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1. (U) SUMMARY: EXILED GENERAL ROBLES WAS
 INDICTED ON FIVE CHARGES BY THE PERUVIAN SUPREME
 MILITARY COURT FOLLOWING HIS ARRIVAL IN
 ARGENTINA. PRESIDENT FUJIMORI REITERATED AGAIN
 HIS SUPPORT FOR HIS TOP MILITARY AND
 INTELLIGENCE ADVISORS, WHILE FROM BUENOS AIRES
 GENERAL ROBLES CALLED AGAIN FOR THEIR REMOVAL.
 END SUMMARY.

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CHARGES FILED AGAINST GENERAL ROBLES

2. (U) FOLLOWING UP ON PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S PROMISE THAT GENERAL RODOLFO ROBLES WOULD BE TRIED FOR GRAVE CRIMES AND INSUBORDINATION, THE PERUVIAN "SUPREME COUNCIL OF MILITARY JUSTICE" ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE SUNDAY, MAY 9, ANNOUNCING THAT GENERAL RODOLFO ROBLES HAD BEEN INDICTED ON FIVE CHARGES. THE COMMUNIQUE LISTED THE FIVE CHARGES THE GENERAL WAS BEING INVESTIGATED FOR AS: INSUBORDINATION, DISRESPECT TO A SUPERIOR OFFICER, LYING, DEFAMING THE NATION AND THE ARMED FORCES, AND LEAVING HIS ASSIGNMENT WITHOUT PERMISSION TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE NATION. THE GENERAL'S TWO SONS, WHO ARE ALSO ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE MILITARY AND WHO ACCOMPANIED HIM TO ARGENTINA, WERE INDICTED SEPARATELY FOR FAILURE TO OBEY ORDERS AND FOR LEAVING THEIR POSTS WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION.

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3. (U) THE MILITARY COURT SAID IT HAD INITIATED ACTION AGAINST GENERAL ROBLES BECAUSE OF ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTAINING MORALE, ORDER AND DISCIPLINE IN THE ARMED FORCES. IT CHARGED THAT GENERAL ROBLES HAD INSULTED AND SHOWN DISRESPECT TO HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER, ARMY COMMANDER GENERAL NICHOLAS HERMOZA AND OTHERS, ACCUSING THEM OF PUNISHABLE AND DISHONORABLE ACTS WITHOUT OFFERING ANY EVIDENCE. GENERAL ROBLES WAS ACCUSED OF ACTING WITH CLEAR DISREGARD FOR THE MILITARY'S BASIC RULES OF RESPECT, CHAIN OF COMMAND, AND DISCIPLINE.

4. (U) THE COMMUNIQUE NOTED THAT THE COURT WOULD ALSO REVIEW GENERAL ROBLES' PRESS STATEMENT ACCUSING ARMY COMMANDER HERMOZA AND INTELLIGENCE HEAD VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS OF DIRECTING ASSASSINATION SQUADS TO SEE IF THERE WAS ANY FOUNDATION TO THE ACCUSATIONS.

GENERAL ROBLES SPEAKS FROM ARGENTINA

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5. (U) PERUVIAN PRESS ARE REPORTING THAT GENERAL ROBLES FROM HIS NEW HOME IN ARGENTINA HAS DECLARED HIMSELF "IN REBELLION" BECAUSE HE COULD NOT "ACCEPT A CRIMINAL (GENERAL HERMOZA) IN CHARGE OF THE ARMY." ROBLES REPEATED CALLS FOR GENERAL HERMOZA'S AND MONTESINOS' REMOVAL. HE INDICATED HE WAS SATISFIED WITH THE SECURITY THAT ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES HAD PROVIDED FOR HIM

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AND HOPED THAT HERMOZA AND MONTESINOS REACH DID NOT EXTEND TO HAVING HIM ASSASSINATED WHILE HE WAS IN ARGENTINA.

6. (U) INTERVIEWED BY TELEPHONE SUNDAY EVENING BY A LIMA TELEVISION STATION, GENERAL ROBLES INSISTED HE HAS STATEMENTS FROM SUBORDINATES WHO WILL BACK UP HIS CHARGES OF ASSASSINATION SQUADS WORKING SECRETLY WITHIN THE MILITARY. COMMENTING ON PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S REITERATION OF SUPPORT FOR HIS TOP MILITARY AND INTELLIGENCE ADVISORS, GENERAL ROBLES SAID THEY MUST BE DECEIVING FUJIMORI. IF IT WERE NOT A CASE OF DECEPTION, THEN HE WOULD HAVE TO DOUBT

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FUJIMORI'S EARLIER PLEDGES TO MOVE AGAINST
CORRUPTION AND CRIME.

FUJIMORI AGAIN REITERATES SUPPORT FOR ADVISORS

7. (U) SPEAKING ON A SUNDAY MORNING TELEVISION INTERVIEW PROGRAM, PRESIDENT FUJIMORI SAID BOTH THE CONSTITUENT CONGRESS (CCD) AND THE MILITARY COURTS OUGHT TO INVESTIGATE GENERAL ROBLES' CHARGES, NOTING THAT THE GENERAL'S PRESS STATEMENT WAS ALSO A DUPLICATE OF THE "APOCRYPHAL" DOCUMENT ON THE "LA CANTUTA" DISAPPEARANCES WHICH HENRY PEASE PRESENTED TO THE CCD. CLAIMING THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME THERE WAS NOW EFFECTIVE CIVILIAN CONTROL OVER THE MILITARY, FUJIMORI SAID THAT ACTIONS BY GENERALS ROBLES, SALINAS AND OTHERS WERE MOTIVATED BY DISCONTENT ABOUT THIS NEW SITUATION.

8. (U) FUJIMORI ALSO DENIED THERE WAS ANY PLOT TO HARM GENERAL ROBLES OR HIS SONS. FUJIMORI

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SAID THAT ROBLES' SONS WOULD HAVE REMAINED IN LIMA AT LEAST THROUGH DECEMBER BEFORE BEING TRANSFERRED TO ONWARD ASSIGNMENTS.

SOME OPPOSITION REACT

9. (U) CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS AGREED WITH
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PRESIDENT FUJIMORI THAT THE "LA CANTUTA" INVESTIGATION OUGHT TO CONTINUE. SOME DOUBTED THE TRUTH WOULD EVER BE KNOWN. RAFAEL REY REY, FOUNDER AND LEADER OF THE "RENOVATION" MOVEMENT PARTY AND WHO IS ALLIED WITH THE GOVERNMENT, SAID THE TRUTH ABOUT LA CANTUTA SHOULD BE REVEALED. HENRY PEASE (MDI) AND LUIS BEDOYA (PPC) SAID THE INVESTIGATION SHOULD NOT BE SIDETRACKED BY FOCUSING ON GENERAL ROBLES BUT SHOULD REMAIN DIRECTED AT THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE PROFESSOR AND NINE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS. JOSE BARBA, FOUNDER OF THE DEMOCRATIC COORDINATOR, CALLED FOR INTELLIGENCE ADVISOR MONTESINOS TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE CCD SPECIAL COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING LA CANTUTA.

10. (U) SOME OPPOSITION MEMBERS EXPRESSED DOUBT ABOUT THE EVENTUAL RESULTS OF THE PROMISED INVESTIGATIONS. MANUEL MOREYRA OF "SOLIDARITY AND DEMOCRACY" SAID IT WAS CLEAR THAT THERE WAS A DECISION BY FUJIMORI, HERMOZA AND MONTESINOS TO MAKE SURE THAT IT WOULD NEVER BE KNOWN WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THESE OPERATIONS. POPULAR CHRISTIAN LEADER ANTERO FLORES-ARAOZ WONDERED HOW THE ARMY, GIVEN ITS TRADITION OF HIERARCHY AND DISCIPLINE, COULD CARRY OUT AN INVESTIGATION OF ITSELF. HE DOUBTED LOWER-RANKING OFFICERS, INCULCATED WITH TRADITIONS OF DISCIPLINE AND OBEDIENCE, WOULD TESTIFY AGAINST THEIR OWN COMMANDING GENERAL WHILE HE STILL HELD OFFICE.

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11. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE FUJIMORI GOVERNMENT WAITED UNTIL GENERAL ROBLES AND HIS FAMILY ARRIVED IN ARGENTINA BEFORE BRINGING CHARGES AGAINST THE GENERAL AND HIS SONS THEREBY NOT HAVING TO CONCEDE THEM ASYLEE STATUS FOR THE TRIP. OPENING PROCEEDINGS IN MILITARY COURT, HOWEVER, EFFECTIVELY PRECLUDES GENERAL ROBLES FROM RETURNING TO PERU TO TESTIFY BEFORE CONGRESS OR A SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HIS CHARGES.

12. [REDACTED] UP TO NOW, THE ENTIRE LA CANTUTA INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN ORIGINATED AND DRIVEN BY OUTSIDE LEAKS. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING THE DISAPPEARANCES, ROGER CACERES, APPEARS TO HAVE LITTLE INCLINATION TO PURSUE THE MATTER MUCH BEYOND THE SURFACE, AND THE CONGRESS AS A WHOLE DOES NOT HAVE THE CAPABILITY. WITH ROBLES NOW OUT OF THE COUNTRY AND OFF THE FRONT PAGES, IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHO NEXT WILL SPARK THE INVESTIGATIONS.

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