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- 2. SUMMARY: PRIME MINISTER OSCAR DE LA PUENTE IS CONFIDENT THAT THE NOVEMBER 22 CONSTITUENT CONGRESS ELECTIONS WILL COME OFF SMOOTHLY. HE PREDICTS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT WIN A STRONG MAJORITY, BUT WILL BE IN A POSITION TO LEAD EFFECTIVELY IN THE CCD. HE WELCOMES OUTSIDE OBSERVERS AND SEES ELECTIONS AS OPPORTUNTLY TO RESTORE PERU'S INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT. HE EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT COUNTRIES THAT PUT SUCH STRONG PRESSURE ON GOP TO HOLD ELECTIONS MADE THEMSELVES SCARCE WHEN THEY HAD OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE MATERIAL SUPPORT TO PROCESS.
- 3. ON HUMAN RIGHTS, DE LA PUENTE SAID GOP WILL SEEK TO HAVE DETAILED RESPONSES TO CONGRESSIONAL H.R. CONDITIONS BY NOVEMBER 22. HE SAID GOP HAS GIVEN UP PLANS TO RENOUNCE THE SAN JOSE H.R. PACT AND WILL LEAVE THIS ISSUE -- AND THE QUESTION OF THE DEATH PENALTY -- TO THE CCD TO ADDRESS. END SUMMARY
- 4. CHARGE MET ON NOVEMBER 9 WITH PRIME MINISTER/ FOREIGN MINISTER OSCAR DE LA PUENTE AND SENIOR MFA STAFF TO REVIEW PREPARATIONS FOR NOVMEBER 22

PAGE 03 LIMA 14540 01 OF 04 092105Z ELECTIONS AND TO DISCUSS OUR HUMAN RIGHTS AGENDA. OTHER ISSUES WERE ALSO RAISED (SEE SEPTEL).

U.S. VIEW ON ELECTIONS

5. CHARGE TOLD DE LA PUENTE THAT WE ARE GENERALLY PLEASED WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS SO FAR TO PREPARE THE GROUND FOR FREE AND OPEN ELECTIONS TO THE CONSTITUENT CONGRESS ON NOVEMBER 22. CLEARLY, THIS IS A MAJOR OCCASION FOR PERU, OFFERING THE OPPORTUNTLY TO REESTABLISH THE COUNTRY'S POSITION AMONG THE DEMOCRATIC STATES IN THE HEMISPHERE. THE USG GIVES THIS EVENT PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE SINCE IT COULD LAY THE BASIS FOR REESTABLISHING THE FULL RANGE OF OUR COMMON ACTION PROGRAMS --

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DEPENDING; OF COURSE, ON THE JUDGMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ON THE FREEDOM AND OPENNESS OF THE PROCESS.

- 6. CHARGE SAID WE HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE OAS MISSION, WHOSE OPINION WILL HAVE GREAT IMPORTANCE FOR US, AND WE HAVE BEEN KEPT UP TO DATE ON DEVELOPMENTS. WE ARE AWARE, CHARGE SAID, OF SOME PROBLEM AREAS NOTED BY THE OAS, BUT WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE GOP'S CLOSE ATTENTION TO RESPONDING TO OAS CONCERNS.
- 7. CHARGE SAID THAT U.S. ASSISTANCE HINGES IN LARGE PART ON THE ELECTIONS. HE CAUTIONED,

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PAGE 04 LIMA 14540 01 OF 04 092105Z HOWEVER, THAT IT WILL NOT BE EASY FOR US TO REGAIN THE SUPPORT OF OUR CONGRESS FOR AID TO PERU. HE CITED OUR EFFORTS -- EVENTUALLY UNSUCCESSFUL -- TO PROVIDE DOLS 3.5 MILLION FOR THE GOP ELECTORAL AUTHORITY (JNE), IN ADDITION TO DOLS 3.5 MILLION TO SUPPORT THE OAS MISSION. OUR FAILURE TO GET THIS ASSISTANCE APPROVED IS SYMPTOMATIC OF THE OBSTACLES WE FACE IN GETTING APPROVAL FOR ANY ASSISTANCE TO PERU. WE WILL NEED PERU'S FORCEFUL ACTION TO CONVEY A POSITIVE IMAGE OF THE COUNTRY'S EFFORTS TO PUT ITSELF BACK IN THE DEMOCRATIC CAMP.

PROCESS GOING WELL

8. DE LA PUENTE SAID GOP IS PLEASED WITH THE

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PROGRESS SO FAR IN HOLDING THE ELECTIONS. THERE ARE GREAT LOGISTICAL CHALLENGES, PARTICULARLY IN GETTING VOTING MATERIALS TO POLLING PLACES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, BUT GOP IS CONFIDENT THAT IT WILL GET THIS DONE ON TIME. IT WILL USE ALL TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES IT HAS TO DO THE JOB, INCLUDING MILITARY HELICOPTERS. THE MILITARY, HE PROMISED, WILL ACT WITH PERFECT IMPARTIALITY.

- 9. HE SAID GOVERNMENT HAD ACCEDED TO CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY MANY THAT HOLDING A DEATH PENALTY REFERENDUM AT THE SAME TIME AS THE CCD VOTE WAS A DISTRACTION. THUS, THE PRESIDENT HAD ANNOUNCED THERE WOULD BE NO REFERENDUM NOW. THIS ISSUE WILL BE LEFT TO THE CCD AND A POSSIBLE EVENTUAL REFERENDUM.
- 10. DE LA PUENTE CITED POLLS CONDUCTED BY THE GOVERNMENT THAT GAVE ITS ELECTORAL LIST -- "CAMBIO 90/NUEVA MAYORIA" -- MORE THAN THE ONE-THIRD SUPPORT INDICATED IN PUBLISHED POLLS. DE LA PUENTE PREDICTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP WITHIN THE CCD, ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT LIKELY TO HAVE A STRONG MAJORITY. HE HIGHLY PRAISED THE QUALITY OF PEOPLE IN RAFAEL REY'S "RENOVACION" CANDIDATE LIST, INDICATING THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAPPILY

COMPANY

PAGE 03 LIMA 14540 02 OF 04 092110Z FORM AN EFFECTIVE MAJORITY WITH REY. HE THOUGHT THAT A RESULT SUCH AS THIS WOULD GIVE THE ELECTION GREATER CREDIBILITY. CHARGE SAID THAT THIS IS A DECISION FOR THE PERUVIAN ELECTORATE TO MAKE AT THE POLLS. IN ANY EVENT, DE LA PUENTE SAID, THIS ELECTION SIGNALS A MAJOR DEPARTURE IN PERUVIAN HISTORY.

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11. AFTER CHARGE MENTIONED THE PROBLEMS WE HAD ENCOUNTERED IN PROVIDING DOLS 3.5 MILLION FOR

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THE JNE, DE LA PUENTE'S FACE TURNED MILDLY SOUR. LATER, HE SAID THAT MANY COUNTRIES HAD TALKED OF PROVIDING DIRECT ASSISTANCE. NONE, HOWEVER, HAD DELIVERED. THE GOP FOUND THIS SURPRISING, GIVEN THE AMOUNT OF ATTENTION ALL THESE GOVERNMENTS HAD LAVISHED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF PERU'S HOLDING AN ELECTION. HE RIDICULED A DOLS 20,000 OFFER

OF ASSISTANCE

SAID HAD TO BE CLOSELY HELD GIVEN THE

ITS SENSITIVITY EVEN THIS
PALTRY AMOUNT HAD NOT MATERIALIZED. THE GOP, DE
LA PUENTE SAID, HAD DECIDED NOT TO PUBLICIZE THIS
SAD REALITY, BUT WILL PAY FOR THE ELECTION FROM
ITS OWN, MEAGER RESOURCES.

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02 OF 04 14540 LIMA PAGE 04 12. CHARGE RAISED DIRECTLY WITH DE LA PUENTE HUMAN RIGHTS TALKING POINTS THAT HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY DELIVERED TO GOP (STATE 344863). HE BEGAN BY SAYING THAT THE USG IS PLEASED THAT THE GOP HAD REGISTERED IMPORTANT VICTORIES AGAINST THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY UNDERMINED THEIR CAPABILITIES TO VIOLATE THE RIGHTS OF PERUVIAN CITIZENS. CHARGE SAID THAT HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS CONTINUE TO BE A HIGH PRIORITY ISSUE FOR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, BOTH IN OUR DIPLOMATIC DISCOURSE AND AS CONDITIONS FOR OUR ECONOMIC AND COUNTER-NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. GOING THROUGH THE TALKING POINTS, CHARGE SAID THE NINE CASES IDENTIFIED BY CONGRESS CONTINUE TO SHOW LITTLE MOVEMENT. HE GAVE DE LA PUENTE A MARCH 10, 1992, EMBASSY SUMMARY OF CASES, SAYING THAT WHEN WE BRING IT UP TO DATE FOR VISITORS WE EXPECT

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FOR THE NOVEMBER 22 ELECTIONS, WE WILL BE ABLE
TO DO LITTLE MORE THAT PUT A CURRENT DATE ON THE
PAPER. CHARGE SAID HE WILL SEND POLOFF TO MEET
WITH WORKING LEVEL MFA OFFICIALS TO SEE WHAT WE
CAN DO TO SHOW PROGRESS ON THE CASES. DE LA
PUENTE SAID HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO ASSIST IN THIS
EFFORT, BUT CAUTIONED THAT NOT ALL OF THE CASES
LENT THEMSELVES TO GOP ACTION.

13. ON THE BARRIOS ALTOS MASSACRE, CHARGE SAID THAT IT HAS BEEN ONE YEAR SINCE THIS TERRIBLE EVENT AND PRACTICALLY NOTHING HAD BEEN DONE TO CLARIFY IT. CHARGE SAID THAT WE HAVE ALSO BEEN DISTURBED BY THE RECENT APPEARANCE OF BODIES ALONG HIGHWAYS NEAR HUANCAYO UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES SUGGESTING SECURITY FORCE INVOLVEMENT. THIS WAS VERY DISTRUBING. AS WITH BARRIOS ALTOS, THESE NEW CASES MERITED CLOSE GOVERNMENT ATTENTION. DE LA PUENTE SAID THAT HE HOPED THAT SOME INFORMATION ON BARRIOS ALTOS WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR THE PUBLIC BY NOVEMBER 22. ON THE HUANCAYO DEATHS, HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT IS EQUALLY DISTURBED. IT IS WORKING ON THE BASIS OF SEVERAL THESES: THIS IS A BATTLE BETWEEN SENDERO LUMINOSO AND MRTA WHICH CONTEST CONTROL OF THE AREA; SENDERO IS CARRYING OUT REPRISALS AGAINST ITS OWN RENEGADES; AND THAT THE SECURITY FORCES ARE CONDUCTION EXTRA-JUDICIAL

PAGE 03 LIMA 14540 03 OF 04 092111Z EXECUTIONS. NO THESIS IS RULED OUT, AND THE GOVERNMENT IS SEEKING TO FIND OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING.

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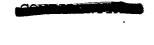
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THE SAN JOSE HUMAN RIGHTS ACCORD, DE LA PUENTE SAID THAT GOP HAD DECIDED TO PUT THIS OFF. PRINCIPAL AIM WAS TO REESTABLISH THE DEATH PENALTY FOR USE IN TERRORISM CASES. CONSIDERING THE INTERNATIONAL REACTION AND THE JURIDICAL COMPLICATIONS IN RENOUNCING THE TREATY, THE GOP WILL SEEK OTHER MEANS TO DEAL WITH ITS GOALS VIS-THE QUESTION WILL BE A-VIS THE DEATH PENALTY. LEFT WITH THE CCD. HE NOTED THAT A NUMBER OF LATIN STATES SUBSCRIBE TO THE SAN JOSE ACCORD AND HAVE THE DEATH PENALTY AS WELL, INDICATING THE GOP WOULD EXPLORE JURIDICAL BASIS USED BY THOSE STATES. CHARGE SAID GOP HAS SOVEREIGN -RIGHT TO ESTABLISH THE DEATH PENALTY IF IT CHOSES TO DO SO; AS IN ALL ITS JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS, HOWEVER, THE INTEGRITY OF THE PROCESS -- PARTICULARLY THE QUALITY OF THE PROOFS PRESENTED AND THE OPPORTUNITY OF THE ACCUSED TO DEFEND THEMSELVES -- ARE OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE.

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CHARGE SAID WE HAVE INFORMAL INDICATIONS THAT A SIGNIFICANT U.S. DELEGATION COULD COME TO PERU FOR THE NOVEMBER 22 ELECTIONS. MFA OFFICERS HAD SIMILAR INDICATIONS FROM THEIR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. CHARGE SAID THIS IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR PERU TO GET ITS STORY ACROSS TO KEY FIGURES IN THE WASHINGTON POLITICAL COMMUNITY. DE LA PUENTE SAID THE GOP APPRECIATES THIS FACT AND WANTS TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE EMBASSY IN SETTING UP AN EFFECTIVE PROGRAM.

COMMENT: DE LA PUENTE WAS HIS USUAL LOW KEY, AVUNCULAR SELF. HE SEEMED, NONETHELESS, TO BE A LITTLE WEARY. HE HAS BEEN THE POINT MAN --BOTH INTERNALLY AMONG PERUVIAN POLITICAL FORCES AND EXTERNALLY AMONG CRITICAL COUNTRIES FOR PERU.

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