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SUBJECT: INTERAMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION VISITS LIMA

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1. SUMMARY: THE INTERAMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION VISITED LIMA FOR FIVE DAYS IN LATE OCTOBER AT THE GOP'S REQUEST. THE IAHC DELEGATION MET WITH A WIDE RANGE OF PEOPLE IN LIMA AND OTHER EMERGENCY ZONES. THE IAHC

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INFORMED THE GOP THAT THE CASE OF THE 1988 CAYARA MASSACRE WILL BE SENT TO THE INTERAMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COURT. THE GENERAL INVOLVED IN THIS CASE IS A LIKELY FUTURE ARMY COMMANDING GENERAL. PRESS SOURCES CALLED THE DELEGATION'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FUJIMORI CONTENTIOUS. SOME DELEGATION MEMBERS ALSO MET WITH IMPRISONED SENDERO LUMINOSO TERRORISTS. PERUVIAN OPINION ON THE VISIT WAS SPLIT; HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS BELIEVE THAT THE VISIT WAS PRODUCTIVE WHILE GOP OFFICIALS AND MANY OTHER PERUVIANS COMPLAINED THAT INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS ARE MOUNTING AN ANTI-PERU CAMPAIGN WHILE IGNORING THE ABUSES OF SUBVERSIVE GROUPS. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) A 14 MEMBER DELEGATION OF THE INTERAMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (IAHRC) VISITED LIMA 27-31 OCTOBER. THE DELEGATION WAS HEADED BY PATRICK ROBINSON OF JAMAICA AND INCLUDED W. MICHAEL REISMAN OF THE UNITED

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PAGE 03 LIMA 15572 01 OF 03 052349Z STATES. THE DELEGATION CAME AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOP AND MET, BOTH IN LIMA AND IN THE EMERGENCY ZONES, WITH INTERLOCUTORS RANGING FROM PRESIDENT FUJIMORI TO IMPRISONED SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) LEADERS. MANY ON THE POLITICAL LEFT AND HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS VIEWED THE VISIT AS POSITIVE AND A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, WHILE SOME IN THE GOP AND ON THE RIGHT LAMENTED THAT THE DELEGATION DID NOT GO FAR ENOUGH IN CONDEMNING THE EXCESSES OF THE TERRORISTS.

THE CAYARA MASSACRE

3. (U) DURING THE VISIT, THE DELEGATION INFORMED THE GOP THAT IT WAS FORWARDING THE CASE OF THE 1988 CAYARA MASSACRE IN AYACUCHO DEPARTMENT TO THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COURT. THIS WILL BE THE SECOND ACTIVE PERUVIAN CASE BEFORE THE COURT. THE OTHER IS THE 1986

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"PRISON MASSACRE" THAT FOLLOWED THE TAKEOVER OF SEVERAL LIMA PRISONS BY SL INMATES. A LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAWYER CONFIRMED TO POLOFF THAT THE CAYARA CASE HAD BEEN PENDING IN THE IAHRC FOR SOME TIME AND THIS VISIT SIMPLY PROVIDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO OFFICIALLY INFORM THE GOP. HE ESTIMATED THAT IT WILL TAKE ONE TO TWO YEARS TO REACH A DECISION ON THE CASE.

4. THE CAYARA CASE IS EXTREMELY

PAGE 04 LIMA 15572 01 OF 03 052349Z SENSITIVE. THE EMERGENCY ZONE COMMANDER AT THE TIME OF THE MASSACRE WAS GENERAL JOSE VALDIVIA DUENAS, CURRENT COMMANDER OF THE 2ND MILITARY REGION AND WIDELY VIEWED AS THE LIKELY COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE PERUVIAN ARMY IN 1993. THE 2ND MILITARY REGION INCLUDES LIMA AND THE EMERGENCY ZONES OF JUNIN AND AYACUCHO. MILITARY FORCES IN THIS REGION CAN DIRECTLY THREATEN THE GOVERNMENT. GENERAL VALDIVIA IS CONTROVERSIAL, AS SHOWN WHEN HIS 1990 PROMOTION TO THREE STARS WAS DELAYED IN THE PERUVIAN

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SENATE OVER THE CAYARA CASE.

MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT, SL AND MILITARY

5. (U) PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S HOUR AND ONE HALF MEETING WITH THE DELEGATION WAS DEPICTED BY SOME PRESS SOURCES AS CONTENTIOUS. ACCORDING TO ONE NEWS MAGAZINE, LUIS JIMENEZ, COUNSEL TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE IAHC, INTERRUPTED HIS DEFENSE OF THE ACTIVITIES OF PERUVIAN HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS WHEN PRESIDENT FUJIMORI STUDIOUSLY IGNORED HIM. JIMENEZ FINISHED HIS DELIVERY, BUT UNDER HIGH TENSION.

6. [REDACTED] A MILITARY OFFICER WHO WAS PRESENT AT THE MEETING WITH THE JOINT COMMAND TOLD POLCOMS THAT THE DELEGATION WAS TESTY AFTER THE FUJIMORI MEETING AND THAT THEY SEEMED PARTICULARLY UPSET ABOUT A LETTER FUJIMORI GAVE THE GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES. HE CHARACTERIZED THE MEETING AS "TWO HOURS OF SEMI-COMMUNICATION" AND SAID THAT "SOME ON THE COMMISSION SEEMED IMPERVIOUS TO

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REASON."

7. (U) SOME MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION MET WITH SEVERAL SL REPRESENTATIVES AT A LIMA PRISON, INCLUDING THE ALLEGED SL NUMBER 2, OSMAN

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MOROTE. THE SL PRISONERS PRESENTED SEVERAL COMPLAINTS OF ILL-TREATMENT, INCLUDING THE PAINTING OVER OF SL MURALS AT THE PRISON BY ARMY TROOPS. MOROTE ASSERTED THAT THE TROOPS HAD FIRED INTO THE CELLS DURING THIS OPERATION. THE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL PRISON INSTITUTE AGREED TO DISCUSS THE INCIDENT WITH THE SL REPRESENTATIVES AND TOLD THE DELEGATION THAT ONLY WARNING SHOTS WERE FIRED. THE DELEGATION WAS NOT ALLOWED INTO THE SL PAVILION TO SEE THE STANDARD SL SHOW OF REVOLUTIONARY SONG AND DANCE. LATER DELEGATION MEMBERS MET WITH THE SL LEGAL ASSISTANCE FRONT GROUP, "DEMOCRATIC LAWYERS" AT THEIR HOTEL.

U.S. DELEGATION MEMBER, PERUVIANS VIEW RESULTS

8. [REDACTED] THE AMERICAN MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION, MICHAEL REISMAN, MET WITH THE AMBASSADOR SHORTLY AFTER THE GROUP ARRIVED. POLCOUNS ATTEMPTED TO MEET WITH REISMAN BEFORE DEPARTURE BUT REISMAN WAS NOT AVAILABLE. IN A SHORT TELEPHONE CONVERSATION REISMAN SAID THAT THE SITUATION IN PERU IS "VERY COMPLEX, FAR MORE THAN I REALIZED." HE CONTINUED THAT "THERE WAS SOME REASON FOR HOPE THAT THE WORST, AN SL VICTORY, MAY BE AVERTED." HE STATED THAT HE WOULD CONTACT USOAS AMBASSADOR EINAUDI AFTER HIS RETURN TO THE U.S.

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9. [REDACTED] PERUVIAN OPINION WAS PREDICTABLY SPLIT. HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES CHARACTERIZED THE VISIT AS MUCH MORE SUCCESSFUL THAN THE 1989 IAHRG SUB-COMMISSION VISIT. THEY CITED PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S OPENNESS AND FRANK DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DELEGATION AS USEFUL IN THE PRESENT VISIT. THEY BELIEVED THE MEETINGS WITH THE PRIME/FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE MILITARY WERE PRODUCTIVE AND WELL-ACCEPTED. THEY ALSO POINTED TO EVENTS NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE VISIT (SUCH AS THE BREAK IN THE SANTA BARBARA CASE, REPTTEL) AS SHOWING THE CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN

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WROUGHT IN THE GOP.

10. [REDACTED] ON THE OTHER HAND, MANY PUBLICATIONS, INCLUDING THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE "EL PERUANO," CONTINUED TO HARP THAT INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS CONDEMNED GOP EXCESSES WHILE IGNORING TERRORIST VIOLATIONS. MEDIA REPORTS AND OUR CONTACTS INDICATE A MAJORITY OF PERUVIANS SHARE THIS VIEW. THE NOVEMBER 5 EDITION OF "EL PERUANO" CROWED IN A HEADLINE THAT THE "EUROPEAN COMMISSION OF JUSTICE AND PEACE" WAS THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL GROUP TO HARSHLY CENSURE THE TERRORISTS AS THE PRIMARY VIOLATORS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. MANY COMMENTATORS SEEMED PARTICULARLY CONCERNED OVER A STATEMENT IN THE FINAL IAHR COMMUNIQUE WHICH ECHOED SL USAGE SAYING "NEITHER THE STRUGGLE TO OVERCOME POVERTY NOR TO CONSTRUCT A NEW STATE" CAN JUSTIFY ABUSES. THE FUJIMORI LETTER THAT APPARENTLY DISTURBED THE DELEGATION EMPHASIZED SEVERAL RECENT INCIDENTS OF TERRORIST EXCESSES. WHEN ASKED IF THE DELEGATION HAD RECEIVED ANY COMPLAINTS OF SUBVERSIVE VIOLATIONS, A HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST TOLD POLOFF THAT THERE WERE "GENERAL DENUNCIATIONS BUT NO SPECIFIC CASES."

COMMENT

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11. [REDACTED] THE IAHR VISIT, AT THE GOP'S INVITATION, WAS A GOOD START TO THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE GOP AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS

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GROUPS. BUT IT WAS PAINFULLY OBVIOUS THAT THERE
REMAINS A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE THE GOP AND THE
HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS AGREE ON THEIR PROPER ROLE.
THE INVESTIGATION OF THE CAYARA MASSACRE WILL BE
A PARTICULARLY TOUGH TEST FOR THE GOP.
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