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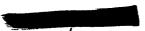
FAULTED GOP MANAGEMENT OF TERRORIST PRISONERS IN CANTO GRANDE PRISON, AND THE GENERAL ABSENCE OF GOVERNMENT PRESENCE IN MUCH OF THE COUNTRY. HE SINGLED OUT ECONOMIC MISERY AS THE ROOT CAUSE OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE, AND HOPED THAT FUJIMORI'S

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REFORMS, WOULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO DRIVE AWAY ESSENTIAL FOREIGN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE. END SUMMARY.

FUJIMORI SEEMED DETERMINED

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TO CONCENTRATE ALL POWER IN HIS OWN HANDS, WHILE ELIMINATING ANY CHECKS OR BALANCES ON HIS OWN ACTIONS, NOTED.

RETAKING OF CANTO GRANDE MISMANAGED

4. SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S RETAKING OF THE CANTO GRANDE PRISON HAD BEEN POORLY MANAGED. FIRST, QUESTIONED HOW ANY GOVERNMENT COULD HAVE ALLOWED SUCH A CONCENTRATION OF TERRORIST PRISONERS AND SUCH A DEGREE OF TERRORIST AUTONOMY WITHIN THE PRISON IN THE FIRST PLACE. IT WAS A SITUATION THAT OBVIOUSLY HAD TO BE CORRECTED, BUT IT HAD BEEN DONE TOO QUICKLY, SAID. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER TO MOVE FEMALE PRISONERS FIRST, AND EVEN THE LARGER MALE SENDERO CONTINGENT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER HANDLED IN SMALLER INCREMENTS.

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LASTLY, NOTED THAT THE OPERATION HAD BEGUN ON A REGULARLY SCHEDULED VISITING DAY WHICH INCREASED BOTH THE CONFUSION AND THE PUBLICITY. IN ADDITION, THERE HAD BEEN POOR COORDINATION BETWEEN ARMY AND POLICE UNITS INVOLVED. COMMENT: THE RETAKING OF CANTO GRANDE, WITH AT LEAST 38 KILLED, WAS FAR FROM PERFECT. HOWEVER, MISASSESSES SOME OF THE BLAME. SENDERO HAD COMPLETE CONTROL OVER ITS OWN PAVILIONS SINCE ALAN GARCIA DAYS. SIMILARLY, THE POLICE TRIED TO MOVE THE WOMEN

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FIRST (ON MAY 6) BUT THEY GOT JUMPED BY SL
SALLIES FROM THE MEN'S PAVILIONS. THE MOST
VALID POINT OF CRITICISM, HOWEVER, IS ONE THAT
MISSED: REFUSAL TO ALLOW THE ICRC
ACCESS TO CASTRO CANTO GRANDE NOW SOME NINE DAYS
AFTER THE PRISON WAS TAKEN. END COMMENT.)

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THEN TURNED TO ECONOMIC MISERY AS THE ROOT OF VIOLENCE IN PERU. THERE

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| OUT TROPS                             |                |                   | 10                  | URRENT |        | _   |
| IS SIMPLY NO SAID. CONS. SOME TURN TO | ₹30XXXXX       | ויי בראאו ביי     | IURN TO<br>ING. ANI | OTHER  | O TOM  | •   |
| TO SENDERO                            | LUMINO         | so.               | SUG                 | SESTED | THAT 1 | THE |

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ONLY REASON SENDERO LUMINOSO WAS NOT MORE
SUCCESSFUL, WAS THAT ITS OVERLY DOMINEERING
DISCIPLINE IS DISTASTEFUL TO MOST. ALSO, SL'S
TENDENCY TO PRESS-GANG THE YOUNG PEOPLE BY FORCE
GENERATES HOSTILITY AMONG MANY CAMPESINOS.

ABSENCE OF THE STATE

| 6. ANOTHER PROBLEM, SAID, WAS THE NEARLY TOTAL ABSENCE OF THE STATE IN MANY   |
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| AREAS. IN RURAL AREAS OF  |
| WITHDRAWN FROM ALL BUT THE BIG TOWNS.   |
|   |
| THERE ARE NO  |
| GOVERNMENT OFFICES. NOR IS THE SITUATION MUCH BETTER IN LIMA, SAID. THERE ARE MANY COMMUNITIES IN THE METROPOLITAN LIMA AREA WITHOUT SCHOOLS, POLICE OR MEDICAL SERVICES. |

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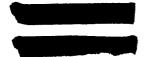
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LOCAL PARENTS ARE OBLIGED TO BUILD A SCHOOL BUILDING AND DEED IT TO THE STATE BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT WILL EVEN SEND A TEACHER.

REFORM NEEDED



02 OF 02 07259 LIMA PAGE 03 AGREED WITH PRESIDENT FUJIMORI THAT 7. CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM WAS NEEDED. INDEED, OPINED THAT SWEEPING REFORMS WERE NEEDED TO ADDRESS THE PROFOUND PUBLIC RESENTMENT AGAINST THE INJUSTICE RAMPANT IN THE PERUVIAN SYSTEM. HE HOPED HOWEVER, THAT FUJIMORI WOULD NOT PUSH HIS REFORMS FORWARD IN SUCH A WAY THAT ENDANGERED INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE THE AMBASSADOR AGREED THAT WHILE U.S. HUMANITARIAN AID WAS CONTINUING, ALBEIT SLIGHTLY DIMINISHED FOR REASONS UNRELATED TO THE CURRENT CRISIS, OTHER FORMS OF U.S. AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL AID WERE FROZEN, AND EVEN THE ECONOMIC REINSERTION WAS IN DANGER. THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE HOPED THAT FUJIMORI REALIZED THAT PERU CANNOT DO WITHOUT FOREIGN AID AT THIS CRITICAL JUNCTURE. QUAINTON##

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