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REFS: (A) LIMA 3980 (B) LIMA 4595 (EXDIS) (C) LIMA 4395
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1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR JOHN HAMILTON FOR REASONS 1.5B AND 1.5D.

2. (C) SUMMARY: THROUGH A SERIES OF INTERVIEWS IN PRINT AND TV MEDIA, KEIKO FUJIMORI, THE PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER AND ACTING FIRST LADY, HAS RAISED HER POLITICAL PROFILE BY CALLING FOR NATIONAL

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RECONCILIATION. SHE ALSO HAS EXPRESSED FORWARD-LEANING OPINIONS ON CONTROVERSIAL DE FACTO INTELLIGENCE HEAD VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS, THE RIGHT TO PROTEST, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF POLITICAL DIALOGUE. ACCORDING TO ADVISORS, KEIKO CONSULTS CLOSELY WITH HER FATHER, ESPECIALLY ON POLITICAL ISSUES. THEY SAY SHE SPEAKS FOR HIM ON DEMOCRACY AND SOCIAL ISSUES AND, THROUGH HER, SAYS THINGS HE CANNOT -- OR DOES NOT WANT TO -- SAY HIMSELF. HER NEW PRESENCE ON THE POLITICAL SCENE IS A MUCH-NEEDED POSITIVE FACTOR AS GOP AND OPPOSITION POLITICIANS SIT DOWN TO BEGIN DIALOGUE THROUGH THE OAS. END SUMMARY.

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3. (SBU) BEGINNING IN LATE JUNE, 25-YEAR-OLD PRESIDENTIAL DAUGHTER KEIKO SOFIA FUJIMORI BEGAN APPEARING WITH INCREASING FREQUENCY IN TV AND PRINT MEDIA. WHILE NOT COMPLETELY OUTSIDE THE PUBLIC EYE AFTER ASSUMING THE ROLE OF FIRST LADY IN 1994, KEIKO STUDIED BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY AND

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WAS NOT SUBJECT TO PRESS EVERY DAY SCRUTINY. AFTER GRADUATING IN 1997, SHE MOVED INTO THE FIRST LADY'S OFFICE ON A FULL-TIME BASIS AND BEGAN VENTURING INTO PUBLIC MORE FREQUENTLY, ACCOMPANYING HER FATHER ON FOREIGN TRIPS AND DOMESTIC POLITICAL VISITS. KEIKO NONETHELESS MADE A CONCERTED EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A LOW PROFILE. SHE TURNED DOWN MOST INTERVIEW REQUESTS ON GROUNDS THAT SHE FELT UNCOMFORTABLE IN THE PUBLIC EYE AND WAS WARY OF THE PRESS IN THE WAKE OF HER PARENTS' VERY PUBLIC DIVORCE SCANDAL IN 1995. IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS, HOWEVER, HER PUBLIC PRESENCE HAS INCREASED, MAINLY AT HER FATHER'S SIDE DURING TRIPS TO INSPECT PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS IN THE PROVINCES AND, BEGINNING IN LATE 1999, DURING THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. UP UNTIL VERY RECENTLY, JOURNALISTS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES NOTED HER SHYNESS AND UNWILLINGNESS TO COMMENT ON POLITICAL SUBJECTS.

POST-ELECTION IMAGE MORE INDEPENDENT

4. (SBU) KEIKO BEGAN A SERIES OF SOLO APPEARANCES IN THE MEDIA COINCIDING WITH THE JUNE 26-28 PREPARATORY MEETINGS FOR THE TENTH CONFERENCE OF SPOUSES OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE AMERICAS, SCHEDULED FOR PERU IN OCTOBER. SHE APPEARED ON SEVERAL TV NEWS SHOWS TO DISCUSS THEMES RELATED TO THIS YEAR'S

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CONFERENCE DEDICATED TO ADOLESCENTS AND BEGAN TO MAKE SUCH THEMES ONE OF HER PRIORITIES. SHE ALSO GRANTED AN INTERVIEW TO AN OPPOSITION DAILY, IN WHICH SHE ANSWERED QUESTIONS ABOUT HER FAMILY, INCLUDING DEALING WITH HER PARENTS DIVORCE IN 1995, RELATIONS WITH HER FATHER, AND HER CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS WITH HER YOUNGER BROTHER AND SISTER. THE FACT THAT THE INTERVIEW APPEARED IN AN OPPOSITION DAILY, AND THAT SHE ANSWERED HIGHLY

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PERSONAL QUESTIONS GRACEFULLY, WON HER WIDESPREAD PRAISE IN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES AND EVEN BY SOME GOP CRITICS.

5. (C) KEIKO THEN APPEARED WITH LAST MINUTE NOTICE AT THE AMBASSADOR'S JULY 4 RECEPTION WITH GREETINGS FROM HER FATHER.

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MS. FUJIMORI HAD DECIDED THE DAY BEFORE TO GO TO THE AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION. SHE HAD INFORMED THE PRESIDENT, WHO DID NOT TRY TO TALK HER OUT OF IT. THOUGH THE EVENT ATTRACTED A GOOD TURNOUT OF HIGH LEVEL GOP LOYALISTS, IT WAS BOYCOTTED BY THE MILITARY AND NATIONAL POLICE, AND THE AMBASSADOR'S TOAST DREW A CRITICAL PRESIDENTIAL RESPONSE FOR ITS ADMONITION THAT "COSMETIC REFORMS" WOULD NOT SUFFICE TO OVERCOME PERU'S CRISIS OF CREDIBILITY (REF A).

6. (C) [REDACTED] KEIKO HAD NOT FOUND THE AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS OFFENSIVE. (INDEED, WITH APPARENT SINCERITY, SHE TOLD THE AMBASSADOR SHE REALLY LIKED THEM.) MOREOVER, SHE SUBSEQUENTLY DEFENDED THEM IN A CONVERSATION WITH THE PRESIDENT, WHO THOUGHT IT HAD GONE OVER THE LINE. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] REPORTED THAT THE PRESIDENT LISTENED TO HER VIEWS AND THEN MADE UP HIS OWN MIND ON WHAT HE WOULD SAY HIMSELF, WITHOUT CRITICIZING HER OR CHALLENGING HER BELIEFS. "HE TRUSTS HER SENSE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS AND KNOWS SHE HAS NEVER CONTRADICTED HIM PUBLICLY,"

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VIEWS ON MONTESINOS

7. (C) MS. FUJIMORI THEN GAVE A MID-JULY INTERVIEW IN OPPOSITION WEEKLY "CARETAS." RESPONDING TO A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ABOUT COPING WITH HER PARENTS' DIVORCE AND HOW SHE MANAGED RELATIONS WITH HER FATHER AND HER MOTHER (A RECENTLY ELECTED LEGISLATOR WITH THE OPPOSITION MORAL INDEPENDENCE FRONT (FIM) PARTY), SHE SIDESTEPPED THE POLITICS AND EXPRESSED AFFECTION FOR BOTH PARENTS. ON THE QUESTION OF HER VIEW OF DE FACTO INTELLIGENCE CHIEF VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS, HOWEVER, KEIKO SAID, "I BELIEVE HE HAS DONE GOOD WORK WITH RESPECT TO THE ERADICATION OF TERRORISM AND NARCOTRAFFICKING, BUT I ALSO BELIEVE HE HAS COMPLETED ('CUMPLIO') HIS WORK. I AM SATISFIED

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BECAUSE MY FATHER HAS SAID THAT DR. MONTESINOS SHOULD OCCUPY PUBLIC OFFICE. IN THIS WAY THEY WILL BE ABLE TO EXAMINE HIM AND THE RUMORS EXISTING ABOUT HIM WILL DISAPPEAR." THAT SHE HAD REPEATED HER FATHER'S REMARKS ON THIS CONTROVERSIAL SUBJECT DID NOT STRIKE ANYONE AS ODD, BUT THAT SHE HAD GONE BEYOND THEM BY SAYING MONTESINOS HAD COMPLETED HIS JOB SENT ANALYSTS SCURRYING FOR AN EXPLANATION.

8. (C) [REDACTED] KEIKO HAD SELECTED "CARETAS" (AS SHE HAD OTHER OPPOSITION PRINT MEDIA) TO REACH OUT TO OPPOSITION READERS. THE PRESIDENT, HE SAID, WAS NOT COMFORTABLE WITH SAYING ANYTHING THAT MIGHT SUGGEST MONTESINOS HAD FULFILLED HIS [REDACTED]

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PAGE 03 LIMA 04690 02 OF 03 112316Z SERVICE, BUT HE DID NOT MIND KEIKO SAYING IT. THE CORRECT READ ON MONTESINOS, [REDACTED] WAS THAT THE SHADY ADVISOR PROBABLY COULD NOT STAND UP TO A FULL-FLEDGED PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO HIS BACKGROUND AND THEREFORE WOULD NOT OCCUPY A PUBLIC OFFICE. [REDACTED] OPINED THAT FUJIMORI WOULD NOT SIMPLY FIRE MONTESINOS AND FORCE HIM FROM OFFICE IN DISGRACE. RATHER, [REDACTED] BELIEVED, THE PRESIDENT WAS LOOKING FOR A WAY THAT WOULD GIVE MONTESINOS TIME TO CONFRONT HIS ACCUSERS AND LEAVE OFFICE WITH DIGNITY. KEIKO'S WORDS, HE SAID, WERE A WAY OF SAYING THIS PUBLICLY WITHOUT BEING OFFENSIVE. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] MADE EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO KEIKO'S REMARKS AS WELL AS TO LIMA ARCHBISHOP CIPRIANI'S CRITICAL INAUGURATION DAY HOMILY, WIDELY SEEN AS CRITICAL OF MONTESINOS.)

WEEK OF PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION, VIOLENCE

9. (C) DURING THE WEEK OF THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION, KEIKO MADE HEADLINES WHEN SHE ATTENDED HER MOTHER'S JULY 24 CONGRESSIONAL SWEARING IN WITH HER BROTHER AND SISTER. ON A DAY MARKED BY BITTER PUBLIC EXCHANGES BETWEEN RULING PARTY AND OPPOSITION LEGISLATORS (REF C), KEIKO EXPRESSED AFFECTION AND PRIDE FOR HER MOTHER'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] THE PRESIDENT HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH KEIKO'S ATTENDANCE. KEIKO'S GOAL, HE SAID, WAS A SHOW OF SUPPORT FOR HER MOTHER, BUT ALSO TO SEND A POSITIVE POLITICAL MESSAGE.

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10. (C) LATER IN THE WEEK, INDEPENDENT CABLE NEWS STATION "CANAL [REDACTED]

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 N" RAN AN INTERVIEW WITH KEIKO ON THE EVENING OF INAUGURATION DAY (JULY 28). SHE FIELDDED QUESTIONS ON HER FAMILY LIFE, REPEATED HER STANDING VIEW OF MONTESINOS, AND, VENTURING INTO NEW TERRITORY, DEFENDED THE RIGHT TO PROTEST AND CALLED THE OAS-SPONSORED DIALOGUE IMPORTANT. THE BROADCAST, WHICH "CANAL N" INTERRUPTED TO SHOW A PRESS CONFERENCE BY ALEJANDRO TOLEDO AND ORGANIZERS OF THE FOUR QUARTERS MARCH, HAD BEEN TAPED FOUR DAYS EARLIER AND CONTAINED A THOUGHTFUL CALL FOR NATIONAL UNITY THAT CONTRASTED WITH THE DAY'S TURBULENT VIOLENCE. A RE-BROADCAST OF KEIKO'S INTERVIEW ON JULY 29 STOOD OUT NOT JUST FOR HER SYMPATHETIC IMAGE ON A BROAD RANGE OF FAMILIAL, SOCIAL, AND POLITICAL ISSUES, BUT BECAUSE HER REMARKS DIVERGED SIGNIFICANTLY FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CONFRONTATIONAL CHARACTERIZATION OF "RECALCITRANT" OPPOSITION ELEMENTS HE BLAMED FOR THE VIOLENCE (REF D).

11. (C) THE "CANAL N" INTERVIEW WAS SUPPOSED TO BE KEIKO'S FORMAL DEBUT AS A POLITICAL VOICE, ACCORDING [REDACTED] THE VIOLENCE OF JULY 28 AND FINGER POINTING THAT ENSUED, HOWEVER, ALL BUT ECLIPSED HER APPEARANCE. KEIKO HAD WORKED ALL DAY JULY 29 TO CONVINCHE HER FATHER OF THE NEED TO CALL FOR NATIONAL RECONCILIATION, SOMETHING THE PRESIDENT HAD NOT DONE DURING HIS SPEECH TO THE ARMED FORCES THAT AFTERNOON, [REDACTED] (REF D). AFTER CONSULTING WITH THE PRESIDENT THAT EVENING AND THE MORNING OF JULY 30, MS. FUJIMORI GAVE AN INTERVIEW TO PRO-GOVERNMENT DAILY "EXPRESO," IN WHICH SHE CALLED ON PERUVIANS TO

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PUT ASIDE THEIR DIFFERENCES AND WORK TOWARD RECONCILIATION. THE ARTICLE APPEARED JULY 31, THE SAME DAY IN WHICH SHE TOLD NATIONAL RADIO LISTENERS THAT PERUVIANS NEEDED TO APPLY THEIR ENERGY TO CONSTRUCTIVE (RATHER THAN DESTRUCTIVE) POLITICAL ENDS. THIS MESSAGE, CONTENDS [REDACTED] IS ONE EXPRESSION OF THE GOP'S DESIRE TO END DIVISIVE CONFRONTATIONALIST POLICIES. THE GOP PLANS TO USE HER MORE TO ARTICULATE DIFFERENT LINES OF PUBLIC POLICY, SAYS [REDACTED]

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COMMENT

12. (C) KEIKO COMES ACROSS IN PERSONAL CONVERSATION AND PUBLIC REMARKS AS SOMEONE WHO UNDERSTANDS, BUT IS NOT MIRED IN, PERU'S POLARIZED POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT. SHE IS NOT AFRAID TO SAY NICE THINGS ABOUT OPPOSITION FIGURES, WHICH BY LOCAL STANDARDS QUALIFIES HER AS A MODERATE. HER SYMPATHETIC FIGURE AND HER FORWARD-LEANING CALLS FOR NATIONAL RECONCILIATION HAVE HELPED TO BALANCE THE ADMINISTRATION'S MORE CONFRONTATIONAL DECLARATIONS IN THE AFTERMATH OF VIOLENCE ON JULY 28. THOUGH HER ABILITY TO INFLUENCE WHAT HER FATHER SAYS APPEARS LIMITED, IT IS UNLIKELY SHE WOULD HAVE VOICED VIEWS ON MONTESINOS AND A CALL FOR RECONCILIATION IF THE PRESIDENT WERE REALLY OPPOSED. HER NEW PRESENCE ON THE POLITICAL SCENE IS A MUCH-NEEDED POSITIVE FACTOR AS GOP AND OPPOSITION POLITICIANS SIT DOWN TO BEGIN DIALOGUE

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