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MAY WALK OUT WITHOUT PROGRESS ON
ON LA CANTUTA INVESTIGATION

REF: (A) LIMA 5709, (B) LIMA 5752

1. [REDACTED] SUMMARY: THE INGREDIENTS ARE PRESENT FOR AN OPPOSITION WALKOUT OF THE CONSTITUENT CONGRESS WHEN IT MEETS MAY 21. THE GOVERNMENT HAS SHOWN LITTLE WILLINGNESS TO MEET THE OPPOSITION DEMANDS ON THE INVESTIGATIVE POWERS

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OF CONGRESS. EMBASSY ENCOURAGED BOTH SIDES TO REACH A COMPROMISE SOLUTION THAT CONSOLIDATES HUMAN RIGHTS GAINS AND THE AUTONOMY OF CONGRESS. END SUMMARY.

CCD PLENARY POSTPONED: BACKGROUND

2. [REDACTED] CHARGE AND POLITICAL OFFICERS MET WITH OPPOSITION LEADERS AND PRO-GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES MAY 21 TO OBTAIN A READOUT ON THE LIKELY COURSE OF EVENTS WHEN THE CONSTITUENT CONGRESS (CCD) MEETS IN PLENARY SESSION FRIDAY, MAY 22.

3. (U) PLENARY SESSIONS OF THE CCD HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED SINCE MAY 14 OVER THE ISSUE OF THE CONGRESS'S RIGHT TO CALL INDIVIDUALS AS WITNESSES. A SECOND SCHEDULED PLENARY ON MAY 19 WAS SUSPENDED AT THE LAST MINUTE BY THE GOVERNMENT WHEN IT WAS CLEAR NO COMPROMISE

[REDACTED]

PAGE 03 LIMA 05796 01 OF 05 211628Z POSITION COULD BE REACHED. THE SESSION IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, MAY 21.

FOR THE OPPOSITION IT IS A QUESTION OF PRINCIPLE

4. [REDACTED] MEETING WITH CHARGE MAY 20, [REDACTED] INSISTED THAT THE ISSUE AT STAKE WAS THE ROLE AND FUNCTION OF THE CONSTITUENT CONGRESS (CCD) AS AN INDEPENDENT AND AUTONOMOUS INSTITUTION. IF THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT ACCEDE TO THE OPPOSITION DEMAND THAT LOWER-RANKING MILITARY OFFICERS BE CALLED TO TESTIFY IN THE DISAPPEARANCES OF THE NINE STUDENTS AND PROFESSOR AT LA CANTUTA UNIVERSITY, [REDACTED] REPEATEDLY INSISTED, THE CCD WOULD LOSE ITS RAISON D'ETRE.

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5. [REDACTED] CHARGED THAT CCD PRESIDENT JAIME YOSHIYAMA HAD ARBITRARILY POSTPONED THE MAY 19 PLENARY SESSION BY "INVENTING" THE EXCUSE THAT

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THE LA CANTUTA SPECIAL INVESTIGATION COMMISSION HAD NOT WRITTEN A REPORT OF ITS TRIP TO BUENOS AIRES TO INTERVIEW SELF-EXILED GENERAL RODOLFO ROBLES. WHEN HE MET WITH CHARGE AND POLITICAL OFFICERS AT MID-DAY, HE DID NOT KNOW HOW EVENTS WOULD UNFOLD MAY 21.

6. [REDACTED] THE GOVERNMENT WAS NOT COMMUNICATING WITH THE OPPOSITION IN SEARCH OF A NEGOTIATED RESOLUTION
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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PAGE 04 LIMA 05796 01 OF 05 211628Z TO THE IMPASSE. HE ALSO CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN THAT THE OPPOSITION IN GENERAL, AND HE IN PARTICULAR, HAD ACTED WITH MODERATION AND PRUDENCE THROUGHOUT THE GROWING CONFRONTATION. HIS GOAL WAS NOT TO BACK THE GOVERNMENT INTO A CORNER, OR TO BRING DOWN PRESIDENT FUJIMORI, BUT TO ESTABLISH THE PRINCIPLE OF THE EQUALITY OF THE LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT, HE INSISTED. THE BOTTOM LINE WAS THAT CONGRESS HAD TO BE ABLE TO SUMMON LOWER-RANKING ARMY OFFICERS IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT A CREDIBLE INVESTIGATION OF LA CANTUTA, AND TO DEMONSTRATE CONGRESSIONAL AUTONOMY.

7. [REDACTED] SAID THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT
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VIGOROUS PURSUIT OF THE LA CANTUTA INVESTIGATION WOULD RESULT IN A BACKLASH IN THE ARMED FORCES AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS. HE ALSO INSISTED THAT THE CHANCES OF A REACTION AGAINST THE CONGRESS BY THE MILITARY WAS ALSO SLIGHT. FROM HIS PERSPECTIVE, HE SAID, HE WAS NOT THREATENING THE MILITARY INSTITUTIONS OF THE COUNTRY. RATHER HE SAW HIMSELF STRENGTHENING THEM BY SEEKING TO ROOT OUT ROGUE ELEMENTS OF THE MILITARY WHO, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, WERE COMMITTING CRIMES AND UNDERMINING THE MILITARY'S PRESTIGE AND HONOR.

8. AT ONE POINT, [REDACTED] TOLD CHARGE THE LACK OF SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS UP TO THIS POINT WAS PERHAPS BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT TAKE THE OPPOSITION THREAT OF A WALKOUT SERIOUSLY. THE OPPOSITION WAS COMMITTED ON THIS POINT, [REDACTED] REITERATED.

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LOWERED EXPECTATIONS

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9. [REDACTED] ACKNOWLEDGED THE LA CANTUTA COMMISSION, HEADED BY ROGER CACERES (FRENATRACA), WAS UNLIKELY TO DISCOVER THE WHOLE TRUTH ABOUT THE DISAPPEARANCES. HE NOTED THAT CACERES HAD HEADED A SIMILAR INVESTIGATION INTO THE BARRIOS ALTOS KILLINGS -- AN INVESTIGATION WHICH ENDED INCONCLUSIVELY. CACERES WAS, IN

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[REDACTED] WORDS, "PRESSURABLE" AND APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF BOTH THE CCD'S PERMANENT HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AND THE LA CANTUTA SPECIAL COMMISSION PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE HE WAS A "KNOWN QUANTITY" TO THE GOVERNMENT.

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THE OPPOSITION'S MINIMAL ACCEPTABLE DEMANDS

10. [REDACTED] TOLD CHARGE HE WAS AWARE THAT THE ARMY HIGH COMMAND WAS ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO PERMITTING ANY LOWER-RANKING OFFICIALS TO TESTIFY BEFORE CONGRESS. HE SAID HE WAS ALSO AWARE OF YOSHIYAMA'S CONCERNS THAT A CONFRONTATION COULD CREATE NEW UNREST AND INSTABILITY IN THE ARMED FORCES WHICH COULD THREATEN PERU'S PROGRESS TOWARD DEMOCRATIZATION. [REDACTED] ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT AS A PRACTICAL MATTER THE CONGRESS COULD NOT COMPEL MILITARY OFFICIALS TO TESTIFY AGAINST THEIR WILL. NO PERUVIAN POLICE OFFICIAL WOULD SERVE A CONGRESSIONAL SUBPOENA ON A MILITARY OFFICER, HE ADMITTED. NEVERTHELESS, THROUGHOUT THE MEETING [REDACTED] CONTINUED TO INSIST ON THE NEED TO ESTABLISH THE PRINCIPLE OF CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATIVE POWER.

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11. [REDACTED] IN DISCUSSING HIS TERMS FOR COMPROMISE, [REDACTED] SAID HE RECOGNIZED THAT THE CCD COULD NOT DIRECTLY ATTACK CLOSE PRESIDENTIAL ADVISORS SUCH AS ARMY COMMANDER NICHOLAS HERMOZA AND

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INTELLIGENCE HEAD VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS. TO
ATTEMPT TO LINK THEM DIRECTLY TO THE LA CANTUTA
DISAPPEARANCES WOULD BE COMING TOO CLOSE TO
PRESIDENT FUJIMORI, A GOAL HE DENIED SEEKING.
WHAT [REDACTED] SAID WOULD BE A MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE
OUTCOME FOR THE CCD TO HAVE VALIDATE ITS
INDEPENDENCE WAS A REPORT, BASED ON THE
TESTIMONY OF ARMY OFFICERS THE COMMISSION FOUND
NECESSARY, WHICH PROVIDED:

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-- A DETAILED CHRONOLOGY OF THE EVENTS WHICH
OCCURRED AT LA CANTUTA.

-- A SUMMARY OF THE EVIDENCE IMPLICATING
INDIVIDUALS SUSPECTED OF CARRYING OUT THE
DISAPPEARANCES.

-- A LIST OF QUESTIONS FOR WHICH ANSWERS WERE
STILL LACKING.

[REDACTED] A LIMITED OFFER

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12. [REDACTED] POLCOUNS MET LATE MAY 20 WITH PRO-GOP CONGRESSMAN [REDACTED] WHO WAS ABOUT TO RESUME NEGOTIATING WITH OPPOSITION LEADERS ON LA CANTUTA. [REDACTED] SAID THE MILITARY WOULD NOT ALLOW LOWER-RANKING OFFICERS TO BE INTERVIEWED BY THE CONGRESSIONAL COMMISSION. THE MOST IT COULD AGREE TO WAS HAVING THE ARMY COMMANDER AND THE MILITARY JUDGE CARRYING OUT THE MILITARY'S INVESTIGATION TO APPEAR BEFORE CONGRESS. ANYTHING MORE WOULD, [REDACTED] SAID, DISRUPT THE ARMY'S PACIFICATION EFFORTS AND POSSIBLY THE GAINS MADE IN RECENT MONTHS IN REDUCING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. THE GOP COULD, HOWEVER, GUARANTEE THAT THE MILITARY COURTS WOULD FIND SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS GUILTY WITHIN ONE OR TWO MONTHS. [REDACTED] SAID IT WAS SUSPICIOUS THAT THE LA CANTUTA CASE HAD COINCIDED SO NEATLY WITH THE MAY 16-18 SENDERO ARMED STRIKE.

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13. [REDACTED] ASKED FOR USG VIEWS. POLCOUNS SAID WHILE WE UNDERSTOOD COMPELLING POLITICAL REALITIES, AND AGREED ON NEED TO PRESERVE HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES, [REDACTED] SHOULD KNOW THAT CONGRESSIONAL AUTONOMY AND HUMAN RIGHTS INVESTIGATIONS WERE IMPORTANT TO THE USG AND THE

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CONGRESS. WE DID NOT SEE ANY LINKAGE BETWEEN THE OPPOSITION AND SL. THE USG COULD NOT TELL PERU WHAT TO DO, BUT WE COULD COMMENT ON WHAT

[REDACTED]

PAGE 03 LIMA 05796 03 OF 05 211632Z THE CONSEQUENCES OF VARIOUS COURSES OF ACTION ON THE GOP'S IMAGE OVERSEAS. THE USG HAD SUGGESTED IN TALKS WITH OPPOSITION LEADERS THAT THEY USE MODERATION; IT DID NOT, HOWEVER, APPEAR THAT THE GOP AND OPPOSITION WERE CLOSE TO AN AGREEMENT. WOULD IT NOT BE POSSIBLE TO CONCEDE ON CCD INTERVIEWING OF MILITARY OFFICERS, BEARING IN MIND THAT THE FINAL COMMISSION REPORT HAD TO BE VOTED ON BY THE GOP-CONTROLLED CONGRESS? [REDACTED] THOUGHT NOT.

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[REDACTED] COMPROMISE ON FORM, NOT SUBSTANCE

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14. [REDACTED] LATE IN THE EVENING, [REDACTED] ALSO TOLD CHARGE [REDACTED] WAS AMENABLE TO ANY FACE-SAVING FORMULA WHICH WOULD RESOLVE THE CRISIS WITHOUT, ECHOING [REDACTED] POSITION, COMPROMISING CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATIVE POWERS. THE PROBLEM, [REDACTED] INSISTED, WAS THE GOVERNMENT'S UNWILLINGNESS TO OFFER SUCH A COMPROMISE. CCD PRESIDENT YOSHIYAMA'S SUGGESTION THAT THE INVESTIGATION BE SUSPENDED FOR A SIX-MONTH PERIOD WHILE THE MILITARY COURTS INVESTIGATED THE CASE WAS UNACCEPTABLE, [REDACTED] INSISTED. SUCH A STEP WOULD DO NOTHING MORE THAN "FREEZE" THE INVESTIGATION IN [REDACTED] VIEW.

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15. [REDACTED] WHILE OPPOSITION REPRESENTATIVES WERE MEETING [REDACTED] REPORTED THAT LITTLE PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

PAGE 04 LIMA 05796 03 OF 05 211632Z NEGOTIATING FLEXIBILITY WAS LIMITED, [REDACTED] THOUGHT, AND [REDACTED] DOUBTED THAT EVEN JAIME YOSHIYAMA HAD THE AUTHORITY TO BRING THE

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[REDACTED] n/a

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MILITARY AROUND ON THE ISSUE OF OFFICERS' TESTIMONY.

PART OF A PATTERN

16. [REDACTED] INDICATED [REDACTED] SAW GOVERNMENT INTRANSIGENCE ON LA CANTUTA AS PART OF A BROADER AUTHORITARIAN ATTITUDE AS EVIDENCE BY THE GOVERNMENT'S LATEST MOVES ON THE NEW CONSTITUTION. THE NEW CONSTITUTION, CONTAINING "RIDICULOUS" PROVISIONS TO ELIMINATE ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT BETWEEN THE FEDERAL AND THE LOCAL LEVEL, INCREASED PRESIDENTIAL POWERS TO DISSOLVE THE CONGRESS, THE DEATH PENALTY, AND PRESIDENTIAL RE-ELECTION, ALL CHALLENGED FUJIMORI'S PROFESSED COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRATIZATION. [REDACTED] ACCUSED THE GOVERNMENT OF

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PREEMPTIVELY PUBLISHING A TEXT OF THE CONSTITUTION IN THE OFFICIAL DAILY AND OPENING A "NATIONAL DEBATE" ON IT WITHOUT ANY CONSULTATION WITH THE OPPOSITION. THE GOVERNMENT, IN EFFECT, WAS TRYING TO STEAMROLLER THE OPPOSITION, [REDACTED] BELIEVED.

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WHO WILL WALK OUT

17. [REDACTED] TOLD CHARGE THAT THE LIKELY OPPOSITION WALKOUT ON FRIDAY WOULD BE FROM BOTH THE PLENARY AND ALL OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES. A FRIDAY WALKOUT HAD THE ADVANTAGE OF THE WEEKEND. ON THE ONE HAND, [REDACTED] HOPED THAT INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE WOULD BUILD ON THE GOVERNMENT TO COMPROMISE. AT THE SAME TIME, BOTH SIDES COULD USE THE WEEKEND TO NEGOTIATE A COMPROMISE.

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18. [REDACTED] ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] FERNANDO OLIVERA'S FIM (INDEPENDENT MORALIZATION FRONT), THE POPULAR AGRICULTURAL FRONT (FREPA), AND PROBABLY SOME OF JSE BARBA CABALLERO'S "DEMOCRATIC COORDINATOR" WOULD SIDE WITH THE GOVERNMENT IN A CONFRONTATION. WALKING OUT WOULD BE THE PPC, THE DEMOCRATIC LEFT (MDI), FRENATRACA (ROGER CACERES' GROUP), MANUEL MOREYRA OF "SODE" AND GUSTAVO GARCIA OF THE "INDEPENDENT AGRICULTURAL MOVEMENT." SEVERAL

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MEMBERS OF THE "NEW MAJORITY/CAMBIO 90" (NM/C90)
MAY JOIN THEM.

19. [REDACTED] CHARGE AND POLCOUNS ALSO MET WITH
[REDACTED] HE SAW LA
CANTUTA AS A CRUCIAL TEST OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS
ISSUE AND CONGRESSIONAL POWER. HE WAS FEARFUL
THAT INTRANSIGENCE IN THE OPPOSITION AND
PRO-GOVERNMENT GROUPS COULD BRING ABOUT A
COLLAPSE OF THE DELICATE POLITICAL BALANCE ON
WHICH FUJIMORI'S SUCCESSES HAVE BEEN BASED.

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THE U.S. POSITION: PROSECUTE THE GUILTY AND
CONSOLIDATE DEMOCRATIZATION

20. [REDACTED] CHARGE

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STRONGLY EMPHASIZED THAT THE LEGAL INVESTIGATION
OF A CRIME MUST BE VIGOROUSLY PURSUED ON ALL
FRONTS UNTIL THE TRUTH WAS DISCOVERED AND GUILTY
PARTIES PUNISHED FOR THEIR CRIMES. THE
OPPOSITION HAD A POWERFUL WEAPON IN ITS THREAT
TO WALK OUT OF CONGRESS; IT WOULD HURT THE GOP'S
IMAGE CONSIDERABLY TO HAVE A REFERENDUM ON ITS
CONSTITUTION WITHOUT THE BULK OF THE OPPOSITION
IN CONGRESS. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT REPORTED
HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS HAD DECLINED NOTICEABLY
IN RECENT MONTHS. THIS SUGGESTED THE FUJIMORI
ADMINISTRATION WAS COMMITTED TO IMPROVING PERU'S
HUMAN RIGHTS PERFORMANCE. THE CHALLENGE, CHARGE

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EMPHASIZED, WAS TO SIMULTANEOUSLY PURSUE
SPECIFIC LEGAL ACTION IN THE CASE OF CRIMES
WHILE CONSOLIDATING AND NURTURING THE PROCESS OF
DEMOCRATIZATION AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.
IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE INVOLVED PARTIES NOT
LOSE SIGHT OF, OR JEOPARDIZE ACHIEVEMENT OF,
THEIR STRATEGIC GOAL WHILE PURSUING INDIVIDUAL
TACTICS. CHARGE SUGGESTED OPPOSITION CONSIDER
AGREEMENT IN WHICH MILITARY JUSTICE SYSTEM WOULD
TRY, AND CONVICT, THE ACCUSED. THEN THE

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CONGRESS COULD RESUME INVESTIGATIONS ON THE MILITARY TRIAL, SHOULD IT NOT HAVE BEEN COMPLETE, AND ON THE LARGER POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE LA CANTUTA CASE AND SYSTEMIC PROBLEMS IN RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

[REDACTED] ASKED IF THE USG SUGGESTED THEY BACK DOWN ON LA CANTUTA; CHARGE SAID ABSOLUTELY NOT.

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[REDACTED] WE WILL NOT BACK DOWN

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21. [REDACTED] MEMBER OF BOTH THE LA CANTATA AND THE PERMANENT HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TOLD POLOFF HE AND OTHER PARTY MEMBERS WERE NOT PREPARED TO YIELD ANY GROUND TO THE OPPOSITION. HE SAW THE OPPOSITION ATTEMPTS TO COMPEL THE TESTIMONY OF MILITARY OFFICIALS AS NOTHING MORE THAN AN ATTEMPT TO ATTACK PRESIDENT FUJIMORI AND BRING DOWN THE GOVERNMENT BY INDIRECTION.

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22. [REDACTED] SAID THAT THE LA CANTUTA COMMISSION HAD INTERVIEWED WITNESSES, INCLUDING DEFENSE MINISTER MALCA, ARMY COMMANDER HERMOZA, FORMER DINCOTE HEAD KETIN VIDAL, RELATIVES OF THE DISAPPEARED INDIVIDUALS, AND HAD NOTHING MORE TO DO THAN TO PREPARE THEIR REPORTS. FROM HIS POINT OF VIEW, THE DOCUMENT [REDACTED] INTRODUCED TO THE CCD ALLEGING ARMY INVOLVEMENT IN THE LA CANTUTA DISAPPEARANCES REMAINED COMPLETELY UNSUBSTANTIATED. THERE WOULD, HE ACKNOWLEDGED, BE BOTH A MAJORITY AND A MINORITY REPORT SINCE HE DOUBTED THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WOULD EVER BE ABLE TO AGREE ON A COMMON CONCLUSION.

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23. [REDACTED] DESCRIBED HIS 14 HOUR FLIGHT TO BUENOS AIRES TO INTERVIEW GENERAL RODOLFO ROBLES (ON, HE SAID, LESS THAN THREE HOURS NOTICE) AS A COMPLETE WASTE OF TIME AND MONEY. THE COMMITTEE'S 4 HOUR MEETING WITH GENERAL ROBLES

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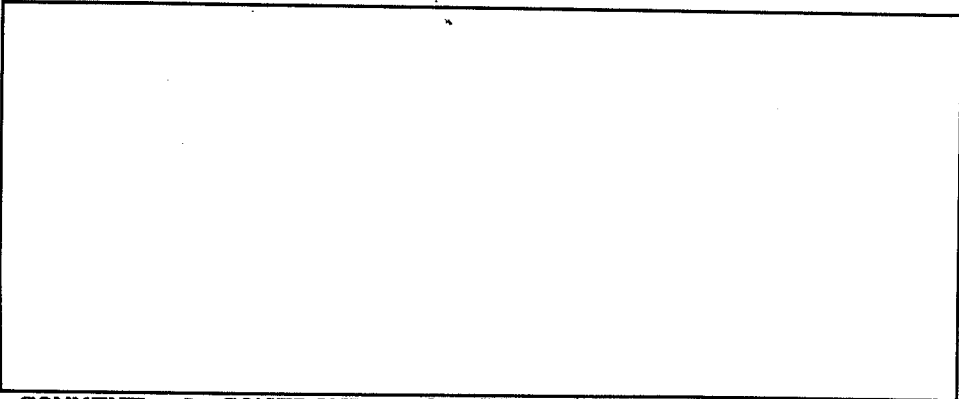
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COMMENT: A CONFRONTATION FORETOLD

25. [REDACTED] THE INGREDIENTS FOR A CONFRONTATION FROM WHICH NO ONE WILL EMERGE A WINNER ARE, UNFORTUNATELY, ALL PRESENT. AS WE HAVE SAID BEFORE, THE LA CANTUTA DEBATE IS MORE ABOUT WHO WIELDS POWER AND HOW THAN IT IS A HUMAN RIGHTS INVESTIGATION. THE OPPOSITION, WELL-INTENTIONED, BELIEVES IT IS MORE IMPORTANT

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PAGE 04 LIMA 05796 05 OF 05 211634Z TO ASSERT CONGRESSIONAL AUTONOMY, AND TO FORCE FUJIMORI INTO A BIND, THAN TO PROCEED MORE CAUTIOUSLY. THE GOP, SO FAR, BELIEVES IT CANNOT GIVE IN MORE ON INVESTIGATING THE MILITARY -- EITHER BECAUSE IT WANTS TO COVER UP HIGH LEVEL RESPONSIBILITY, OR BECAUSE THE MILITARY WON'T BUDGE. WHAT THE GOP HAS OFFERED, WHICH IS NEW FOR PERU, IS THE NEAR-PROMISE OF CONVICTING AT LEAST SOME LOWER-RANKING ARMY OFFICERS FOR SELECTIVE DISAPPEARANCES. NOT OFFERED, HOWEVER, IS A BROADER INVESTIGATION OF HIGH-LEVEL RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUCH VIOLATIONS. AT JAIME YOSHIYAMA'S REQUEST -- AND ON HIS PROMISE TO GENUINELY SEEK A COMPROMISE -- WE ENCOURAGED KEY OPPOSITION FIGURES TO FIND A COMPROMISE THAT UPHOLDS THE IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES AT ISSUE. BRAYSHAW

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