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1. (LOU) SUMMARY: ACCUSED OF COMPLICITY IN THE NOVEMBER 13 COUP ATTEMPT, OPPOSITION POLITICIANS ARE ON THE DEFENSIVE. EX-PRESIDENT BELAUNDE DENIED INVOLVEMENT, AND CALLED FOR THE RELEASE OF THOSE ARRESTED FOR COUP PLOTTING, ARGUING THAT "DEFENSE OF THE CONSTITUTION" IS NOT A CRIME. PUM LEADER DIEZ CANSECO PUBLICLY ASSERTED HE WILL NOT ANSWER ANY "DE FACTO GOVERNMENT" QUERIES INTO HIS POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT, AND RAILED AGAINST WHAT

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HE DESCRIBED AS FUJIMORI'S ATTEMPT TO "ELIMINATE" THE OPPOSITION. OUSTED VICE PRESIDENT SAN ROMAN CLAIMS HE WILL DENOUNCE GOP "INTIMIDATION" OF POLITICIANS TO THE UNHRC, THE OAS AND AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL. END SUMMARY.

BELAUNDE: RELEASE COUP PLOTTERS

2. (U) SEVERAL PROMINENT PERUVIAN POLITICIANS COUNTERATTACKED FOLLOWING GOP ALLEGATIONS THAT THEY WERE INVOLVED IN OR HAD PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF THE NOVEMBER 13 COUP ATTEMPT AGAINST PRESIDENT FUJIMORI (REFTEL A). FORMER PRESIDENT FERNANDO BELAUNDE TERRY LED THE CHARGE, DECLARING TO THE MEDIA DECEMBER 7, "NEITHER I NOR MY PARTY (ACCION POPULAR) HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE COUP ATTEMPT....IT'S A CAPRICIOUS COCK-AND-BULL STORY." BELAUNDE WENT ON TO CALL FOR THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF COUP LEADER GENERAL JAIME SALINAS SEDO AND HIS ACCOMPLICES, BECAUSE THEY

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 HAD DONE NOTHING ILLEGAL. HE PRAISED SALINAS FOR "STANDING UP IN DEFENSE OF THE CONSTITUTION....AN ATTITUDE WORTHY OF RESPECT."

DIEZ CANSECO ADOPTS NCND POLICY

3. (U) ALSO ON DECEMBER 7, MARIATEGUIST PARTY (PUM) LEADER AND MEMBER OF THE DISSOLVED SENATE JAVIER DIEZ CANSECO TOLD JOURNALISTS THAT HE WOULD NOT BE COERCED BY THE "DE FACTO GOVERNMENT" INTO MAKING A STATEMENT ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT HE HAD PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF THE COUP ATTEMPT: "I DO NOT FEEL OBLIGATED, AS AN AUTHORITY DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE, TO SAY WHETHER OR NOT I WAS INVOLVED. THIS GOVERNMENT HAS NO MORAL AUTHORITY TO ASK ME FOR AN EXPLANATION....THE ONE WHO SHOULD GIVE AN EXPLANATION TO THE COUNTRY ABOUT A COUP IS MR. FUJIMORI, WHO LAST APRIL 5 TRAMPLED THE CONSTITUTION AND COMMITTED THE CRIME OF SEDITION." LIKE BELAUNDE, DIEZ CANSECO CALLED SALINAS'S COUP ATTEMPT "A LEGITIMATE ACT," AND DESCRIBED THE GOP'S ALLEGATIONS AGAINST POLITICIANS AS A MANEUVER "TO ELIMINATE

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OPPOSITION GROUPS FROM THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM."
ANTERO FLORES-ARAOZ, A POPULAR CHRISTIAN PARTY
(PPC) LEADER, TOLD JOURNALISTS THE SAME DAY THAT
HIS COLLEAGUE, LUIS BEDOYA, HAD NOTHING TO DO
WITH THE COUP ATTEMPT.

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4. (U) DEPOSED VICE PRESIDENT MAXIMO SAN ROMAN
BROKE HIS TEMPORARY SILENCE IN A DECEMBER 9
PRESS CONFERENCE, IN WHICH HE CHARGED "THE DE
FACTO REGIME" WITH CARRYING OUT A CAMPAIGN OF
SYSTEMATIC INTIMIDATION AGAINST HIM AND THE
OTHER POLITICIANS. SAN ROMAN IMPLICITLY ACCUSED
THE GOP OF CARRYING OUT TELEPHONE THREATS
AGAINST HIM AND OF SENDING A PRESIDENTIAL PALACE
GUARD TO ROB ONE OF HIS EMPLOYEES. A PART OF
THIS CAMPAIGN, HE SAID, WERE SUMMONSES FROM THE
POLICE TO SUBMIT TO QUESTIONING OVER HIS
POSSIBLE COMPLICITY IN THE COUP ATTEMPT, AS WELL
AS HIS CONNECTION TO A DOCUMENT THAT ACCUSES

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 ARMY INTELLIGENCE OPERATIVES OF COMMITTING THE
 BARRIOS ALTOS MASSACRE (REF B). SAN ROMAN
 ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE HAD NOT APPEARED TO MAKE
 THE POLICE STATEMENTS AT THE APPOINTED TIMES,
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 NOR DOES HE INTEND TO DO SO. "THERE IS A
 SYSTEMATIC AGGRESSION BY THE GOVERNMENT AGAINST
 MYSELF, MY FAMILY, MY EMPLOYEES AND MY BUSINESS
 INTERESTS," HE DECLARED, ADDING THAT HE WOULD
 REPORT THESE ACTS TO THE UNHRC, THE OAS AND
 AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL.

5. (U) SAN ROMAN CONTINUED TO BLAST FUJIMORI,
 WHOM HE REFERRED TO AS "THE DICTATOR," WHILE
 STILL REFERRING TO HIMSELF AS THE "CONSTITUTIONAL
 PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC." HE DECLARED HE
 WOULD KEEP FIGHTING "AGAINST THE DICTATORSHIP OF
 (ECONOMIC AND FINANCE MINISTER) BOLONA AND
 FUJIMORI, WHO DON'T EVEN KNOW THE COUNTRY
 BECAUSE ONE IS A FOREIGNER AND ONE WAS BORN HERE
 BY ACCIDENT." SAN ROMAN ALSO SINGLED OUT
 PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS,
 CALLING HIM "A SINISTER CHARACTER."

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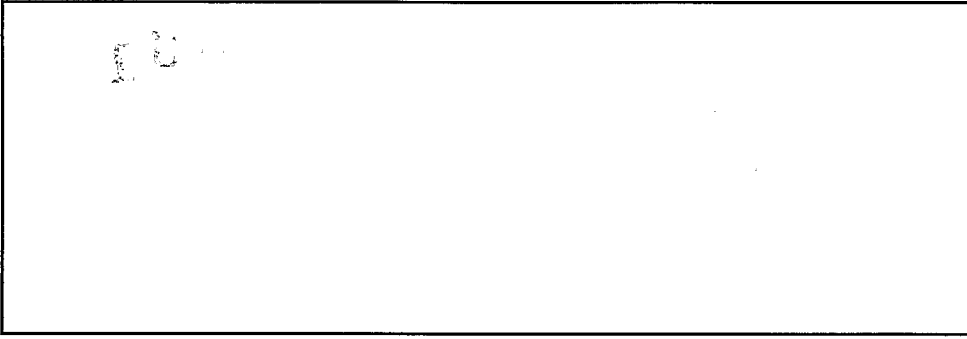
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