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2. SUMMARY: [REDACTED]

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PROMISES TO GET PRESIDENT FUJIMORI MORE ACTIVELY INVOLVED
IN INTERACTING WITH THE POLITICAL PARTIES AND IN DESIGNING
A CONSENSUS ON COUNTER-TERRORISM POLICY.

[REDACTED] THE DISCUSSION
FOCUSED ON STEPS THE FUJIMORI GOVERNMENT CAN TAKE TO BUILD
CONFIDENCE IN ITS PLEDGE TO RESTORE CONSTITUTIONAL
GOVERNMENT AND ON PERU'S NEED FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IN

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THE LATTER HALF OF 1992. [REDACTED] WAS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE SENDERO THREAT AND WHAT COULD BE DONE ABOUT IT.

[REDACTED] SAID IN ON THE CONVERSATION. END SUMMARY.

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RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY

3. [REDACTED] SAID THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE TO MOVE PRESIDENT FUJIMORI ONTO THE ROAD BACK TOWARD DEMOCRACY, BUT IT IS NOT SO EASY TO GET HIM TO CHANGE HIS RHETORIC OR GET THE POLITICAL PARTIES TO COOPERATE. [REDACTED] WERE CONCERNED THAT EVERY CONCESSION BY THE EXECUTIVE ONLY RESULTS IN THE PARTIES RAISING THE STAKES. THEY WORRIED THAT THE U.S. WOULD ONLY ACCEPT "A MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE" WHICH THEY INTERPRETED IN AMERICAN PARLANCE MEANT AN ARRANGEMENT FULLY ENDORSED BY ALL PARTIES. THEY SAID THAT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE.

4. MCLEAN RESPONDED THAT THE U.S. IS NOT LOOKING FOR SOME [REDACTED]

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 FORMALISTIC SOLUTION BUT RATHER AN ARRANGEMENT WHICH HAD A BROAD DEGREE OF CONSENSUS ON ITS BASIC POINTS. THERE WOULD INEVITABLY BE DISPUTES BY SOME GROUPS ABOUT SOME SPECIFICS. WHILE EMPHASIZING THAT THE U.S. DOES NOT EXPECT TO DICTATE A SOLUTION, HE SUGGESTED CONSENSUS MIGHT BEST BE ACHIEVED IF AT THE OUTSTART THE PRESIDENT MADE CLEAR THAT THE CONGRESS ELECTED IN NOVEMBER WILL BE INDEPENDENT AND THE PARTIES MAKE A STATEMENT RECOGNIZING FUJIMORI AS PRESIDENT UNTIL THE END OF HIS TERM IN 1995. IT ALSO SEEMS APPROPRIATE AT THIS JUNCTURE FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO COME OUT WITH A PROPOSAL WHICH TAKES INTO ACCOUNT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE THE PROPOSALS THE PARTIES HAVE MADE TO DATE.

5. AT THE END OF THE CONVERSATION, [REDACTED] PROMISED TO SEEK TO HAVE THE PRESIDENT ISSUE A SUMMARY OF THE "DIALOGUE" TO DATE AND, BASED ON THOSE CONSULTATIONS, OFFER "RULES OF THE GAME" FOR THE ELECTION AND THE CONSTITUENT CONGRESS. THE PARTIES WOULD THEN BE GIVEN FURTHER TIME TO MAKE COMMENTS BEFORE THE FINAL DECREES WERE ISSUED.

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THE NEED FOR AID

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6. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] STRESSED THAT WHILE HE
CONSIDERS THE GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAM ON TRACK ("PERHAPS WE
EVEN OVER ADJUSTED") THERE WILL BE A CRUNCH IN THE SECOND
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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SEMESTER OF 1992 (SIC). HE SAID THAT WITHOUT THE IDB
FINANCIAL SECTOR LOAN PERU WILL HAVE SEVERE PROBLEMS.

7. OVER THE COURSE OF THE LONG CONVERSATION MCLEAN
EMPHASIZED THAT THE U.S. DOES NOT SEEK HARM TO THE
PERUVIAN PEOPLE OR WANT TO DAMAGE THE SUPPORT GROUP
MECHANISM WHICH HAS TAKEN SO MUCH EFFORT TO CONSTRUCT AND
SO MUCH SACRIFICE BY PERU. AT THE SAME TIME, HE STRESSED
THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO BEGIN U.S. ASSISTANCE AS
BEFORE UNTIL DEMOCRACY WERE FULLY RESTORED. MCLEAN
REPEATED THAT THE FUJIMORI GOVERNMENT COULD DO MORE TO
SHOW ITS DEMOCRATIC INTENT. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SAID THAT SINCE HE WILL BE ABLE TO
GET A CONSENSUS ON ELECTIONS IN AUGUST, THE U.S. AND THE
GOP SHOULD THEN AGREE THAT THE IDB LOAN WILL BE DISBURSED
BEFORE THE BANK/FUND MEETING THE THIRD WEEK OF SEPTEMBER.
MCLEAN SAID "LET'S SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO".

THE SENDERO THREAT

8. [REDACTED] JUSTIFIED MUCH OF HIS PLEA FOR AID ON THE
RECENT SURGE OF TERRORISM AND DANGER THAT SENDERO LUMINOSO
WILL MAKE FURTHER GAINS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] HE FEARS IT IS BEING MISSPENT. HE SAID BETWEEN
THE SIN, THE MILITARY SERVICES AND THE POLICE THE
GOVERNMENT HAS 8,000 "SPIES" AND THEY SEEM TO PRODUCE VERY
LITTLE. HE IS LOOKING FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE U.S.,
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND ISRAEL. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND KNOWS THERE ARE
[REDACTED]
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WAYS TO CONFRONT SL WHICH ARE JUST NOT BEING USED.

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9. MCLEAN AND [REDACTED] AGREED THAT BEFORE MUCH COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED THERE NEEDS TO BE A CHANGE IN GOP MENTALITY. MCLEAN RECALLED PREVIOUS EFFORTS TO GET THE CIVILIAN LEADERSHIP, THE ARMED FORCES AND THE POLICE TOGETHER, INCLUDING TWO SEMINARS LED BY [REDACTED] UNDERTOOK TO SEE IF HE COULD GET FUJIMORI TO PARTICIPATE IN A REAL GIVE AND TAKE WITH HIS MINISTERS. MCLEAN PROMISED TO SEE IF THE USG MIGHT BE ABLE ONCE AGAIN TO ORGANIZE SUCH A SESSION AT A SITE OUT OF LIMA.

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10. MCLEAN NOTED THAT THERE ARE OBSTACLES TO CLOSER COOPERATION, INCLUDING THE STILL INCOMPLETE INVESTIGATION OF THE C-130 INCIDENT AND THE PERSONALITY OF PRESIDENTIAL AIDE VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAID HE NEVER SEES MONTESINOS AND SUSPECTED THAT THE RELATIONSHIP WITH FUJIMORI IS CHANGING. HE NOTED SIGNS THAT THE PRESIDENT IS HAVING TROUBLES WITH THE GENERALS AND HAS JUST MOVED BACK INTO THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE AFTER LIVING FOR THE LAST MONTHS AT ARMY HEADQUARTERS. HE SAID IT WOULD BE BEST FOR THE PRESIDENT TO GET RID OF HIS INTELLIGENCE AIDE BUT AGREED WITH MCLEAN THAT AT A MINIMUM FUJIMORI SHOULD DISPELL MONTESINO'S IMAGE OF MYSTERY.

NARCOTICS CONTROL AND ARMS PURCHASES

11. WHEN MCLEAN EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF NARCOTICS [REDACTED]

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 CONTROL, [REDACTED] COMPLAINED AT THE HIGH COST OF RECENT MEASURES TAKEN BY THE AIR FORCE. MCLEAN SAID THAT THE FIRST RESULTS FROM THE TAKE OVER OF THE MUNICIPAL AIRPORTS IN THE UHV SEEMED POSITIVE, BUT MUCH MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE. WE ARE WILLING TO UNDERTAKE NEW MEASURES WHEN AND IF THERE ARE ASSURANCES OUR INVESTMENT WILL GET RESULTS. [REDACTED] SAID THAT NARCOTICS WAS THE NUMBER ONE CONCERN HE HAD HEARD FROM MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS.

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12. AT THE EARLIER DINNER CONVERSATION MCLEAN TOLD [REDACTED] THAT IT IS DIFFICULT TO JUSTIFY ASSISTANCE WHEN WE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE REPORTS OF PURCHASES OF ARMAMENTS UNRELATED TO THE CONTROL OF NARCOTICS OR TERRORISM. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THERE HAD BEEN
A SMALL PURCHASE OF OLD BOMBERS BUT NOTHING LARGE. HE
SAID IF THE ARMY IS BUYING TANKS AS HAS BEEN ALLEGED HE
DOES NOT KNOW WHERE THEY GET THE MONEY UNLESS THEY ARE
PROFITING MORE FROM THEIR BUSINESS ACTIVITIES THAN HE
BELIEVES OR ARE DIVERTING ANTI-TERRORISM FUNDS.
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