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1. [REDACTED] - ENTIRE TEXT.  
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2. SUMMARY:

[REDACTED] DOUBTS THE  
FUJIMORI ADMINISTRATION WILL EVER VOLUNTARILY  
REVEAL THE TRUTH ABOUT THE LA CANTUTA  
DISAPPEARANCES. [REDACTED] BELIEVES  
FUJIMORI'S NEXT PREDICTABLE CRISIS WILL BE OVER  
THE 1994 MILITARY PROMOTION LIST. HE DOUBTED  
THE ACCURACY OF GENERAL ROBLES' CHARGES OF A  
SECRET MILITARY DEATH SQUAD OPERATING DURING THE

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: WILLIAM E. LANDFAIR  
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GARCIA ADMINISTRATION. [REDACTED] LAMENTED  
THE OPPOSITION WAS TOO DISORGANIZED TO  
CAPITALIZE ON FUJIMORI'S PROBLEMS.  
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THE TRUTH, A COVER-UP OR A WHITEWASH?  
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[REDACTED] TOLD POLOFF MAY 12  
HE DOUBTED THE TRUTH ABOUT THE LA CANTUTA  
MASSACRE WOULD EMERGE. [REDACTED] CITED THREE  
REASONS FOR HIS CONCERN

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4. FIRST, THE CONGRESSMAN HEADING THE SPECIAL  
INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE, ROGER CACERES, WAS A  
POLITICIAN WHOSE PRICE WAS WELL KNOWN AND WHO  
SURVIVED BY BEING GOOD FRIENDS WITH THE  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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GOVERNMENT IN POWER. DURING THE GARCIA  
ADMINISTRATION, [REDACTED] RECALLED, CACERES  
WAS ON THE TELEPHONE TO THE PALACE INGRATIATING  
HIMSELF ALMOST DAILY. NOW, HE HAS INDEBTED  
HIMSELF TO THE FUJIMORI ADMINISTRATION WHO HAS  
APPOINTED HIS WIFE TO HEAD A GOVERNMENT  
FOUNDATION.

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5. SECOND, THE LEGAL INVESTIGATION WAS UNDER  
TIGHT FUJIMORI CONTROL. THE MILITARY COURTS  
INVESTIGATING THE LA CANTUTA AFFAIR CAN BE  
EXPECTED TO FOLLOW GENERAL NICHOLAS HERMOZA'S  
LEAD. AND THE FISCAL, ESPECIALLY APPOINTED BY  
ATTORNEY GENERAL NELIDA COLAN, WHO HAD BEEN SENT  
TO THE EMBASSY MAY 7 (REFTTEL) TO INTERVIEW  
GENERAL ROBLES WAS, SAID [REDACTED]  
"DOMESTICATED." GUSTAVO QUIROZ VELLEJO HAD  
PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS FISCAL IN THE CASE  
INVOLVING AN INVESTIGATION OF MRS. FUJIMORI  
SEVERAL YEARS AGO AND HAD EXONERATED HER  
FOLLOWING THE INTERVENTION, ALLEGED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] OF VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS IN HIS ROLE AS FUJIMORI FAMILY ATTORNEY.

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6. FINALLY, [REDACTED] OTHER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HAVE NO STAFF OR RESOURCES TO CONDUCT AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION. HE DOUBTED THAT GLORIA HELFER, A MEMBER OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEFT WHO IS ONE OF THREE MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE, HAD THE CAPACITY TO MOUNT HER OWN INVESTIGATION. [REDACTED] ALSO EXPRESSED

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CONCERN ABOUT THE SAFETY OF MDI LEADER HENRY PEASE. PEASE, WHO ORIGINALLY BROUGHT THE CASE TO THE CONGRESS' ATTENTION, WAS "TOO JESUITICAL"

[REDACTED] FOR HIS OWN GOOD. HIS WIFE DECEASED, HIS CHILDREN GROWN, PEASE WAS TOO MUCH OF A MORALIST TO STOP EVEN WHEN HE KNEW HE WAS TREADING -- AS HE WAS NOW -- IN DANGEROUS WATERS, THOUGHT [REDACTED]

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FUJIMORI IN LIMA; ROBLES IN ARGENTINA

7. [REDACTED] THOUGHT THAT, BARRING NEW REVELATIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES WITHIN THE

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MILITARY, FUJIMORI'S NEXT MAJOR PREDICTABLE  
CRISIS WAS THREE OR FOUR MONTHS DOWN THE ROAD.  
JOCKEYING FOR THE DECEMBER PROMOTIONS IN THE

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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MILITARY TRADITIONALLY BEGINS IN THE SUMMER.  
THIS YEAR FUJIMORI WOULD FACE TWO CRITICAL  
PROBLEMS, ASSERTED [REDACTED] WOULD HE HAVE  
TO KEEP GENERALS HERMOZA, MALCA AND VALDIVIA ON  
AS REWARDS FOR THEIR SUPPORT, AND COULD HE  
AFFORD NOT TO PROMOTE RANKING OFFICERS JUST  
UNDER THEM WHOSE SUPPORT WAS ALSO CRUCIAL AND  
WHO WERE ALSO ANXIOUS TO BE REWARDED FOR THEIR  
LOYALTY.

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8. GENERAL RODOLFO ROBLES IN BUENOS AIRES,  
THOUGHT [REDACTED] WOULD BE ISOLATED. HE WAS  
NOT AWARE THAT THE GENERAL HAD MADE CONTACTS  
WITH HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS, OR INDEED, ANY GROUP  
OUTSIDE THE MILITARY WHILE HE WAS IN PERU. AND,  
HE CONTINUED, HE DOUBTED THAT MANY HUMAN RIGHTS  
GROUPS IN PERU PARTICULARLY WANTED AN  
ASSOCIATION WITH THE GENERAL. HE WOULD BE  
SURPRISED, CONCLUDED [REDACTED] IF THE  
GENERAL'S PROMISE TO CREATE A NEW WORLDWIDE  
GROUP TO PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS IN PERU CAME TO  
FRUITION OR FUNCTIONED AS MORE THAN A SHELL FOR  
ROBLES' OWN MANEUVERING.

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THE OPPOSITION: CASTING ABOUT WITHOUT A PLAN  
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9. UNFORTUNATELY, SAID [REDACTED] THE  
OPPOSITION IN PERU WAS IN NO POSITION TO TAKE  
ADVANTAGE OF FUJIMORI'S WEAKNESS. HE ACCUSED  
ACCION POPULAR FOUNDER AND LEADER, FORMER  
[REDACTED]  
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PRESIDENT FERNANDO BELAUNDE TERRY, OF SELFISHLY  
PLANNING TO RUN HIS OWN CANDIDATE IN THE NEXT  
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS, THUS DIVIDING UP THE  
OPPOSITION VOTE. OTHER OPPOSITION PARTIES WERE,  
IN HIS VIEW, TOO SMALL OR TOO UNDERFUNDED, TO  
MATTER. AT THE MOMENT, CONCLUDED [REDACTED]  
THE GAME WAS FUJIMORI'S TO LOSE, NOT THE  
OPPOSITION'S TO WIN. FUJIMORI WAS ACTING AND  
THE OPPOSITION WAS STILL REACTING, HE LAMENTED.

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10. NOR DID [REDACTED] SPARE HIS OWN PARTY,  
APRA, CRITICISM. APRA, HE ACKNOWLEDGED, WAS  
SERIOUSLY DIVIDED INTERNALLY. LEADERS OF ALL OF  
THE VARIOUS FACTIONS, INCLUDING ALAN GARCIA,  
WERE TOO CONCERNED WITH INTERNECINE STRUGGLES TO  
GIVE MUCH CONSIDERATION TO LONG-TERM OR  
STRATEGIC PLANNING VIS-A-VIS FUJIMORI.

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11. LIKE MANY OTHER PERUVIAN POLITICIANS, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WAS OF THE OPINION THAT THE FUJIMORI  
CONSTITUTION WOULD NOT OUTLAST ITS MENTOR.  
THERE WAS NO "ENTHUSIASM" FOR THIS NEW DOCUMENT,  
HE SAID. EVERYONE ACCEPTED IT AS A LEGAL  
VEHICLE FOR FUJIMORI TO END THE INSTITUTIONAL  
CRISIS ENGENDERED BY HIS APRIL 5, 1992, COUP AND  
NOTHING MORE.

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HOW MUCH DOES ROBLES REALLY KNOW?  
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12. [REDACTED] EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT GENERAL  
[REDACTED]  
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 ROBLES COULD BACK UP SOME OF THE CHARGES MADE IN  
 HIS PRESS STATEMENT (RELEASED BY HIS WIFE MAY 6)  
 WITH EVIDENCE. [REDACTED] WAS PARTICULARLY  
 SKEPTICAL OF ASSERTIONS OF SECRET MILITARY  
 INVOLVEMENT IN THE MURDER OF MANUEL FEBRES  
 FLORES ON JULY 28, 1988. THE PARTY HAD EVERY  
 REASON TO BE SUSPICIOUS OF THE PERUVIAN MILITARY  
 GIVEN THEIR CONFLICTIVE RELATIONSHIP.  
 NEVERTHELESS, BY 1988 APRA HAD BEEN IN POWER FOR  
 THREE YEARS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
 SAID THAT HE WAS IN DAILY CONTACT WITH GARCIA  
 AND OTHER LEADERS OF THE APRA GOVERNMENT. THERE  
 WERE NO REPORTS WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT, NOR  
 RUMORS WITHIN PARTY CIRCLES OF SECRET MILITARY  
 GROUPS CARRYING OUT ASSASSINATIONS, HE INSISTED.

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13. COMMENT: [REDACTED] BIASES ARE  
OBVIOUS. YET EVEN WHILE DISCOUNTING THEM, MUCH  
OF HIS ANALYSIS IS INSIGHTFUL. HE IS FRUSTRATED

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THAT APRA'S INTERNAL PROBLEMS HAVE MARGINALIZED  
THE PARTY FROM WEIGHING IN ON PERU'S CRISES.  
HIS VIEW THAT THE FUJIMORI ADMINISTRATION WILL  
NEVER VOLUNTARILY YIELD THE TRUTH ABOUT THE LA  
CANTUTA DISAPPEARANCES OR THE EXISTENCE OF  
MILITARY DEATH SQUADS AND THAT THE "FIX" APPEARS  
TO BE IN ON THE JUDICIAL AND CONGRESSIONAL  
INVESTIGATIONS IS PROBABLY ACCURATE. IT TRACKS  
WITH THE VIEWS OF OTHER EQUALLY WELL-CONNECTED  
PERUVIANS FROM DIFFERENT SECTORS AND POLITICAL  
BACKGROUNDS. [REDACTED] SKEPTICISM OF  
ROBLES' ALLEGATIONS IN THE FEBRES ASSASSINATION  
WOULD APPEAR TO BE MOTIVATED MORE BY A DESIRE TO  
PROTECT THE IMAGE OF THE COMPETENCE OF THE  
GOVERNMENT OF WHICH HE WAS A PART THAN TO DEFEND  
THE FUJIMORI ADMINISTRATION FROM FALSE  
ACCUSATIONS. IN FACT, THE 1988 FEBRES KILLING  
AT THE TIME WAS WIDELY ATTRIBUTED TO THE APRA  
PARAMILITARY GROUP "RODIGO FRANCO."  
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