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SUMMARY: THE INTERPELLATION OF GARCIA'S CABINET (REFTEL) BEGAN AT 2000 HOURS SEPTEMBER 16, WENT THROUGH THE NIGHT WITHOUT A BREAK AND CONTINUES STRONG AS OF EARLY AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 17. IN A TWO-HOUR SPEECH, PRIME MINISTER LUIS ALVA CASTRO DEFENDED GOP HANDLING OF PRISON RIOTS AND ANTI-TERRORISM POLICY WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING EXCESSES. ALVA HAS BEEN FOLLOWED BY OPPOSITION AND APRA SPEECHES

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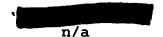
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- BEEN MUCH ADDITIONAL LIGHT SHED ON THE SUBJECT, AND THE IMMEDIATE RESULT (APRA RETAINING CONFIDENCE OF CONGRESS) IS A FOREGONE CONCLUSION. WE WOULD NOT, HOWEVER, RULE OUT LONGER-TERM IMPACT ON PUBLIC OPINION. END SUMMARY.
 - 3. PRIME MINISTER ALVA CASTRO'S OPENING SPEECH WAS HARD HITTING AND UNAPOLOGETIC AND WENT BEYOND THE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS RAISED TO MAKE A COMPREHENSIVE DEFENSE OF GARCIA ADMINISTRATION HANDLING OF TERRORISM. ALVA BLAMED THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION (AP WITH PPC SUPPORT) OF MISUNDERSTANDING THE SENDERO LUMINOSO PHENOMENON AND APPLYING THE WRONG POLICIES TO DEAL WITH IT. THE GARCIA ADMINISTRATION, ALVA SAID, HOPES TO PUT AN END TO INSURRECTIONIST ACTIVITY BY IMPROVING THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SITUATION OF THE POPULACE AND OBTAINING ITS SUPPORT FOR GOP PROGRAMS. IN CAREFULLY PHRASED REMARKS TO THE POLICE AND ARMED
- FORCES, ALVA CASTRO DECLARED THAT THEIR FULL
 COOPERATION WOULD BE NECESSARY TO PREVENT THE LOWEST
 SOCIO-ECONOMIC GROUPS FROM GOING OVER TO THE
 SENDERISTAS. THE REBELS WISH TO WIN CONTROL OF
 THE GOVERNMENT BY FORCE; APRA IS DETERMINED TO DEFEND
 THE CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER. ALVA CASTRO VEHEMENTLY
 DEFENDED GOP EFFORTS TO RESTORE ORDER TO THE PRISONS
 IN JUNE, WHILE ADMITTING THAT UNJUSTIFIABLE
 EXCESSES HAD OCCURRED. HE UNDERSCORED GOP EARLY
 EFFORTS TO DETERMINE WHAT HAPPENED AT THE PRISONS
 AND TO BRING THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR EXCESSES TO JUSTICE.
 WHILE NOTING THAT THE DECISION TO DEAL WITH THE PRISON
 RIOT WAS TAKEN IN HIS ABSENCE, ALVA SAID HE FULLY

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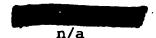
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SUPPORTED THE ACTION AND ASSUMED ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR IT.

4. APRA SPEAKERS THAT FOLLOWED QUESTIONED THE MOTIVES OF IU, PPC AND AP CONGRESSMEN FOR CALLING THE INTERPELLATION BEFORE THE INVESTIGATIVE COMMISSION NAMED BY THE CONGRESS HAD HAD A CHANCE TO DO ITS WORK. VIRTUALLY ALL CHARGED THAT THE OPPOSITION WAS TRYING TO MAKE POLITICAL CAPITAL

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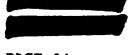


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BEFORE THE NOVEMBER MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS. TAKING CARE NOT TO CONDONE THE EXCESSES, SPEAKERS RHETORICALLY ASKED WHY THE OPPOSITION CONCERNED ITSELF SO MUCH WITH THE DEAD TERRORISTS AND SHOWED SO LITTLE INTEREST IN THEIR MANY VICTIMS THESE PAST TWO YEARS. MANY APRA SPEAKERS CHARACTERIZED THE IU AS "COMMUNISTS" AND, IN SOME CASES, AS "DEFENDERS OF THE 'SENDERISTAS' WITHIN THE CONGRESS."

- 5. THE OPPOSITION CHARGED THAT ALVA CASTRO HAD NOT ANSWERED THEIR QUESTIONS. THEY CASTIGATED HIM AND THE GARCIA ADMINISTRATION FOR NOT OFFERING A FULLER EXPLANATION OF THE INCIDENT SOONER AND SOUGHT TO PLACE POLITICAL BLAME ON THE CABINET ITSELF. VISIBLY STUNG BY APRA CRITICISM OF THEIR ADMINISTRATION, AP AND PPC SPEAKERS CHARGED THAT APRA SPEAKERS WERE ATTEMPTING TO SHIFT THE BLAME FOR EVERYTHING THAT HAS HAPPENED SINCE GARCIA TOOK OVER TO EITHER THEIR PARTIES OR TO ERSTWHILE FRIENDS IN IU.
- 6. COMMENT: THE INTERPELLATION IS PROCEEDING ACCORDING TO THE SCENARIO PROVIDED BY APRA CONGRESSMAN LUIS ALVARADO CONTRERAS (REFTEL). OUTCOME MAY WELL BE A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE ALONG PARTY LINES, AS ALVARADO CONTRERAS FORESAW. ALTHOUGH RETENTION OF CONGRESSIONAL CONFIDENCE IS A FOREGONE CONCLUSION, WE WOULD NOT RULE OUT MORE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT IN THE



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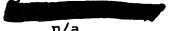
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SUBJECT: CABINET INTERPELLATION ON PRISON RIOTS

LONGER-TERM. SEVERAL COMMENTATORS HAVE NOTED THAT THE INTERPELLATION OF THE ULLOA CABINET FOUR YEARS AGO THIS MONTH, WON HANDILY BY THE CABINET, COULD NONETHELESS BE SEEN IN RETROSPECT AS THE BEGINNING OF THE POLITICAL DETERIORATION OF THE BELAUNDE ADMINISTRATION. YOULE

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