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 TAGS: PGOV, PHUM, PE
 SUBJECT: SALINAS ADMITS COUP PLOT; DENIES
 SEEKING TO KILL FUJIMORI

1. (U) SUMMARY: THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE PERUVIAN WEEKLY NEWS MAGAZINE "OIGA" CARRIED STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO RETIRED GENERAL JAIME SALINAS SEDO DENYING THAT HE HAD ANY INTENTION TO KILL PRESIDENT FUJIMORI AS PART OF THE RECENT COUP PLOT. FUJIMORI HAS STUCK TO HIS STORY THAT HIS ENEMIES HAD MURDER IN THEIR HEARTS. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) THE NOVEMBER 16 ISSUE OF "OIGA" CARRIED

A MAJOR STORY -- ALSO SUMMARIZED WIDELY IN THE MEDIA ON NOVEMBER 17 -- IN WHICH SALINAS FLATLY DENIED THAT HE HAD ANY INTENTION OF MURDERING FUJIMORI.

3. (U) SALINAS ADMITTED THAT HE HAD BEEN THE LEADER OF A SMALL BAND OF PLOTTERS AND THAT UNDER ARTICLE 82 OF THE SUSPENDED CONSTITUTION HE AND HIS COHORTS WANTED TO RESTORE ORDER AND DEMOCRACY. SPECIFICALLY, THEY AIMED TO: RE-ESTABLISH THE DEPOSED CONGRESS; INSTALL SAN ROMAN AS PRESIDENT WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF HOLDING

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ELECTIONS WITHIN A YEAR; AND TO STOP WHAT SALINAS DESCRIBED AS THE FRAUD OF THE FORTHCOMING CCD ELECTION. HE STRESSED THAT HE HAD NO INTENT OF ESTABLISHING A MILITARY REGIME.

4. (C) COMMENT: WE MAY NEVER KNOW WHETHER OR NOT THE PLOT INCLUDED A PLAN TO KILL FUJIMORI. SALINAS' DENIAL IS CREDIBLE ONLY GIVEN THAT FOR WELL OVER A CENTURY THERE HAS BEEN NO TRADITION OF KILLING A PRESIDENT AS PART OF A COUP. ONE WILD CARD IS THE DIFFICULTY OF EXPLAINING HOW SUCH A SMALL GROUP OF PLOTTERS WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HOLD FUJIMORI PRISONER FOR EVEN A SHORT TIME, AND WHAT THEY WOULD HAVE DONE IF FUJIMORI'S SUPPORTERS IN THE MILITARY HAD RALLIED TO SUPPORT HIM.. BRAYSHAW##

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