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1. [REDACTED] SUMMARY: REACTION TO THE LETTER FROM
 SENDERO LUMINOSO LEADER GUZMAN TO PERUVIAN
 PRESIDENT FUJIMORI HAS VARIED FROM ENTHUSIASTIC
 CELEBRATION TO CAUTION. EVEN EXPERIENCED SL

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WATCHERS HAVE WELCOMED THE NEWS, THOUGH SOME PREDICT THAT A POSSIBLE SPLIT IN THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION MIGHT MEAN A CONTINUATION OF VIOLENCE. DURING A TELEVISED SPEECH TO THE NATION OCTOBER 3, FUJIMORI SHOWED A VIDEO OF GUZMAN READING THE TEXT OF THE LETTER. FUJIMORI UNDOUBTEDLY HOPES THAT HIS ANNOUNCEMENT WILL NOT ONLY BE A BLOW TO THE INSURGENTS, BUT THAT IT WILL ALSO BE A BOOST FOR THE NEW CONSTITUTION, WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED TO A REFERENDUM OCTOBER 31. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) REACTION TO PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM JAILED SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) LEADER ABIMAE GUZMAN REQUESTING PEACE NEGOTIATIONS HAS CONTINUED TO VARY WIDELY. PRO-FUJIMORI MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HAVE BEEN DECLARING VICTORY OVER TERRORISM (REFTEL). A HANDFUL OF LEFTIST OPPOSITION POLITICIANS CRITICIZED FUJIMORI'S REJECTION OF NEGOTIATIONS. PRIME MINISTER
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ALFONSO BUSTAMANTE, TRAVELING WITH A BUSINESS DELEGATION IN SPAIN, AGREED WITH FUJIMORI'S REJECTION OF GUZMAN'S REQUEST: "YOU CANNOT NEGOTIATE WITH DOGMATIC TERRORISM." ARMY COMMANDER GENERAL NICOLAS HERMOZA DECLARED, "YOU CANNOT DIALOGUE WITH CRIMINAL SENDERISTAS WHO HAVE CAUSED 25,000 DEATHS IN THIS COUNTRY."

3. (U) EXPERIENCED SL OBSERVERS WERE GENERALLY CAUTIOUS. ONE NOTED THAT GUZMAN IS NOW AN INACTIVE MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZATION HE FOUNDED. SLS NEW LEADERS, RAUL GONZALES ASSERTED, HAVE SHOWN A WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE VIOLENT ACTIONS. NONETHELESS, HE CALLED THE LETTER "A VERY HARD PSYCHOLOGICAL BLOW" TO SENDERO. FORMER SENATOR ENRIQUE BERNALES WELCOMED THE NEWS AS AN STEP TOWARD PEACE, BUT CAUTIONED AGAINST "FALLING INTO THE TRAP OF TRIUMPHALISM AND ASSERTING THAT TERRORISM HAS BEEN DEFEATED." ANOTHER SENDERO WATCHER, CARLOS TAPIA, CALLED GUZMAN'S LETTER AN INDICATION THAT THE SL LEADER WAS CONVINCED OF

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THE FAILURE OF THE ARMED STRUGGLE, AND CALLED THE REQUEST FOR NEGOTIATION "A FORMAL EXPRESSION OF SURRENDER." TAPIA CALLED ON FUJIMORI TO ACCEPT NEGOTIATIONS, BUT ONLY IF SL IMMEDIATELY CEASES ALL HOSTILITIES AND BEGINS DISARMING. IF THE TERRORISM CONTINUED, HE WENT ON, IT WOULD BE PROOF THAT GUZMAN NO LONGER HAS CONTROL OVER THE ORGANIZATION.

4. (U) ON HIS RETURN TO PERU, FUJIMORI SPOKE TO

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PAGE 04 LIMA 10876 01 OF 02 042010Z THE NATION VIA TELEVISION OCTOBER 3. DURING THE ADDRESS, FUJIMORI SHOWED A VIDEO OF A TRANQUIL GUZMAN, SITTING AT A TABLE IN PRISON CLOTHES WITH HIS DEPUTY, ELENA IPARRAGUIRRE. IN THE VIDEO, GUZMAN READS THE TEXT OF THE LETTER AS IPARRAGUIRRE SITS PASSIVELY BESIDE HIM. "IT IS CLEAR," FUJIMORI DECLARED AFTER SHOWING THE TAPE, "THAT TODAY THE SENDERISTAS DO NOT HAVE ANY REAL CAPACITY TO THREATEN THE PERUVIAN STATE. THIS DOES NOT MEAN WE CANNOT COMMUNICATE WITH THEM." THE ONLY FORM OF COMMUNICATION, HOWEVER, IS THROUGH THE LAW OF REPENTANCE, FUJIMORI SAID. "IF SENDERO LUMINOSO'S LEADERSHIP TRULY DESIRES TO AVOID FURTHER VIOLENCE, IT SHOULD ORDER ITS ORGANIZATION TO CEASE ALL FORMS OF ACTION AND STRUGGLE THAT IT HAS BEEN CONDUCTING.

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IF THIS TAKES PLACE, MY GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE THE
 COMPLEMENTARY MEASURES REQUIRED WITH THE GOAL OF
 ASSURING NATIONAL PACIFICATION AS SOON AS
 POSSIBLE." AT THE END OF THE SPEECH, FUJIMORI
 INSERTED A QUICK PLUG FOR THE NEW CONSTITUTION,
 TO BE SUBMITTED TO A REFERENDUM OCTOBER 31.

5. (U) MORE DETAILS ARE BEING RELEASED ABOUT
 THE LETTER. FUJIMORI TOLD JOURNALISTS IN NEW
 YORK AND INTERVIEWERS IN PERU THAT THE LETTER
 WAS THE RESULT OF CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN GUZMAN
 AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE
 SERVICE. THERE WERE RUMORS IN JULY THAT FUJIMORI
 INTELLIGENCE ADVISER VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS WAS
 TALKING TO GUZMAN IN AN EFFORT TO SECURE HIS
 SURRENDER, BUT THE PRESIDENT REFUSED TO CONFIRM
 IF MONTESINOS HAD DEALT WITH GUZMAN. FUJIMORI

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ALSO CLAIMED THAT THE VIDEO OF GUZMAN AND IPARRAGUIRRE PROVED THEY WERE NOT COERCED. IN A TV INTERVIEW FOLLOWING HIS OCTOBER 3 SPEECH, THE PRESIDENT REITERATED THAT "THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATION NOR OF ANY KIND OF PACT. THERE WILL BE NO SUSPENSION OR REDUCTION OF (GUZMAN'S) LIFE SENTENCE."

6. [REDACTED] COMMENT: GUZMAN'S FOLLOWERS HAVE BEEN QUIET FOLLOWING THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE LETTER;

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DURING THE PREVIOUS TWO WEEKS, SL SEEMED TO BE GATHERING MOMENTUM WITH A SERIES OF BOMBINGS IN LIMA. SOME IN SL MAY AGREE WITH GUZMAN THAT IT IS TIME TO NEGOTIATE. SOME EXPERTS PREDICT A SPLIT IN THE ORGANIZATION. FUJIMORI USED THE LETTER SHREWDLY; HE WAITED TWO WEEKS FROM THE SIGNING OF THE LETTER TO ANNOUNCE IT AT THE FORUM OF THE UNGA -- ALSO EXACTLY ONE MONTH BEFORE THE SCHEDULED REFERENDUM ON THE NEW CONSTITUTION. THIS COULD HAVE THE DOUBLE EFFECT OF BOOSTING THE "YES" VOTE AND DISRUPTING SL. SL'S ACTIONS DURING OCTOBER, WHEN IT UNDOUBTEDLY PLANNED TO TRY AND DISRUPT THE VOTE, WILL BE KEY TO UNDERSTANDING THE EFFECT OF THE LETTER ON ITS CADRES.
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