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ARONSON LETTER ON HUMAN RIGHTS

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1. ENTIRE TEXT.
2. CHARGE WAS CALLED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY

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LATE FEBRUARY 5 TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING LETTER
FROM FONMIN OSCAR DE LA PUENTE, ANSWERING ARA
A/S ARONSON'S JANUARY 27 LETTER ON HUMAN RIGHTS
ISSUES. HE WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO SEE DE
LA PUENTE, BUT THE FONMIN WAS TIED UP WITH OTHER
BUSINESS. AFTER A 45 MINUTE WAIT, MFA DIRGEN
ROBERTO VILLARAN AND CHEF DE CABINET JAIME
STIGLICH RECEIVED CHARGE TO DELIVER LETTER.

3. OUR UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION FOLLOWS; ORIGINAL

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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LIMA, 2 FEBRUARY 1993

MR. BERNARD ARONSON
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR LATIN AMERICA

(HANDWRITTEN) DEAR BERNIE,

I AM PLEASED TO WRITE YOU IN RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER OF JANUARY 27, IN WHICH, IN THE SPIRIT OF FRANK AND FLUID COMMUNICATION WHICH WE HAVE ALWAYS HAD, YOU EXPRESSED SOME CONCERNS REGARDING THE ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

I WISH, IN THE FIRST PLACE, TO REITERATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU APPRECIATES THE SPECIAL ATTENTION AND INTEREST THAT YOU HAVE DEMONSTRATED IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. IT HAS BEEN THIS FORTUITOUS CONTACT WHICH HAS ALLOWED

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US TO MAKE KNOWN THE EFFORTS THAT THE GOVERNMENT PRESIDED BY MR. ALBERTO FUJIMORI HAS CARRIED OUT IN THE MOST DIVERSE AREAS, INCLUDING AND WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION, THE STRENGTHENING OF OUR DEMOCRACY, CONSOLIDATED IN THE ELECTIONS OF NOVEMBER 22 AND JANUARY 29, THAT DEMONSTRATED CONCERN FOR RESPECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS, THE ORDERING OF THE PERUVIAN ECONOMY, AND THE CORRESPONDING INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REINSERTIONS.

LIKEWISE, YOU KNOW THE IMPORTANT EFFORTS THAT WE HAVE CARRIED OUT IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING AND THE PACIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY IN CONDITIONS OF ENORMOUS DIFFICULTIES, REALIZING ACHIEVEMENTS THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY RECOGNIZES AND APPRECIATES.

IN PARTICULAR, WORLD PUBLIC OPINION HAD ACCESS TO A MORE OBJECTIVE VISION OF OUR NATIONAL

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REALITY WHEN, ON MARCH 12, 1992, IN A PUBLIC HEARING CONVENED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE OF WESTERN HEMISPHERIC AFFAIRS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF YOUR COUNTRY, YOU DELIVERED A PRESENTATION ON THE ENORMOUS RISK REPRESENTED BY THE TERRORIST GROUP "SENDERO LUMINOSO," AS PRINCIPAL VIOLATOR OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE PERUVIAN PEOPLE, AT THE SAME TIME THAT YOU EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO COOPERATE WITH PERU, WHOSE EFFORTS TO CORRECT THIS SITUATION HAVE

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BEEN WELL-KNOWN, UNDER SOLID GUIDANCE AND CONTROL OF PRESIDENT FUJIMORI.

IN THIS REGARD, WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE PACIFICATION OF PERU IS A FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENT FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT. IT IS ALSO, AS YOU KNOW, THE FIRM CONVICTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU THAT OUR FIRM STRUGGLE AGAINST TERRORISM SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT WITHIN THE STRICTEST RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND PERTINENT LEGISLATION. THIS IS WHY THE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE EVERY EFFORT TO DENOUNCE AND PUNISH, THROUGH LEGAL CHANNELS, ANY

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AGAINST THIS SCOURGE.IN THIS CONTEXT, THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS
THE HUMANITARIAN WORK THAT THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC) WHICH WE WILL
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CONTINUE TO PROVIDE, GIVEN ITS APOLITICAL
CONDITION, ALL OUR SUPPORT. ACCORDINGLY, I WISH
TO INFORM YOU THAT THE ICRC DELEGATION IN PERU
HAS RECEIVED THE NECESSARY AUTHORIZATION TO
RENEW VISITS TO THE COUNTRY'S PENITENTIARY
CENTERS. ALSO, THE GOVERNMENT REMAINS WILLING,
WITHIN THE SPIRIT OF MUTUAL COOPERATION AND
UNDERSTANDING THAT SHOULD GUIDE OUR VALUABLE
TIES TO THE AFORESAID ORGANIZATION, TO WORK OUT
DETAILS NECESSARY FOR FACILITATING THE WORK OF
THE ICRC DELEGATES.REGARDING OTHER ISSUES, I WISH TO POINT OUT THAT
THERE IS NO JUDICIAL PROCESS WHATSOEVER AGAINST
MR. CARLOS CHIPOCO, AS A RESULT OF HIS ERRONEOUS
INCLUSION IN A LIST OF ALLEGED TERRORISTS. IN
THIS REGARD, MR. CHIPOCO'S FULL RIGHT TO REENTER
PERU AND TO TRAVEL WITHIN IT ARE GUARANTEED.
ALSO, IT IS PERTINENT TO RECALL THAT THE
INTERAMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS, ON JANUARY
27, RULED AS INAPPROPRIATE THE DEMAND FOR
PERCAUTIONARY MEASURES THAT HAD BEEN PRESENTED
TO THE COURT ON BEHALF OF MR. CHIPOCO, DUE TO
INSUFFICIENT REASONS OF URGENCY AND SUBSTANCE.[REDACTED]
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WITH REGARD TO THE SO-CALLED "BARRIOS ALTOS" CASE, ALSO MENTIONED IN YOUR LETTER, I WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT THE PUBLIC MINISTRY HAS TRANSFERRED THE CASE TO THE NATIONAL DIRECTORATE AGAINST TERRORISM (I.E., DINCOTE), AND CONTINUES WITH THE PERTINENT INVESTIGATIONS. NEVERTHELESS,

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DUE TO INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, I CAN INFORM YOU THAT THESE ENTITIES HAVE NOT PARTICIPATED IN THIS INCIDENT.

IN ANOTHER MATTER, I BELIEVE IT USEFUL TO TOUCH ON THE ISSUE OF FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. AS YOU KNOW, THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU HAS REITERATED ITS FIRMEST SUPPORT FOR THE FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, WITH ALL OF THE MEDIA ENJOYING THE GUARANTEE OF UNRESTRICTED PUBLICATION AND CIRCULATION OF THE INFORMATION THEY SEE FIT. ALSO, I MUST TELL YOU THAT THIS POLICY AGREES WITH THAT APPROVED BY THE ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF THE DEMOCRATIC CONSTITUENT CONGRESS, IN THE DECISION TO MAINTAIN WITHOUT ANY MODIFICATION THE TEXT OF THE 1979 CONSTITUTION ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE, AND, ABOVE ALL, WITH THE PRESIDENT'S REPEATED ASSURANCES ON THE SAFEKEEPING OF THESE FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS.

ALSO, REGARDING THE ISSUE OF FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, I WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT THE JOURNALIST MAGNO SOSA IS NOW FREE, WITH THE INVESTIGATION OF HIS CASE CONCLUDED. ALSO, THE COURTS HAVE ORDERED THE UNCONDITIONAL LIBERTY OF GENERAL LUIS CISNEROS, AFTER THE APPROPRIATE JUDICIAL STEPS. THE COURTS CONTINUE TO ANALYZE OTHER COMPLAINTS.

AS YOU CAN APPRECIATE, THE GOVERNMENT CONTINUES

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DEDICATED TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF DEMOCRACY, RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, THE EXERCISE OF INDIVIDUAL FREEDOMS AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, SEEKING, THROUGH DEMOCRATIC AND LEGAL CHANNELS, AN EFFECTIVE TRANSFORMATION THAT DEALS WITH THE NEEDS AND DESIRES OF PERUVIAN SOCIETY IN ITS ENTIRETY, NOTWITHSTANDING THE CONTINUING ATTACKS OF TERRORISM AND NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING EN THEIR DEMENTED ATTACK ON PERUVIAN SOCIETY.

THE EFFORTS OF PERU SHOULD MERIT THE SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY OF FRIENDLY COUNTRIES WITH WHOM WE SHARE DEMOCRATIC OBJECTIVES. PERU IS CONFIDENT THAT THIS WILL BE REFLECTED IN THE FRAMEWORK OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

ONCE MORE I WISH TO EXPRESS TO YOU THE HIGHEST APPRECIATION OF PERU FOR THE COMPREHENSION AND

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COLLABORATION THAT YOU HAVE PROVIDED US. ON A PERSONAL NOTE, I AM PLEASED TO REPEAT TO YOU HOW VALUABLE IT HAS BEEN TO HAVE MAINTAINED A FRANK AND FRUITFUL COMMUNICATION WITH YOU.

(HANDWRITTEN) WITH A FRIENDLY EMBRACE,
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(SIGNED) OSCAR DE LA PUENTE

4. CHARGE HAD REVIEWED IN DETAIL WITH DE LA PUENTE OUR HUMAN RIGHTS CONCENS WHEN HE DELIVERED A/S ARONSON'S LETTER ON JANUARY 28 (REFTEL) AND TOLD VILLARAN THAT THE RESPONSE SPOKE FOR ITSELF. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HE WANTED CLARIFICATION ON ONE POINT: ICRC ACCESS. WHILE THE USG DOES NOT WANT TO BE MORE PAPIST THAN THE POPE, THE ISSUE OF ICRC ACCESS TO SENIOR SENDERO DETAINEES AND THE NOVEMBER 13 COUP PLOTTERS WAS NOT ADDRESSED IN THE DE LA PUENTE LETTER BUT IS STILL AT ISSUE. CHARGE ASKED WHERE THIS STOOD. VILLARAN SAID THAT THE ICRC IS NOT PRESENTLY SEEKING ACCESS TO THESE DETAINEES, BUT GOP RECOGNIZES THAT IT IS A CONTINUING CONCERN. HE SAID DE LA PUENTE WILL DISCUSS IT WITH ICRC HEAD SOMARRUGA DURING AN UPCOMING VISIT TO GENEVA.

5. COMMENT: THE LETTER REFLECTS THE FONMIN'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE USG'S HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS. THE KEY QUESTION REMAINING ON ICRC ACCESS IS WHETHER IT WILL INCLUDE ALL PERSONS DETAINED FOR CRIMES RELATED TO TERRORISM AND POLITICS, AS IT DID UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1992, OR WHETHER THE GOP WILL SEEK TO EXCLUDE TERRORIST LEADERS AND COUP PLOTTERS. (THE ICRC WANTS ACCESS TO EVERYBODY, BUT IS WILLING TO PROGRESS IN STAGES.) IN ADDITION TO
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BILATERAL CONCERNS, THE ANNUAL UNHRC MEETING
STARTING IN GENEVA WILL PRESSURE THE GOP TO
CLARIFY THE ICRC ISSUE.

6. THE GOP HAS RELEASED MAGNO SOSA AND RULED IN
FAVOR OF GEN. CISNEROS; RECENT STATEMENTS ON
PRESS FREEDOM ARE POSITIVE. DE LA PUENTE'S
OBSERVATION THAT NEITHER THE INTERIOR NOR THE
DEFENSE MINISTRY ARE INVOLVED IN THE BARRIOS
ALTOS CASE IS DISAPPOINTING TO THE EXTENT THAT
IT SUGGESTS THAT NO GOP INSTITUTION WAS
INVOLVED. WE HAVE OTHER INFORMATION. MOST
PUBLIC ACCUSATIONS OF GOP INVOLVEMENT FINGER
NEITHER MINISTRY BUT RATHER THE NATIONAL
INTELLIGENCE SERVICE AND ARMY INTELLIGENCE.
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