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SUBJ: IIR MINISTER OF DEFENSE HAS LOST
KEY POSITION (U)

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SUMMARY: ~~(C/NF)~~ PERUVIAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE NO
LONGER HAS THE CONFIDENCE OF THE PERUVIAN PRESIDENT
AND HAS BEEN BYPASSED IN ACTIONS SINCE 5 APR 92.
STAFF OFFICERS FEEL HE WILL EVENTUALLY BE REPLACED BY
THE CURRENT COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE ARMY.

TEXT: 1. ~~(C/NF)~~ WHEN THE 5 APR 92 COUP OCCURRED IN
PERU OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE
(MOD) WERE SOMEWHAT SURPRISED THAT GENERAL VICTOR M.
(MALCA) VILLANUEVA REALLY DID NOT HAVE A
SIGNIFICANT ROLE. IN FACT, HE WAS NOTIFIED OF THE
PRESIDENTIAL ACTION JUST BEFORE IT HAPPENED. SINCE 5

APRIL 92 IT HAS BECOME APPARENT TO THOSE OFFICERS WHO
WORK AT THE MOD THAT MALCA NO LONGER ENJOYS THE
CONFIDENCE OF PRESIDENT FUJIMORI OR HIS NATIONAL
SECURITY ADVISOR, VLADIMIRO (MONTESINOS). THE
PRESIDENT HAS BEEN TAKING ALL MILITARY MATTERS
DIRECTLY TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE JOINT COMMAND AND
COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE ARMY NICOLAS DE BARI
(HERMOZA) RIOS AND CONTINUES TO USE AN OFFICE NEXT
TO HERMOZA'S IN THE ARMY HEADQUARTERS.

2. ~~(C/NF)~~ FOR A FEW DAYS AFTER 5 APR 92 GENERAL
MALCA APPEARED TO BE QUITE DEPRESSED AND SPOKE LITTLE
TO HIS STAFF OFFICERS. HE HAS NOW BECOME HIS FORMER
SELF BUT IT IS ALSO APPARENT TO MALCA THAT HE NO
LONGER HAS THE TRUST HE PREVIOUSLY ENJOYED. THE
GENERAL CONSENSUS OF THE OFFICERS AT THE MOD IS THAT
MALCA WILL BE RETAINED AS THE MOD FOR A FEW MORE
MONTHS, POSSIBLY UNTIL 28 JULY (INDEPENDENCE DAY)
WHILE THE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATES ITS POLICIES AND
PERSONNEL. HOWEVER, GEN HERMOZA WILL EVENTUALLY BE
NAMED AS THE NEW MOD AND LIEUTENANT GENERAL JOSE
(VALDIVIA) DUENAS AS THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE
PERUVIAN ARMY.

COMMENTS: ~~(C/NF)~~ PERUVIAN OFFICERS HAVE LONG BEEN
SAYING THAT VALDIVIA WOULD BECOME THE COMMANDING
GENERAL OF THE ARMY. OTHER RANKING OFFICERS THAT HAD
BEEN IN THE WAY OF VALDIVIA'S ASCENSION TO THAT
POSITION WERE RETIRED IN DEC 91 OR ASSIGNED OUT OF
COUNTRY. THE LOCAL CURRENT EVENTS AND PUBLIC PRESS
CLEARLY SHOW THE DIRECT AND KEY ROLES CURRENTLY BEING
PLAYED BY BOTH HERMOZA AND VALDIVIA IN FUJIMORI'S NEW
GOVERNMENT.

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