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 - PEACE TALKS IN A SECOND LETTER

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1. (U) SUMMARY: IN A SECOND LETTER AND ACCOMPANYING VIDEO TAPE, SL FOUNDER AND LEADER ABIMAE L GUZMAN CALLS ON HIS FOLLOWERS TO NEGOTIATE FOR PEACE WITH THE GOVERNMENT. IN HIS LETTER GUZMAN BLAMES PERU'S TRADITIONAL POLITICAL PARTIES FOR CREATING CONDITIONS WHICH LED TO HIS FOUNDING OF THE SL AND CREDITS FUJIMORI WITH SETTING IN PLACE POLICIES WHICH LED TO HIS CAPTURE AND THE SL'S CURRENT PROBLEMS. THE POLITICAL BOMBSHELL SHOULD INCREASE THE "YES" VOTE IN THE OCTOBER 31 REFERENDUM ON THE NEW CONSTITUTION. IN THE SHORT-RUN, IT SHOULD ALSO SOW DISCORD WITHIN THE SL AS THEY ATTEMPT TO RATIONALIZE GUZMAN'S GOLPE FACE FROM HIS POST-ARREST PUBLIC TIRADE. END SUMMARY.

A SECOND LETTER

2. (U) IMPRISONED SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) FOUNDER AND LEADER ABIMAE L GUZMAN HAS DRAFTED A SECOND
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LETTER, ACCOMPANIED BY A VIDEO TAPE, IN WHICH THE TERRORIST LEADER CALLS FOR A DIALOGUE WITH THE GOVERNMENT. IN THE HANDWRITTEN LETTER GUZMAN:

-- EXPLAINS AND JUSTIFIES THE SL'S FOUNDATION IN THE "SEMI-FEUDAL, SEMI-COLONIAL AND BUREAUCRATIC CAPITALIST" SOCIETY AND "PSEUDO-DEMOCRATIC BOURGEOIS" STATE AND "PARASITIC POLITICAL PARTIES" WHICH EXISTED AT THE TIME. HE CALLS PERU'S TRADITIONAL LEFTIST PARTIES "MERELY MINOR LEAGUE" SUPPORTS OF THE SYSTEM.

-- BLAMES PERU'S TRADITIONAL POLITICAL PARTIES FOR PERU'S "HUNGER, MISERY IGNORANCE AND BACKWARDNESS."

-- BLAMES THE ACCION POPULAR/POPULAR CHRISTIAN GOVERNMENT OF FERNANDO BELAUNDE FOR "REPRESSION OF THE PEOPLE," AND THE APRA GOVERNMENT OF ALAN GARCIA FOR BRINGING ON THE WORST ECONOMIC CRISIS IN THE COUNTRY'S HISTORY.

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-- EULOGIZES FUJIMORI'S APRIL 5, 1992, AUTO-COUP, THE SUBSEQUENT "SYSTEMATIC, COHERENT AND PROGRESSIVE" REFORMS AS NECESSARY AND EFFECTIVE, AND FUJIMORI'S ADMINISTRATION AS THE MOST EFFECTIVE IN THE HISTORY OF THE SL'S EXISTENCE.

-- CLAIMS THAT, AFTER A "CONCRETE ANALYSIS OF THE CONCRETE SITUATION" AS MEDIATED BY A "MARXIST-LENINIST-MAOIST IDEOLOGY" AND "THE
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THOUGHT OF GONZALO" OVER THE PAST MONTHS OF THE SEVERE BLOWS WHICH HAVE BEEN STRUCK AGAINST THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF PERU, THE PARTY FACES FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS OF ITS FUTURE DIRECTION.

-- CALLS FOR A "PEACE ACCORD" IN LIEU OF THE SL'S PREVIOUS STRATEGY OF ARMED STRUGGLE TO CONCLUDE THE PAST THIRTEEN YEARS OF "WAR."

VIDEOTAPE ACCOMPANIES LETTER

3. (U) PRESIDENT FUJIMORI WENT ON NATIONAL TELEVISION SATURDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 9, TO BOTH SHOW AND TO ANALYZE GUZMAN'S LETTER AND A VIDEO
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TAPE OF GUZMAN AND DEPUTY ELENA IPARRAGUIRRE
 READING AND SIGNING THE DOCUMENT. WORD THAT
 GUZMAN HAD DRAFTED A SECOND LETTER TO FUJIMORI
 LEAKED OUT EARLIER IN THE WEEK.

4. (U) THE VIDEO EXCERPTS SHOWED A SOLEMN
 IPARRAGUIRRE SITTING NEXT TO GUZMAN AS HE READS
 THE LETTER. IN CONTRAST TO IPARRAGUIRRE, IN THE
 VIDEO GUZMAN COMES ACROSS AS HEALTHY AND
 ANIMATED. FOR THE OCCASION, NEITHER WAS WEARING
 THE PRISON STRIPE UNIFORM THE FUJIMORI
 ADMINISTRATION CLOTHES TERRORISTS IN FOR PUBLIC
 DISPLAY, NOR THE "WORKERS'" GARB THE TWO WORE
 FOR THEIR FIRST VIDEO APPEARANCE.

A POLITICAL BOMBSHELL

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5. (U) THE TIMING OF THE RELEASE OF THE UNEXPECTED LETTER AND VIDEOTAPE WAS A POLITICAL BOMBSHELL. WHILE THERE WERE RUMORS (REFTEL A) THAT PRESIDENT FUJIMORI WAS GOING TO PRESENT SUCH A VIDEO DURING HIS JULY 28 INDEPENDENCE DAY "STATE OF THE UNION" ADDRESS, THE ISSUE HAD DIED

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AWAY WHEN THE SPEECH WAS DELIVERED WITHOUT THESE DRAMATICS.

6. (U) PRESIDENT FUJIMORI WAS QUICK TO INSIST THAT THE GOVERNMENT, HAVING SPENT A YEAR PORTRAYING THE IMPRISONED TERRORIST LEADER AS A DEFEATED, BROKEN LEADER, WOULD NOT "NEGOTIATE" WITH GUZMAN. HIS ADMINISTRATION, FUJIMORI INSISTED, WAS ENGAGED IN ONGOING "CONVERSATIONS" WITH GUZMAN, NOT "NEGOTIATIONS." GOVERNMENT SUPPORTERS AND MOST OF THE PERUVIAN MEDIA IN THEIR SUNDAY EDITIONS REACTED TO THE SURPRISE ANNOUNCEMENT BY DECLARING THAT A FORMAL RECANTATION BY THE SL'S FOUNDER AND HIS CHIEF DEPUTY WAS IMMINENT.

7. (U) JUSTICE MINISTER FERNANDO VEGA, SUPREME COURT PRESIDENT LUIS SERPA, AND CONSTITUENT CONGRESS PRESIDENT JAIME YOSHIYAMA ALSO REACTED TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY DECLARING THAT IN HIS SECOND LETTER GUZMAN VIRTUALLY ACKNOWLEDGES DEFEAT OF THE SL AND MRTA TERRORISTS. YOSHIYAMA, WHO WAS IN CUZCO CAMPAIGNING FOR RATIFICATION OF THE NEW CONSTITUTION, LINKED GUZMAN'S CALL FOR A PEACE ACCORD WITH A CALL FOR A STRONG "YES" VOTE IN THE OCTOBER 31 REFERENDUM.

MORE TO COME?

8. (U) THERE MAY BE MORE TO COME. PRESIDENT

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FUJIMORI HAS DROPPED TANTALIZING HINTS, AS HIS IS STYLE, THAT THERE MAY BE A THIRD GUZMAN LETTER AND THAT THERE MAY BE MORE GUZMAN VIDEO TAPES IN HIS FILM LIBRARY. HIS EMISSARY, WHOM FUJIMORI DUBBED "AGENT 002," WAS CONTINUING CONTACTS WITH GUZMAN, HE EXPLAINED ON A TELEVISION TALK SHOW SUNDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 10. FUJIMORI REFUSED TO SAY WHO "AGENT 002" IS, BUT HINTED THAT IT IS VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS. "AGENT 002'S" HAND APPEARED BRIEFLY IN THE OCTOBER 9 VIDEO SHOWING IT TAKING AWAY SIGNED COPIES OF THE LETTERS.

9. THE GOVERNMENT HAS MOVED QUICKLY TO CAPITALIZE ON GUZMAN'S PEACE CALL. DANIEL ESPICHAN, A GOVERNMENT SPECIAL PROSECUTOR, CLAIMED THAT OVER 200 SL MEMBERS HAVE TURNED THEMSELVES IN TO THE GOVERNMENT SINCE THE FIRST LETTER FROM THE SL FOUNDER WAS REVEALED.

ANALYSIS: WHY DID GUZMAN DO IT?

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10. [REDACTED] THE TWO PRINCIPLE QUESTIONS FOLLOWING THE WEEKEND'S BOMBSHELL ANNOUNCEMENT ARE "WHY," AND "WHY NOW?" THE SECOND QUESTION IS EASIER TO ANSWER. THE GUZMAN ADMISSION OF DEFEAT WILL PROVIDE A TREMENDOUS BOOST TO THE GOP'S CAMPAIGN FOR A "YES" VOTE IN THE REFERENDUM FOR RATIFICATION OF THE NEW CONSTITUTION. SOME OF THE FIRST POLITICAL JOKES TO FOLLOW THE DRAMATIC SHOWING OF THE VIDEOTAPE BY PRESIDENT FUJIMORI WERE THAT GUZMAN HAD JUST TAKEN OVER AS CAMPAIGN MANAGER FOR THE "YES" VOTE. BEFORE THE WEEKEND'S EVENTS, THE "YES" VOTE SEEMED TO BE HOLDING A HEALTHY LEAD OVER OPPONENTS. THE WEEKEND'S ANNOUNCEMENT SHOULD FURTHER DEMORALIZE THE WEAK OPPOSITION TO THE NEW CONSTITUTION AND RAISE THE LANDSLIDE PROPORTIONS OF THE RATIFICATION VOTE.

10. [REDACTED] MORE DIFFICULT TO ANSWER IS "WHY?" THIS WILL REQUIRE MORE CONSIDERED EVALUATION -- BOTH ON WHY GUZMAN DID IT AND WHAT IMPACT IT WILL HAVE ON SENDERO LUMINOSO. AT THE VERY LEAST, PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S SURPRISE TELEVISION

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APPEARANCE SATURDAY NIGHT SHOWS THAT HE STILL
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REMAINS PERU'S MOST ACCOMPLISHED POLITICIAN.
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