SUMMER, AS IT WILL COMPLICATE EFFORTS TO FOCUS ON CASTRO AS THE SOLE ANTI-DEMOCRATIC RULER IN LATIN AMERICA.

PUBLIC CONDEMNATION

3. (U) KING JUAN CARLOS AND PRESIDENT GONZALEZ EXPRESSED "DEEP CONCERN" ON APRIL 6 OVER EVENTS IN PERU. THE KING STATED THAT "RECENT EVENTS FILL US WITH APPREHENSION AND UNCERTAINTY. . . I HOPE THAT THIS BELOVED COUNTRY RESOLVES THE SITUATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM". GONZALEZ HOPED FOR "THE RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY", WHILE NOTING THAT REPORTS FROM LIMA "DO NOT CONSTITUTE GOOD NEWS". IN A PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL 7, GONZALEZ STATED A WISH "THAT THE DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PERUVIAN PEOPLE SHOULD BE SET AT LIBERTY". HE ALSO ADVOCATED THAT PERU UNDERTAKE "A NATIONAL EFFORT TO SEEK A DEMOCRATIC CONSENSUS"

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 AND CONDEMNED THE "NEGATIVE CLIMATE".

GUSTAVO GORRITI AND HIS "VOYAGE TO THE ENGINEER'S JAIL"

4. (U) THE APRIL 8 EDITION OF LEADING DAILY "EL PAIS" PUBLISHED AN EXTENDED ACCOUNT BY ITS LIMA CORRESPONDENT OF HIS 36 HOUR DETENTION. JOURNALIST GUSTAVO GORRITI, IN A (MELO)DRAMATIC ACCOUNT, DESCRIBED BEING TAKEN FROM HIS HOME AT 4 A.M. BY OPERATIVES OF THE FEARED NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE AND CONVEYED TO THE MILITARY PRISON. HE DESCRIBES THE VEHICLE IN WHICH HE WAS TAKEN AS "A CHEROKEE VAN, WITH DARKENED WINDOWS, ONE OF THOSE RECENTLY GIVEN TO THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE BY THE CIA". GORRITI WAS LET GO, HAVING BEEN FRIGHTENED BUT NOT HARMED, APPROXIMATELY 36 HOURS LATER. HE CREDITS SWIFT ACTION BY THE SPANISH AMBASSADOR, ALONG WITH SUPPORT FROM THE U.S. EMBASSY AND ORGANIZATIONS OF JOURNALISTS, FOR HIS RELEASE.

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