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 APRIL 28 DEPT STATEMENT ON HUANUCO
 KILLINGS

1. [REDACTED] SUMMARY: ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM
 THE PRIME/FOREIGN MINISTER, MFA VICE MINISTER AND
 SECRETARY GENERAL JORGE GORDILLO SUMMONED CHARGE
 TO MFA APRIL 29. TOPIC WAS DEPARTMENT'S APRIL 28
 STATEMENT ON THE HUANUCO KILLINGS. READING FROM
 A TEXT, GORDILLO SAID THE GOP PROTESTED "IN MOST
 ENERGETIC WAY" STATEMENT IT FOUND "UNFRIENDLY,

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INCONVENIENT, AND INEXACT." PERU/ICRC RELATIONS DID NOT ADMIT "INTERFERENCE" OF THIRD PARTIES. GORDILLO SAID PERU HAD MADE NO STATEMENT AFTER MY LAI -- AND HUANUCO WAS NOT A MY LAI. GORDILLO ASKED CHARGE IF HE HAD DISCUSSED HUANUCO KILLINGS WITH EUROPEAN AMBASSADORS; CHARGE SAID HE HAD. CHARGE SAID HE WOULD TRANSMIT PERUVIAN POSITION TO WASHINGTON. DEPARTMENT SHOULD CONTEST GOP ASSERTION THAT ICRC ACTIVITIES HAVE NO BEARING ON BILATERAL RELATIONS. ICRC ACCESS WAS AND IS A CONDITION FOR BILATERAL ASSISTANCE AND LARGE AMOUNT OF ESF WAS DELIVERED IN 1991 IN RETURN FOR ICRC ACCESS; WITHOUT USG SUPPORT, ICRC ACCESS WOULD HAVE ENDED IN 1992. END SUMMARY.

2. VICE MINISTER GORDILLO'S OFFICE NOTIFIED EMBASSY LATE APRIL 28 THAT CHARGE WAS SUMMONED THE FOREIGN MINISTRY APRIL 29. ALSO PRESENT WERE DIRECTOR FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS AMB. HERNAN COUTURIER, NORTH AMERICAS DIRECTOR JOSE ANTONIO BELLINA, AND POLCOUNS.

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3. GORDILLO, WHO SPOKE IN A NEUTRAL, NON-AGGRESSIVE TONE, INFORMED CHARGE THAT HE HAD BEEN ASKED BY THE PRIME/FOREIGN MINISTER TO SUMMON CHARGE TO DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE, WHICH GORDILLO SAID HE WAS GOING TO READ FROM HE TEXT TO ENSURE FULL ACCURACY OF THE GOP VIEW (TEXT FAXED TO ARA/AND).

4. GORDILLO READ THAT THE GOP CONVEYED ITS "MOST ENERGETIC PROTEST" OVER THE APRIL 28 DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THE "MILITARY OPERATIONS" IN HUANUCO; THE STATEMENT WAS "UNFRIENDLY, INCONVENIENT, AND INEXACT." FURTHERMORE, GORDILLO SAID, "THE AGREEMENTS THAT PERU HAS WITH THE ICRC ARE THE EXCLUSIVE DOMAIN OF THE TWO PARTIES AND WE DO NOT ACCEPT ANY INTERFERENCE FROM THIRD PARTIES." "NOBODY HAS GIVEN THE U.S. A MANDATE TO INTERCEDE ON BEHALF OF THE ICRC ... AND THIS AFFECTS THE INDEPENDENCE WITH WHICH A GROUP OF THIS TYPE MUST HAVE. IN

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ADDITION, THE ICRC ITSELF HAS NOT ASUMED, NEITHER IN PUBLIC NOR IN PRIVATE, THE PREMISES CONTAINED IN THE "STATEMENT" OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, AND MAINTAINS, IN ADDITION, AN IMPORTANT DIALOGUE WITH THE GOVERNMENT."

5. GORDILLO CONTINUED: THE PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER ASKED ME TO TRANSMIT THAT HE CONSIDERS THAT THIS SITUATION DOES NOT CORRESPOND TO REALITY, REMINDING YOU THAT WHEN MY LAI

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OCCURRED, THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU DID NOT MAKE A STATEMENT, AND THAT IN ANY CASE, THIS WAS NOT A MY LAI AS THE EMBASSY OF THE U.S. OBVIOUSLY IS AWARE."

6. CHARGE RESPONDED THAT HE WOULD TRANSMIT THIS STATEMENT IMMEDIATELY TO THE USG. GORDILLO THEN ASKED IF THE CHARGE HAD HELD MEETINGS WITH THE AMBASSADORS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY ABOUT THE SITUATION IN HUANUCO. THE CHARGE SAID THAT HE HAD CONDUCTED CONSULTATIONS WITH OUR ALLIES ON ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN TO SHARE INFORMATION AND VIEWS. GORDILLO MADE NO FURTHER RESPONSE TO THIS.

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7. GORDILLO ENDED THE MEETING BY STATING THAT THE GOP WANTED GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE U.S., BUT THAT THE USG SHOULD NOT INTERFERE IN PERU. THE USG SHOULD ALSO UNDERSTAND THE CONTEXT OF THE WAR. INNOCENT PERSONS WOULD INEVITABLY DIE IN A WAR, BUT THE MISSION OF THE ARMED FORCES WAS NOT TO KILL CIVILIANS.

8. COMMENT: THE GOP WAS CLEARLY STUNG BY THE DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENT. THE STATEMENT WAS PUBLISHED WHEN THE GOP WAS TAKING CONTRADICTIONARY STEPS ON HUANUCO: THE GOP MAJORITY IN CONGRESS HAD DENOUNCED PERU'S PRIMARY HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP ON APRIL 27 OVER ITS STATEMENTS ON HUANUCO;

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9. THE HEART OF THE GOP COMPLAINT IS THAT THE USG HAS NO BUSINESS LOOKING AFTER THE ICRC. ICRC ACCESS, HOWEVER, WAS EXPLICITLY MADE A CONDITION FOR USG ASSISTANCE TO PERU, AND

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REINSTATEMENT OF ICRC ACCESS -- SUSPENDED BY THE
GOP FROM MID-1992 -- WAS A CONDITION PERU AGREED
TO IN EARLY 1993 WHEN THE USG TOOK STRONG ACTIONS
ON BEHALF OF PERU IN THE CONTEXT OF THE SUPPORT
GROUP. ICRC ACCESS IS A VALID BILATERAL ISSUE.
CERTAINLY THE ICRC'S ROLE IN PERU WOULD HAVE
WITHERED AWAY HAD THE USG NOT PRESSURED THE GOP
IN PAST YEARS.

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RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT INFORM THE GOP THAT WE
DO NOT ACCEPT THAT USG SUPPORT FOR ICRC ACCESS IS
OFF-LIMITS AS A BILATERAL ISSUE. FOR THIS
MESSAGE TO CARRY WEIGHT WITH THE GOP, IT SHOULD
BE MADE FROM WASHINGTON AND FROM AN APPROPRIATELY
HIGH LEVEL.

10. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, CHARGE MET WITH EU
AND JAPANESE AMBASSADORS IN LIMA, AN EFFORT WHICH
PRODUCED AN EU DEMARCHE TO GOP ON ICRC ACCESS.
GORDILLO'S QUESTION MAY HAVE BEEN A SUBTLE
CALLING TO OUR ATTENTION THAT GOP DOES NOT
APPRECIATE USG LOBBYING EFFORTS BUT MAY PRESAGE
AN ENERGETIC PROTEST OF USG CONSULTATIONS WITH
ITS ALLIES AS WELL.
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