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- II. ASSESSMENTS
  - (C) PERU: THE DANCE OF DIALOGUE
- 14. (C) HAVING AGREED ON THE AGENDA AND STRUCTURE OF

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ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (OAS)-SPONSORED TALKS ON
DEMOCRACY, PERU'S GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION HAVE OPENED A
CAUTIOUS DIALOGUE LIKELY TO PRODUCE LIMITED, SLOW PROGRESS.
THE GOVERNMENT WILL AGREE TO IMPLEMENT "EASY" REFORMS AND
BET THAT A STRONG ECONOMIC PROGRAM AND CONTINUED DISPLAYS
OF COMPETENCE WILL EASE PRESSURE TO CONCEDE MORE.

15. (C) REPRESENTATIVES FROM GOVERNMENT, OPPOSITION PARTIES, AND CIVIL SOCIETY CAUTIOUSLY BEGAN OAS-MONITORED

DEMOCRACY TALKS LAST WEEK BY ORGANIZING WORKING GROUPS AND IDENTIFYING WAYS TO MAKE SUBSTANTIVE AGREEMENTS STICK. THE DECISION TO FOCUS FIRST ON THE "EASY" ISSUES REFLECTS THE PRESSURE BOTH SIDES FEEL TO SHOW CONCRETE ACHIEVEMENTS QUICKLY. STILL, WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO REFORM IN QUESTION, THE WORK IS CERTAIN TO BE PAINSTAKING AND SLOW. THE GOVERNMENT, FOR EXAMPLE, AGREED TO A LONGSTANDING OPPOSITION DEMAND THAT IT REINSTATE MEDIA OWNER BARUCH IVCHER'S CITIZENSHIP, STRIPPED IN 1997 AFTER HIS TV STATION CRITICIZED GOVERNMENT POLICIES. BUT OPPOSITION LEADERS ARE WARY OF THE GOVERNMENT'S MOVE, ASSERTING IT RINGS HOLLOW WITHOUT THE RESTORATION OF IVCHER'S STATION.

16. (C) ECONOMIC DISTRACTIONS. PRESIDENT FUJIMORI MAY ALSO BE HOPING A RENEWED FOCUS ON ECONOMIC REFORM WILL EASE PRESSURE TO DELIVER ON DEMOCRATIC REFORM. HIS ANNOUNCEMENT LAST WEEK OF A SERIES OF PRO-MARKET ECONOMIC MEASURES WAS A TRIUMPH FOR ECONOMIC REFORMISTS WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT AND A WELCOME SIGN FOR PERU'S BUSINESS SECTOR, A TRADITIONAL FUJIMORI SUPPORT BASE THAT WAS DISMAYED BY HIS POPULIST INAUGURATION SPEECH.

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17. (C) MONTESINOS STAYS. THE CENTERPIECE OF BOTH OPPOSITION AND GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN DEMOCRACY



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IS REFORM OF THE POWERFUL INTELLIGENCE SERVICES. AGAIN, THE GOVERNMENT IS WILLING TO GO ONLY SO FAR, SENDING TO CONGRESS LEGISLATION THAT DOWNSIZES THE APPARATUS, REFOCUSES ITS EFFORTS ON COUNTERNARCOTICS AND COUNTERTERRORISM, AND SUBJECTS THE SERVICE TO CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT.

- 18. (S/NF) FUJIMORI, HOWEVER, WILL NOT AX NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER AND DE FACTO INTELLIGENCE CHIEF VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS, WHOM HE PROBABLY WILL APPOINT TO HEAD THE REVAMPED SERVICE. CREDITING MONTESINOS WITH HIS REELECTION, FUJIMORI REPORTEDLY TOLD HIS DAUGHTER TO CEASE WORKING FOR HIS REMOVAL. AS IF TO PRESS THE POINT FURTHER, FUJIMORI HAD MONTESINOS MAKE A RARE PUBLIC APPEARANCE AT A PRESS CONFERENCE DURING WHICH FUJIMORI TOUTED MONTESINOS'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO NATIONAL SECURITY, MOST RECENTLY IN BREAKING UP AN INTERNATIONAL ARMS-TRAFFICKING NETWORK.
- 19. (C) STILL THE UPPER HAND. FUJIMORI WILL CONTINUE TO WORK AROUND THE MARGINS OF REFORM WHILE RELYING ON COMPETENCE IN SUCH OTHER AREAS AS THE ECONOMY AND SECURITY TO APPEASE A CRISIS-WEARY PUBLIC. GENERATING DOMESTIC PRESSURE FOR DRAMATIC CHANGE IS DIFFICULT--HE HOLDS FIRM CONTROL OF CONGRESS AND A SOLID BASE OF SUPPORT THAT POLLS

HAVE PLACED CONSISTENTLY AT AROUND 45 PERCENT. MORE IMPORTANT, THE OPPOSITION REMAINS WEAK, INEFFECTUAL, AND DIVIDED. THE DEFECTION OF SEVERAL OPPOSITION MEMBERS TO

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PRO-GOVERNMENT RANKS LAST MONTH ENSURED FUJIMORI'S CONTROL
OF CONGRESS; OPPOSITION LEADER ALEJANDRO TOLEDO'S POLL
NUMBERS--NOW AROUND 26 PERCENT--HAVE STEADILY DECLINED
SINCE HE PULLED OUT OF THE SECOND-ROUND PRESIDENTIAL VOTE
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23. (U) ... RESULTS WERE PANNED. BOTH THE OPPOSITION AND SOME OF MOSCOSO'S CONGRESSIONAL ALLIES WASTED NO TIME IN CRITICIZING THE MINI-SHUFFLE, TERMING IT "INSIGNIFICANT" AND DISAPPOINTING. FORMER PRESIDENT ENDARA BASHED MOSCOSO'S FAILURE TO EXERCISE GOOD ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL AND PUSHED

FOR A HOUSECLEANING. MOSCOSO DEFENDED HER ACTIONS BY SAYING SHE NEVER INTENDED A COMPLETE OVERHAUL AND THAT PANAMA'S NEWS MEDIA HAD GENERATED FALSE EXPECTATIONS.

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