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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PGOV, PHUM, PTER, PE
SUBJECT: FUJIMORI DECLARES HIMSELF IN FAVOR
OF THE DEATH PENALTY FOR GUZMAN

1. (U) IN SEPTEMBER 19-20 WEEKEND WALK-ABOUTS IN METROPOLITAN LIMA PERUVIAN PRESIDENT ALBERTO FUJIMORI AGAIN DECLARED HIMSELF IN FAVOR OF THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEATH PENALTY FOR TERRORISTS. PRESIDENT FUJIMORI LAMENTED THAT CURRENT LAW, WHICH HAS AS ITS MAXIMUM LIFE IN PRISON, PRECLUDED CAPITAL PUNISHMENT FOR RECENTLY CAPTURED SENDERO LUMINOSO FOUNDER AND LEADER ABIMAEEL GUZMAN. "I AM A SUPPORTER OF THE DEATH PENALTY, AND IN THIS I KNOW THE PEOPLE SUPPORT ME. (GUZMAN) DESERVES IT FOR ALL OF THE DESTRUCTION AND LOSSES THAT THE COUNTRY HAS SUFFERED," FUJIMORI DECLARED.

2. (U) PRESIDENT FUJIMORI SAID CAPITAL PUNISHMENT COULD BE RESTORED VIA A REFERENDUM AFTER THE NOVEMBER 22 CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS.

3. (C) COMMENT: FUJIMORI APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN SPEAKING OFF THE CUFF IN TALKING OF A SEPARATE REFERENDUM ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT FOR ACTS OF TERRORISM. A SEPARATE REFERENDUM, WITH ITS ASSOCIATED EXPENSE, IS UNLIKELY. HOWEVER, IT IS CLEAR FUJIMORI WILL INTRODUCE A CAPITAL PUNISHMENT CLAUSE TO THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY.

4. (C) FUJIMORI'S REPEATED PUBLIC STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT FOR GUZMAN IN THE WAKE OF HIS ARREST ARE APPARENTLY GAUGED TO APPEAL TO THE MAJORITY OF PERUVIANS WHO BELIEVE

GUZMAN SHOULD PAY THE HIGHEST PRICE POSSIBLE FOR HIS ACTIONS. MANY FEAR THAT, GIVEN THE POROSITY OF THE PERUVIAN PRISON SYSTEM, GUZMAN MAY YET ESCAPE OR CONTINUE DIRECTING THE SL FROM HIS JAIL CELL.

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