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2. SUMMARY:

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DOUBTS THE

FUJIMORI ADMINISTRATION WILL EVER VOLUNTARILY

REVEAL THE TRUTH ABOUT THE LA CANTUTA DISAPPEARANCES. 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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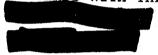
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GARCIA ADMINISTRATION.	LAMENTED
THE OPPOSITION WAS TOO'	DISORGANIZED TO
CAPITALIZE ON FUJIMORI'	S PROBLEMS.
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THE TRUTH, A COVER-UP OR A WHITEWASH? _______

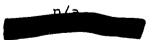
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HE DOUBTED THE TRUTH ABOUT	TOLD POLOFF MAY 12 THE LA CANTUTA
MASSACRE WOULD EMERGE. REASONS FOR HIS CONCERN	CITED THREE

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



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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 (REFTEL) TO INTERVIEW GENERAL ROBLES WAS, SAID["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



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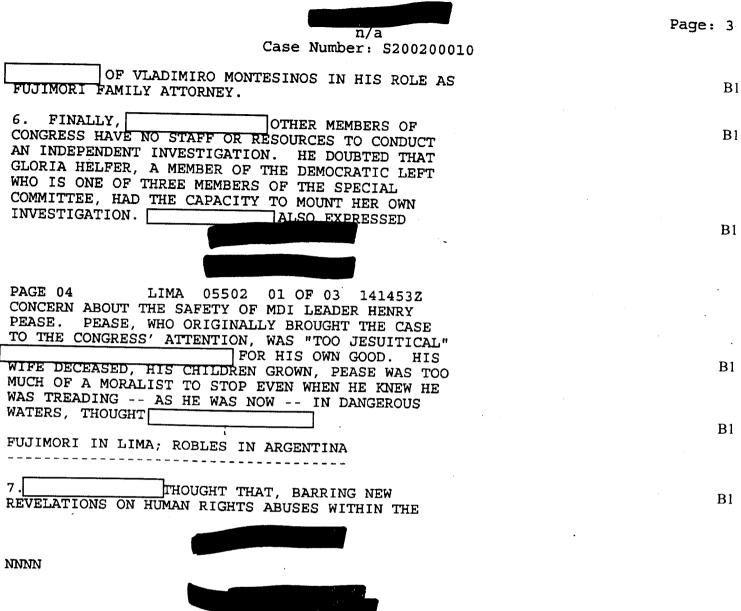
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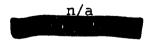


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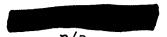
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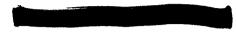


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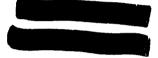
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MILITARY, FUJIMORI'S NEXT MAJOR PREDICTABLE CRISIS WAS THREE OR FOUR MONTHS DOWN THE ROAD. JOCKEYING FOR THE DECEMBER PROMOTIONS IN THE



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MILITARY TRADITIONALLY BEGINS IN THE SUMMER.
THIS YEAR FUJIMORI WOULD FACE TWO CRITICAL
PROBLEMS, ASSERTED 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.

8. GENERAL RODOLFO ROBLES IN BUENOS AIRES, THOUGHT 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 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.

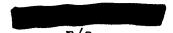
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THE OPPOSITION: CASTING ABOUT WITHOUT A PLAN

9. UNFORTUNATELY, SAID THE OPPOSITION IN PERU WAS IN NO POSITION TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FUJIMORI'S WEAKNESS. HE ACCUSED ACCION POPULAR FOUNDER AND LEADER, FORMER

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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
THE GAME WAS FUJIMORI'S TO LOSE, NOT THE
OPPOSITION'S TO WIN. FUJIMORI WAS ACTING AND

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10. NOR DID 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.

THE OPPOSITION WAS STILL REACTING, HE LAMENTED.

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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?

12. EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT GENERAL

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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. 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

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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.

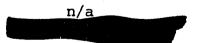
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COMMENT: BIASES ARE OBVIOUS. YET EVEN WHILE DISCOUNTING THEM, MUCH OF HIS ANALYSIS IS INSIGHTFUL. HE IS FRUSTRATED

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PAGE 02 LIMA 05502 03 OF 03 141454Z 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. WITH THE VIEWS OF OTHER EQUALLY WELL-CONNECTED PERUVIANS FROM DIFFERENT SECTORS AND POLITICAL BACKGROUNDS. 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

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AT THE TIME WAS WIDELY ATTRIBUTED TO THE APRA PARAMILITARY GROUP "RODIGO FRANCO." BRAYSHAW##

ACCUSATIONS. IN FACT, THE 1988 FEBRES KILLING

THE FUJIMORI ADMINISTRATION FROM FALSE

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