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2. WE ARE CONTINUING EFFORTS TO KEEP IN DIALOGUE WITH THE FUJIMORI GOVERNMENT, DESPITE STATEMENTS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND JUSTICE MINISTER VEGA TO PROJECT AN IMAGE OF CONFRONTATION (E.G., THE APRIL 29 COMMUNIQUE OF THE MOFA WHICH DESCRIBED AS "ADEQUATE" THE KIND OF RELATIONS IT SOUGHT TO MAINTAIN WITH US AND "OTHER FRIENDLY COUNTRIES"). IN THE PAST WEEK OR SO, I HAVE MET WITH CCD PRESIDENT YOSHIYAMA, CCD VICE PRESIDENT JOY WAY, CCD FOREIGN AFFAIRS CHAIRMAN SANDOVAL, CCD HUMAN RIGHTS CHAIRMAN BLANCO, THE

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MINISTERS OF LABOR, AGRICULTURE AND EDUCATION, AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S CHEF DE CABINET ARROSPIDE AS WELL AS FORMER PRIME MINISTER BUSTAMANTE. I ALSO DELIVERED A WELL-RECEIVED SPEECH AT AN ECONOMIST ROUNDTABLE MAY 11 WHICH WAS LAUDATORY OF THE GOP'S ECONOMIC PROGRAM WHILE PLACING OUR HUMAN RIGHT CONCERNS IN THE CONTEXT OF JUDICIAL STABILITY RELEVANT TO THE INVESTMENT CLIMATE AND FREE TRADE. FINALLY, IN RESPONSE TO THE REPEATED PERSONAL INSISTENCE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER,

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HIMSELF, WE PUBLICLY DENIED, ON AN IF-ASKED BASIS, AN OUTRAGEOUS REPORT IN WEEKLY OIGA OF VIEWS ATTRIBUTED TO AN EMBASSY OFFICER CONCERNING THE ELECTORAL DIMENSIONS OF A MILITARY OPERATION OR THE RECENT OFFENSIVE IN THE UPPER HUALLAGA VALLEY. (I REFUSED THE MINISTER'S REQUEST TO ISSUE A GENERAL PRESS STATEMENT ON THE MATTER.)

3. IN MOST CONVERSATIONS, I SOUGHT TO FOCUS ON THE DETERIORATING PUBLIC TONE OF THE RELATIONSHIP AND TO COUNSEL RESTRAINT AND BETTER COMMUNICATIONS, LEST MISCALCULATIONS BE MADE BY PERU AS A RESULT OF OVER-CONFIDENCE VIS-A-VIS OTHER COUNTRIES' SUPPORT OR THEIR OWN PARANOIA CONCERNING A PERCEIVED ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND THE OPPOSITION. I EXPLAINED CAREFULLY THAT (1) THE USG DOES NOT AND CANNOT HAVE A PARTISAN AGENDA EITHER FOR OR AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT, (2) OUR POLICY CONCERNS ARE PRINCIPLED ONES AND OUR WORK REQUIRES US TO BE IN CONTACT WITH ALL INTERESTS HERE, (3) GIVEN ITS SECRETIVE WAYS, LACK OF A POLITICAL STRUCTURE AND THE PERSONALISM OF ITS PRESIDENT, THE PRO-FUJIMORI CAMP HAS PROVIDED US FEW CONTACTS TO DEAL

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SERIOUSLY WITH. WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP, I SPECIFICALLY ARGUED OPEN ICRC ACCESS TO THE HUANUCO AREA, REFORMING THE REPENTENCE LAWS AND CLEANING UP AT LEAST THE AMBIGUOUS DEFINITIONS OF TREASON/TERRORISM AS WELL AS PROSECUTIONS OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BARRIOS ALTOS MURDERS OF NOVEMBER 1991. WITH JOY WAY, I ALSO RAISED THE IDEA OF AN OFFICIAL COMMISSION, WITH COORDINADORA PARTICIPATION, TO REVIEW ARBITRARY ARRESTS. THROUGHOUT, I NOTED OUR NEED FOR BETTER, MORE OPEN COMMUNICATIONS WITH ALL SECTORS OF PERU, INCLUDING THE OFICIALISTA CAMP.

4. IN THE COURSE OF MY CONVERSATIONS, I LEARNED THE FOLLOWING:

-- JOY WAY: THERE IS GREAT UNHAPPINESS IN THE OFICIALISTA CAMP CONCERNING PRIME MINISTER GOLDENBERG'S WEAK PERFORMANCE AS GOP SPOKESMAN (ALWAYS ABSENT, "PANICS WHENEVER HE MUST DEAL WITH THE PRESS) AND MINISTER VEGA'S CONFRONTATIONAL APPROACH TO US ON

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HUMAN RIGHTS. A CABINET SHUFFLE IS POSSIBLE (TIMING UNDETERMINED) WHICH COULD REPLACE AT LEAST BOTH MINISTERS.

-- YOSHIYAMA: HUMAN RIGHTS AND CORRUPTION (ESPECIALLY MILITARY LINKS TO TRAFFICKERS) APPEAR TO BE THE ISSUES ON WHICH THE OPPOSITIONS WILL PRESS HARDEST IN THE CAMPAIGN. AS HE DID FOR THE NEW YORK LAWYERS, SO ALSO HE READILY AGREED TO MY REQUEST TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL DURING THE LATTER'S VISIT THIS WEEK. (WE PASSED ALONG THIS WORD TO THE

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PAGE 04 LIMA 04606 01 OF 02 201927Z LOCAL AMNESTY PEOPLE; A MEETING IS NOW SCHEDULED.) PER YOSHIYAMA, OUR POLICY TOWARDS PERU IS BEING READ BY THE GOP AS USG ALIGNMENT WITH THE OPPOSITION (A THEME WE HEAR MORE OFTEN THESE DAYS AS THE COUNTRY APPROACHES ELECTIONS). HE COMPLAINED THAT WE TALK TOO MUCH TO OPPOSITION FIGURES AND THEREFORE GIVE WASHINGTON A SLANTED ANALYSIS OF THE FUJIMORI GOVERNMENT. (I DENIED THIS AND COMMENTED THAT REACTIONS BY THE GOP AND THE DAILY EXPRESO SERVE ONLY TO HIGHLIGHT OUT DIFFERENCES AND GIVE CREDENCE TO OPPOSITION ARGUMENTS THAT WE FAVOR IT OVER FUJIMORI.) I ALSO POSTULATED A HOPEFUL INTERPRETATION TO CURRENT

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GOP RHETORIC ABOUT THE U.S. AND HUMAN RIGHTS, IMPLYING THAT IT COULD BE SMOKE TO COVER SERIOUS BUT QUIET EFFORTS TO RESPOND TO SOME OF OUR CONCERNS. (YOSHIYAMA SMILED THINLY AT THIS BUT DID NOT COMMENT.)

-- CCD COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN SANDOVAL AND BLANCO: VEGA WAS SEVERELY CRITICIZED FOR HIS PRESS STATEMENTS ("HE'S BETTER SUITED," PER ONE, "TO BE A DIRECTOR OF PRISONS WHICH IS THE FUNCTION HE HELD UNDER BELAUNDE IN THE EARLY 1980S"). THE REPORT OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE ON THE HUANUCO KILLINGS, DUE NEXT WEEK, WILL BE A PRELIMINARY AND INCOMPLETE EFFORT. A CHANGE IN
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LOCAL ICRC PERSONNEL MIGHT HELP GAIN ARMY APPROVAL FOR ACCESS TO THE ZONE WHERE THE KILLINGS WERE REPORTED. (WE DOUBT THIS.) THE CCD -- NOT THE NEW NATIONAL ELECTORAL AUTHORITY -- SHOULD MAKE THE ELECTORAL RULES. THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE A SHORT ONE, PREFERABLY STARTING AS LATE AS JANUARY VERSUS NOVEMBER AS IN PAST ELECTIONS.

-- ARROSPIDE: THE FOREIGN OFFICE CHOSE CAREFULLY ITS WORDS IN THE APRIL 29 RIPOSTE TO OUR STATEMENT CONCERNING THE REPORT OF KILLINGS IN THE UPPER HUALLAGA, ESPECIALLY THE REFERENCE TO OUR "UNFRIENDLY" STATEMENT AND TO THE GOP'S OBJECTIVE OF MAINTAINING "ADEQUATE" RELATIONS WITH THE USG. AS FOR THE OIGA CONTRETEMPS, THE MINISTER'S OBJECTIVE (AS WE SUSPECTED) WAS TO PREEMPT REPORTING IN THE OPPOSITION PRESS OF EMBASSY VIEWS, NO MATTER HOW SILLY, WHICH COULD BE USED TO EMBARRASS THE GOVERNMENT IN THE ELECTIONS. THE GOP, IN ANY EVENT, IS NOW LESS CONVINCED THAT IT NEEDS THE USG GIVEN SUCCESS AT HOME, IMPROVED SECURITY, PRIVATIZATION REVENUES, GOOD RELATIONS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND INCREASED FOREIGN INVESTMENT INTEREST. (THIS ALSO WAS AN OBSERVATION OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER BUSTAMANTE.)

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5. I CAUTIONED ARROSPIDE -- AND HE AGREED -- THAT THE GOP SHOULD NOT OVERESTIMATE ITS LEVERAGE, WITH US NOR DISCOUNT THE INTEREST OF INVESTORS IN OUR VIEWS AS INPUT TO THEIR RISK ASSESSMENTS. I CITED MY INVITATION TO GIVE THE KEYNOTE AT LAST WEEK'S ECONOMIST ROUNDTABLE AS MOST RELEVANT TO THIS POINT.

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I ADDED THAT IT MIGHT HELP RELATIONS IF THE GOP REACTED WITH LESS STEAM TO OUR HUMAN RIGHTS DIPLOMACY. HE MADE THE SAME POINT VIS-A-VIS USG REACTIONS, ARGUING -- AS HAS AMBASSADOR LUNA AT HOME -- THAT PRIVATE DIPLOMACY WILL GET BETTER RESULTS HERE. I MADE A POINT TO SAY THAT I AM KEEN TO MEET PRIVATELY WITH THE FOREIGN/PRIME MINISTER WHENEVER CONVENIENT. (FRANKLY, I AM NOT SANGUINE ABOUT SUCH A MEETING EVEN IF ONE OCCURS; GOLDENBERG IS BEGINNING TO DEMONIZE ME, I BELIEVE. HE DID HIS BEST TO IGNORE ME AT A SUBSEQUENT SESSION OF THE ROUNDTABLE WHICH I ATTENDED IN A SPECIAL GESTURE TO HEAR HIS OWN SPEECH.)

6. COMMENT: WHEN GOLDENBERG NEXT VISITS WASHINGTON -- IN JUNE WE HEAR -- IT WOULD BE NICE IF HE CONTINUED TO HEAR PRIVATE BUT FORCEFUL SUPPORT OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS THEMES REPEATED ABOVE (AS WELL AS OUR LOCAL VAT TAX CONCERNS) AND A CLEAR ENDORSEMENT OF EMBASSY MANAGEMENT. THE 1995 ELECTION PROCESS AND ITS TRANSPARENCY SHOULD ALSO BE DISCUSSED. ABSENT THIS, HE (AND HIS GOP COLLEAGUES) WILL BE ONLY MORE TEMPTED TO MINIMIZE OUR WORK HERE AND FOCUS ON CONTACTS AT HOME. ON A POSITIVE NOTE, WE HEAR THAT SEVERAL WELCOME CHANGES ARE IN THE WORKS AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE. ON A CLOSE-HOLD BASIS, HUGO DE ZELA, PERUVIAN DIPLOMAT DETAILED TO THE OAS AS BAENA SOARES' CHEF DE CABINET, CALLED ME THE OTHER DAY TO PASS WORD THAT HE WILL BE BACK WORKING AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE THIS SUMMER AND THAT BOTH VICE MINISTER GORDILLO AND DIRECTOR GENERAL COUTURIER WILL BE LEAVING THEIR POSTS ABOUT THE SAME TIME. DE ZELA'S KNOWLEDGE OF THE UNITED STATES WILL

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