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(LOU) SUMMARY: THE PERUVIAN ARMY HAS ACCUSED DISMISSED VICE PRESIDENT SAN ROMAN OF TRYING TO DAMAGE THE MILITARY'S INTEGRITY. ALLEGED OFFENSE IS HANDING OUT A "FALSE" DOCUMENT THAT IMPLICATES GOP AND ARMY OFFICIALS IN THE 1991 BARRIOS ALTOS MASSACRE. PRESIDENT . FUJIMORI ALSO DENOUNCED SAN ROMAN FOR BESMIRCHING THE ARMY'S "GOOD NAME." SAN ROMAN REPLIED THAT HE HAS ACCUSED NO ONE DIRECTLY, AND IS ONLY ASKING THAT THE KILLINGS BE THOROUGHLY HE IS BACKING OFF. THE FORMER INVESTIGATED.

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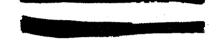
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HEAD OF A SENATE INVESTIGATION INTO THE MASSACRE HAS CALLED ON THE CCD TO REOPEN THE CASE. ROMAN IS LOWERING HIS PROFILE, INDICATING THAT HE FEELS THE HEAT OF A POSSIBLE GOP INVESTIGATION INTO HIS LINKS WITH SALINAS AND THE ARMY'S REACTION TO HIS ACCUSATIONS BARRIOS END SUMMARY. ALTOS.

(U) PUBLIC RECRIMINATIONS CONTINUE IN LIMA OVER A DOCUMENT PRESENTED TO THE PRESS DECEMBER 1 BY DISMISSED VICE PRESIDENT MAXIMO SAN ROMAN (REF A) WHICH PURPORTS TO IMPLICATE SEVERAL HIGH-LEVEL GOP OFFICIALS IN THE NOVEMBER 1991 BARRIOS ALTOS MASSACRE. AS NOTED REF A, THE DOCUMENT, TITLED "INTELLIGENCE NOTE, " ACCUSES NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTOR AND PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS, DEFENSE MINISTER GEN.



PAGE 03 LIMA 15602 01 OF 02 051724Z VICTOR MALCA AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF HAVING MASTERMINDED THE KILLINGS AND DIRECTING ARMY INTELLIGENCE OPERATIVES TO CARRY THEM OUT. ROMAN ASKED THE PRESS TO INVESTIGATE THE CHARGES.

- (U) THE NEXT DAY, DECEMBER 3, THE ARMY'S INFORMATION OFFICE ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE ACCUSING SAN ROMAN OF MAKING "DECEITFUL USE" OF THE NOTE, WHICH IT CALLED "APOCRYPHAL" AND "FORGED." SAN ROMAN (HAS USED) THE NOTE PUBLICLY, EXHIBITING AND HANDING IT OVER TO BOTH THE NATIONAL AND FOREIGN MEDIA AS IF IT WERE AUTHENTIC, " THE COMMUNIQUE ASSERTED. IT WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE NOTE HAD DAMAGED THE ARMY'S INTEGRITY, AND THAT THE ARMY HAD ALREADY TAKEN STEPS TO REPORT THE MATTER TO THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR "WITH THE GOAL OF IDENTIFYING AND PUNISHING THE NOTE'S AUTHORS..."
- (U) IN HIS DEFENSE, SAN ROMAN RESPONDED TO THE ARMY COMMUNIQUE DEC. 3 THROUGH HIS WIFE, WHO FILLED IN FOR HIM AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN HIS OFFICE (HER HUSBAND'S FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THE GATHERING WAS NOT EXPLAINED). "I HAVE AT NO TIME ACCUSED ANYONE OR AFFIRMED THE VERACITY OF THE INFORMATION" CONTAINED IN THE "INTELLIGENCE

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NOTE, "READ SAN ROMAN'S STATEMENT, ISSUED ON "CONSTITUTIONAL PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC"

LETTERHEAD. "THE BEST THING FOR THE COUNTRY

WOULD BE...FOR THE DOCUMENT TO BE UNTRUE....THE

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PAGE 04 LIMA 15602 01 OF 02 051724Z THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BARRIOS ALTOS MASSACRE...THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR SHOULD PROVE (THAT THE NOTE) IS APOCRYPHAL AND FIND OUT WHO FORGED IT." THE STATEMENT CONCLUDED WITH SAN ROMAN'S SIGNATURE ABOVE THE WORDS "CONSTITUTIONAL PRESIDENT OF PERU."

5. (U) LATER THE SAME DAY, PRESIDENT FUJIMORI ATTACKED SAN ROMAN IN A PUBLIC APPEARANCE. ECHOING THE ARMY STATEMENT, FUJIMORI DECLARED THAT HIS FORMER VICE PRESIDENT HAD "MUDDIED THE GOOD NAME OF HIGH OFFICERS, BOTH ACTIVE AND RETIRED....NOBODY CAN FABRICATE A DOCUMENT USING THE NAME OF THE STATE." FUJIMORI ADDED THAT THE

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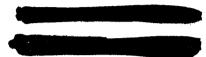
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6. (U) ALSO ON DEC. 3, ROGER CACERES VELASQUEZ, A MEMBER OF THE DISSOLVED CONGRESS WHO PRESIDED OVER THE SENATE INVESTIGATION INTO THE BARRIOS ALTOS KILLINGS, CALLED FOR THE NEW CONSTITUTIONAL CONGRESS TO TAKE UP THE CASE. "THE DISSOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS STOPPED THE INVESTIGATION FROM GETTING TO THE TRUTH," CACERES DECLARED. A NEWSPAPER REPORT THE SAME DAY CLAIMED THAT THE NATIONAL COUNTERTERRORISM DIRECTORATE WOULD EXAMINE THE "INTELLIGENCE NOTE" FURTHER.

7. (LOU) COMMENT: PRESIDENT FUJIMORI HAS ORDERED A FULL INVESTIGATION OF POLITICIANS' ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN THE NOV. 12-13 COUP ATTEMPT (REF B), AND SAN ROMAN (ALONG WITH A FEW OTHER POLITICIANS) IS AT THE TOP OF THE BLACK LIST. FOR THIS REASON, SAN ROMAN MAY BE TRYING TO KEEP A LOW PROFILE, IN CONTRAST TO WHEN HE FIRST HANDED OUT THE DOCUMENT A FEW DAYS AGO (THUS HIS DECISION NOT TO APPEAR AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE HE HIMSELF CALLED).



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