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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT
FUJIMORI APRIL 20, 1992

1. FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF PRESIDENT'S CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT FUJIMORI ON APRIL 20 PROVIDED FOR AMBASSADOR'S BACKGROUND AND USE, AS APPROPRIATE. INFORMATION CONTAINED IN FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS SHOULD BE HANDLED ON "CLOSE HOLD" BASIS.
2. THE PRESIDENT CALLED PRESIDENT FUJIMORI APRIL 20 TO CONVEY HIS SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT THE ABANDONING OF DEMOCRACY IN PERU. HE TOLD FUJIMORI THAT HE DID NOT WANT ANY MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND PERU AT THIS TIME. THE PRESIDENT EXPLAINED THAT WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO HELP WITH PERU'S ECONOMIC REFORMS, ITS ANTINARCOTICS PROGRAMS AND ITS STRUGGLE AGAINST TERRORISM, BUT FUJIMORI'S ACTIONS MAKE IT DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO CONTINUE OUR SUPPORT OR TO MOVE FORWARD WITH NORMAL RELATIONS UNTIL DEMOCRACY IS RESTORED. CONGRESS WAS ALREADY THREATENING TO CUT OFF ASSISTANCE. HE ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS ANY WAY FUJIMORI COULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OAS VISIT THIS WEEK TO REACH OUT TO DEMOCRATIC GROUPS AND RETURN PROMPTLY TO DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES.
3. FUJIMORI ASSURED THE PRESIDENT THAT THE SITUATION IN PERU WAS TEMPORARY, THAT HIS GOAL WAS A RETURN TO DEMOCRACY WITHIN TWELVE MONTHS. HE DESCRIBED A PROCESS THAT INCLUDED A REFERENDUM AS WELL AS MUNICIPAL AND REGIONAL ELECTIONS, ENDING WITH CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS ON MARCH 1, 1993. HE ASSURED THE PRESIDENT THAT HE WOULD COMPLY WITH THE OAS MANDATE. HE ASKED FOR THE PRESIDENT'S UNDERSTANDING AND ESPECIALLY FOR HIS SUPPORT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.
4. THE PRESIDENT RESPONDED THAT WHAT FUJIMORI WAS ASKING OF HIM WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO DO BECAUSE OF THE SETBACK TO DEMOCRACY IN PERU. HE SAID THAT UNDER THE STATUS QUO NORMAL RELATIONS ARE IMPOSSIBLE, AND REITERATED HIS HOPE THAT THE OAS EFFORTS WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL.

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