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SUMMARY: (U) THE EUPHORIA OF THE 5 APR COUP IS
WANING AMONG PERUVIAN ARMY COLONELS AND BELOW. THEY
SEE NO NEW RESOURCES OR STRATEGY IN THE
COUNTERTERRORIST AND COUNTERNARCOTICS FIGHTS.
SALARIES REMAIN LOW DESPITE A SMALL BONUS IN APR AND
MAY 92.

TEXT: 1. (U) THE SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT FUJIMORI AT
THE TIME OF THE COUP ON 5 APR 92 WAS ALMOST TOTAL AND
UNCONDITIONAL AMONG ALL LEVELS OF THE PERUVIAN ARMY
OFFICER CORPS. HIS PROMISE OF INCREASED EFFORTS TO
FIGHT BOTH TERRORISTS AND NARCOTRAFFICKING WAS
PARTICULARLY APPEALING. THE OFFICERS ALSO FELT THAT

HIS SUPPORT FOR THE DEATH PENALTY WOULD PUT THE
NEEDED STRENGTH INTO THE PENAL SYSTEM FOR SOME OF THE
CONVICTED TERRORISTS. NOW AFTER SEVERAL WEEKS OF THE
NEW GOVERNMENT, THE OFFICERS ARE BEGINNING TO
COMPLAIN THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT HAS NOT DONE MUCH TO
BETTER THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM. THE ARMY HAS
RECEIVED NO ADDITIONAL RESOURCES OR CHANGE IN
MISSIONS TO FIGHT EITHER TERRORISTS OR
NARCOTRAFFICKERS. THEY SEE THE FUJIMORI GOVERNMENT
AS BEING WEAK IN THIS RESPECT. SOME OF THE MORE
JUNIOR OFFICERS FELT THAT ANY HOPE FOR INCREASED
EQUIPMENT IN THIS FIGHT EVAPORATED WHEN THE U.S. CUT
OFF ITS ASSISTANCE TO THE PERUVIAN MILITARY.

2. (U) THE MORALE AMONG THE ARMY OFFICERS,
COLONELS AND BELOW, HAS NOT IMPROVED SINCE THE COUP
BUT CONTINUES TO DECLINE. MILITARY PAY CONTINUES TO
DECREASE IN VALUE DUE TO LOW BUT STEADY INFLATION.
DURING APRIL 92 THE MILITARY RECEIVED A FIFTY SOL
(APPROX USD 50) INCREASE IN THEIR TAKEHOME CHECK IN
THE FORM OF A BONUS AND AN EQUAL PAYMENT WILL BE MADE
IN MAY. THE OFFICERS COMPLAIN THAT THEY HAVE LOST
MORE THAN THAT DUE TO INFLATION SINCE THE BEGINNING
OF 1992 AND THAT BONUS PAYMENTS ARE NOT PERMANENT PAY

INCREASES. RECENTLY AN ORGANIZATION CALLED CAMACO
(WORD FORMED FROM CAPITAN, MAYOR, AND COMANDANTE) WAS
FORMED IN AN EFFORT TO FIGHT FOR A BETTER AND MORE
JUST REMUNERATIONS FOR THE ARMY.

COMMENTS: 1. (U) THE EUPHORIA OF
THE COUP IS STARTING TO WANE AMONG THE LOWER RANKING
OFFICERS BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO SEE ANY
FINANCIAL RELIEF FOR THEIR SALARIES. THE GENERALS
HAVE TOO MUCH OF THEIR BENEFITS TO LOSE AND MANY ARE
SO CLOSELY TIED TO MONTESINOS AND THE FUJIMORI
GOVERNMENT THAT THEY MUST CONTINUE SUPPORT.
NEVERTHELESS THE MAJORITY OF THE REST OF THE OFFICERS
HAVE NOT YET REACHED THE GENERAL OFFICER COMFORT
LEVEL AND ARE SUFFERING IN THE TRENCHES. PARTTIME
WORK HAS BECOME THE BIGGEST PRIORITY FOR MANY OF
THEM.

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2. (U) EMBASSY COMMENT. WE HAVE LITTLE DOUBT
THAT THE MILITARY MORALE BELOW THE GENERAL OFFICER
GRADE WILL CONTINUE TO SUFFER UNTIL THERE IS AN
APPRECIABLE IMPROVEMENT IN SALARIES AND
MISSION-RELATED BUDGET. UP TO THIS POINT, HOWEVER,
WE HAVE NOT DETECTED ANY GREAT DETERIORATION.

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