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SUBJECT: TWO RECENT PERUVIAN POLLS: FUJIMORI APPROVAL RATING
DROPS BUT STILL VIEWED AS BEST CANDIDATE

1. (U) SUMMARY: TWO OPINION POLLS RELEASED THIS WEEK
EXAMINED A WIDE RANGE OF PERUVIAN ATTITUDES REGARDING
PRESIDENT FUJIMORI, HIS GOVERNMENT, GOP INSTITUTIONS, THE
OAS MISSION AND ATTITUDES ABOUT THE UNITED STATES. BOTH
POLLS SHOWED PRESIDENT FUJIMORI WITH AN APPROVAL RATING OF
JUST UNDER 50 PERCENT, WITH 29 PERCENT APPROVAL FOR
ALEJANDRO TOLEDO. THE GOP OVERALL GETS RELATIVELY LOW
MARKS, WITH THE JUDICIARY VIEWED AS A PARTICULARLY FLAWED
INSTITUTION. NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE ADVISER

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VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS IS ALSO LOW RATED. A STRONG MAJORITY OF PERUVIANS ACCEPT THE OAS RECOMMENDATIONS AND MISSION BUT ARE SKEPTICAL OF THE DEMOCRATIC REFORM INTENTIONS OF THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT. ACCORDING TO BOTH POLLS, THE UNITED STATES IS AN ADMIRABLE COUNTRY TO WHICH THEY WOULD LIKE TO EMIGRATE, THOUGH NOT VIEWED AS ONE OF PERU'S BEST FRIENDS. END SUMMARY.

2.(U) THIS WEEK TWO RESPECTED PERUVIAN POLLING FIRMS, DATUM INTERNATIONAL AND APOYO, EACH RELEASED A OPINION POLL MEASURING PERUVIAN ATTITUDES IN THE RUN UP TO FRIDAY'S INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT ALBERTO FUJIMORI. SAMPLES FOR BOTH POLLS WERE TAKEN FROM THE METROPOLITAN LIMA AREA BETWEEN JULY 14 AND 17. BOTH POLLS COVERED ATTITUDES ABOUT PERU'S INTERNAL POLITICS, AND THE APOYO POLL WENT FURTHER AND DELVED INTO ATTITUDES ABOUT PERU'S FOREIGN RELATIONS WHERE THE US FIGURES PROMINENTLY.

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THE GOP AND ITS INSTITUTIONS

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3.(U) BOTH POLLS REPORTED PRESIDENT FUJIMORI AVERAGES A 45 PERCENT APPROVAL RATING WITH ABOUT 50 PERCENT DISAPPROVAL. ALEJANDRO TOLEDO, BY CONTRAST, RECEIVED APPROVAL RATINGS OF 29 PERCENT VICE A 61 PERCENT DISAPPROVAL RATE.

4.(U) REGARDING ITS GENERAL PERFORMANCE, THE GOP GETS A 42 PERCENT APPROVAL RATING AND 47 PERCENT DISAPPROVAL. INSTITUTIONALLY, THOSE POLLED ARGUED THAT THE JUDICIARY WAS THE LEAST EFFECTIVE INSTITUTION IN THE GOVERNMENT, WITH 47 PERCENT SAYING IT DID A BAD JOB. THE CHURCH AND THE ARMED FORCES LED THE INSTITUTIONAL APPROVAL LIST: 85 PERCENT OF THOSE POLLED RATED THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'S PERFORMANCE AS EITHER GOOD OR ADEQUATE, WHILE 78 PERCENT RESPONDED POSITIVELY ABOUT THE ARMED FORCES.

5. (U) AS FOR THE PRINCIPAL ACHIEVEMENT OF PRESIDENT FUJIMORI DURING HIS SECOND GOVERNMENT, 28 PERCENT CITED THE ERADICATION OF TERRORISM, WHILE 13 PERCENT UNDERScoreD PEACE WITH ECUADOR. CONCERNING FUJIMORI'S PRINCIPAL MISTAKE, 25 PERCENT POINTED TO THE LACK OF EMPLOYMENT, 8 PERCENT HIS REELECTION CAMPAIGN AND ANOTHER 8 PERCENT CITING A LACK OF DEMOCRACY. WHEN ONE POLL ASKED "DO YOU FEEL CLOSER TO

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FUJIMORI, TO TOLEDO, OR TO NEITHER?" 33 PERCENT OF
RESPONDENTS CITED FUJIMORI, 26 PERCENT TOLEDO, AND 38
PERCENT FELT THEY WERE CLOSE TO NEITHER.

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MARCHA DE LOS 4 SUYOS

6. (U) THE OPPOSITION'S MARCH ON LIMA (MARCHA DE LOS 4 SUYOS)
WAS ALSO TAKEN UP BY EACH POLL, WITH DATUM NOTING THAT 47
PERCENT AGREE WITH THE MARCH (UP FROM 33 PERCENT IN JUNE)
WHILE 49 PERCENT DO NOT (DOWN FROM 62 PERCENT IN JUNE.)
WHEN ASKED "WILL YOU PARTICIPATE", 15 PERCENT OF THOSE
POLLED SAID YES WHILE 59 PERCENT SAID NO.

MONTESINOS

7. (U) EACH POLL QUESTIONED THE ROLE OF DE FACTO CHIEF OF
THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIN) VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS
IN PERUVIAN POLITICS, AND BOTH POLLS GAVE HIM POOR MARKS:
APOYO NOTED THAT ONLY 18 PERCENT OF THOSE POLLED APPROVE OF
HIS ROLE AS PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER WHILE 63 PERCENT
DISAPPROVE. WHEN ASKED WHAT SHOULD BE DONE WITH MONTESINOS,
58 PERCENT OF APOYO'S SAMPLE SAID HE SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM
THE GOVERNMENT. DATUM'S DATA SUPPORTED APOYOS: 70 PERCENT
OF THEIR SAMPLE SAID NO WHEN ASKED "SHOULD MONTESINOS HAVE A
PUBLIC OFFICE IN THE NEXT GOVERNMENT?"

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OAS MISSION

8. (U) THE APOYO POLL ASKED RESPONDENTS ABOUT THE SPECIAL OAS MISSION AND ITS RECOMMENDATIONS, WITH 56 PERCENT APPROVING AND 32 PERCENT DISAPPROVING. CONCERNING THE MOST URGENT OF THE OAS RECOMMENDATIONS, 30 PERCENT OF THE PERUVIANS POLLED SAY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AND 15 PERCENT THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE AND AUTONOMY TO THE JUDICIARY.

9. (U) PERUVIANS WERE BOTH SKEPTICAL AND OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE GOP'S RECENTLY FORMED DEMOCRATIZATION COMMITTEE. WHILE 59 PERCENT OF THOSE POLLED BELIEVED IT WAS A "GOVERNMENT MANEUVER", 50 PERCENT STILL BELIEVE THAT IT WILL ACHIEVE POSITIVE THINGS FOR PERUVIAN DEMOCRACY. AS TO WHETHER THE GOP WAS WILLING TO CHANGE ITS DEMOCRACY IN LINE WITH THE OAS RECOMMENDATIONS, THE RESULTS WERE SPLIT: 47 PERCENT SAY YES, 48 PERCENT SAY NO.

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10. (U) ACCORDING TO THE APOYO POLL, THE UNITED STATES IS AN ADMIRABLE COUNTRY TO WHICH PERUVIANS WOULD LIKE TO EMIGRATE, UNCLASSIFIED

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BUT IS NOT VIEWED AS PERU'S "FRIEND." EIGHTY PERCENT OF THOSE POLLED SAID THEY HAD A FAVORABLE IMAGE OF THE UNITED STATES, WITH ONLY 8 PERCENT HOLDING A CONTRARY VIEW. WHEN ASKED "WHICH COUNTRY DO YOU MOST ADMIRE?", THE UNITED STATES WAS SPONTANEOUSLY MENTIONED 33 PERCENT OF THE TIME, FOLLOWED BY JAPAN (13 PERCENT) AND GERMANY (4 PERCENT). IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTION "TO WHICH COUNTRY WOULD YOU LIKE TO EMIGRATE" THE U.S. WAS SPONTANEOUSLY MENTIONED FIRST BY 41 PERCENT OF THOSE POLLED, FOLLOWED BY SPAIN AND ARGENTINA WITH 8 PERCENT.

11. (U) HOWEVER, THE U.S. RATED LOW ON THE LIST OF ANSWERS TO THE QUESTION "WHICH COUNTRY IS PERU'S BEST FRIEND?" WITH ONLY 5 PERCENT OF PERUVIANS MENTIONING THE U.S. ECUADOR WAS THE COUNTRY NOTED MOST FREQUENTLY, BY 13 PERCENT OF THOSE POLLED. IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT "NONE", I.E., NO COUNTRY IS PERU'S FRIEND, WAS THE NUMBER ONE RESPONSE MOST FREQUENTLY, AT 16 PERCENT.

COMMENT

12. (SBU) THESE NUMBERS CAN BE INTERPRETED IN A VARIETY OF WAYS. WHILE THE DROP IN FUJIMORI'S APPROVAL RATING FROM 58 PERCENT A MONTH AGO TO 48 PERCENT SIGNIFIES FOR SOME HIS DECLINING POPULARITY, HE REMAINS BY FAR THE MOST RESPECTED CANDIDATE COMING OUT OF A TURBULENT ELECTORAL PROCESS. THE POLLS SHOW PERUVIANS PUT A HIGH VALUE ON SOCIAL STABILITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND RESPONSES INDICATE A WIDE SECTOR OF THE PERUVIAN PUBLIC VIEWS FUJIMORI AS THE BEST MEANS TO THOSE ENDS. AT THE SAME TIME, THE SUPPORT

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EXPRESSED FOR THE OAS MISSION REFLECTS A PUBLIC EXPECTATION THAT THIS NEXT ADMINISTRATION MAKE GOOD ON ITS PLEDGE TO RESTORE AND STRENGTHEN DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS, PARTICULARLY THE JUDICIARY AND THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES. ABOVE ALL, THESE POLLS PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF POLITICAL MODERATES, WHO SEE THE NEED FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO ADOPT A MORE CONSENSUS-BUILDING STYLE AND FOR THE OPPOSITION TO BECOME LESS CONFRONTATIONAL.

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