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STATE. REASON: 1.5(C)(D).

1. (U) THE FOLLOWING INR/IAA INTELLIGENCE BRIEFS AND  
ASSESSMENTS ARE PROVIDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND COMMENT.

I. BRIEFS

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(U) COLOMBIA: PARAMILITARIES AND REBELS DUKE IT OUT

2. (U) FOUR HUNDRED REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES OF COLOMBIA (FARC) MEMBERS AND 1,100 PARAMILITARY FORCES RECENTLY WERE BATTLING FOR CONTROL OF COCA-GROWING AREAS IN THE NORTHEASTERN PART OF THE COUNTRY, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. THE FARC REGIONAL COMMANDER TOLD REPORTERS HIS ORDERS WERE "TO ERADICATE THE PARAMILITARY PRESENCE IN THE AREA," WHERE 23,000 HECTARES OF LAND ALLEGEDLY ARE PLANTED

WITH COCA. POLICE AND MILITARY UNITS HAVE NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN THE FIGHTING; UNOFFICIAL REPORTS INDICATE A TOTAL OF 15 KILLED.

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(U) PANAMA: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?


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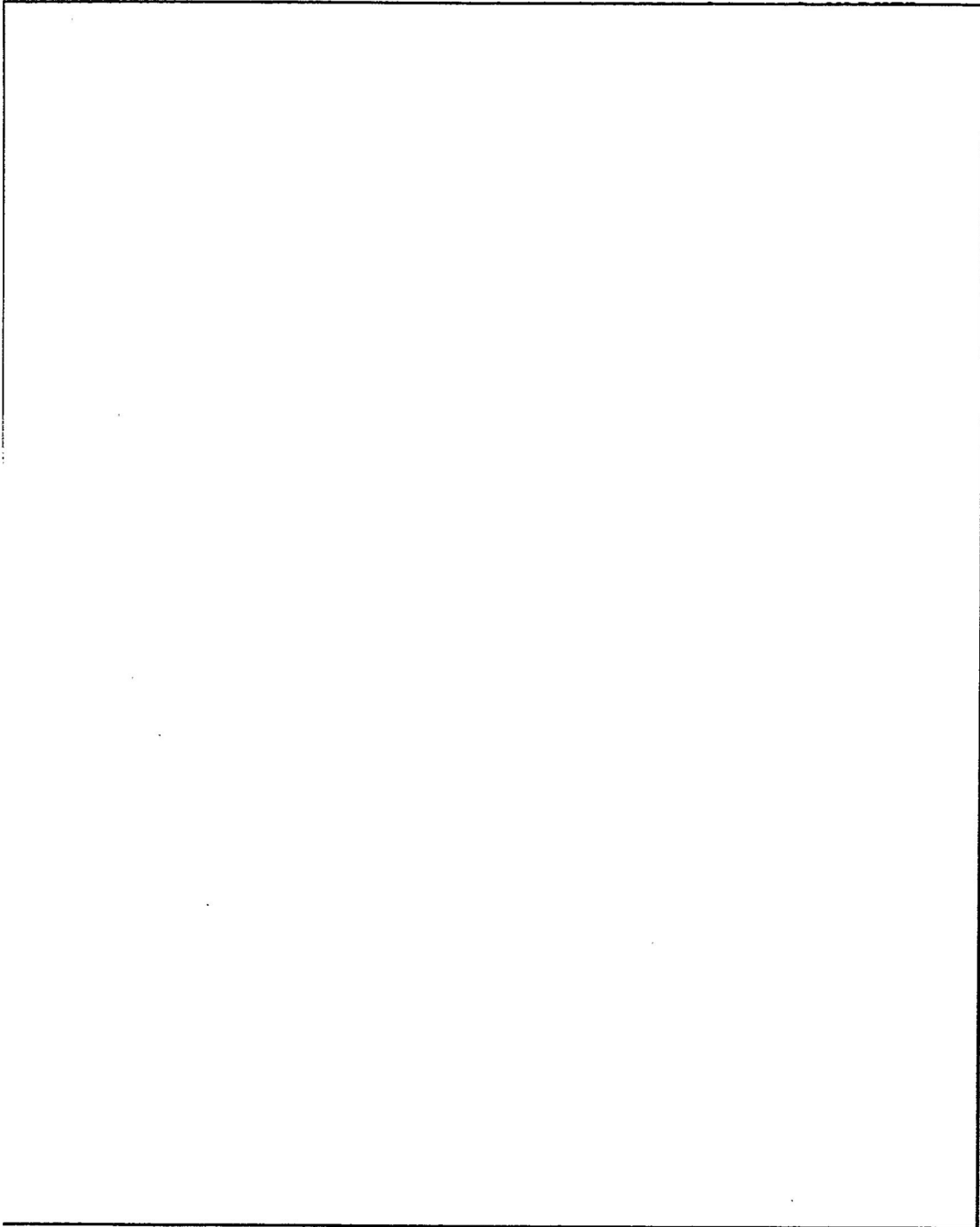
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(C) PERU: LURCHING FORWARD

11. (C) THE AGREEMENT EARLIER THIS WEEK BETWEEN PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION LEADERS ON TIMELINES FOR REFORM INITIATIVES AND AN AGENDA OF HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES FOR  
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DISCUSSION IS A SMALL STEP FORWARD IN AN ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (OAS)-MONITORED DIALOGUE THAT THUS FAR HAS FOCUSED ON PROCEDURE RATHER THAN SUBSTANCE.

12. (U) GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION LEADERS DECIDED TO COMPLETE REFORM INITIATIVES BY MARCH AND TO PRESENT IN TWO WEEKS PROPOSALS ON FOUR STICKY HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES: PERU'S RETURN TO THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS, RESTORATION OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT, INTELLIGENCE SERVICES REFORM, AND RESOLUTION OF MEDIA CONFISCATION CASES. AS IF TO EMPHASIZE THE DIFFICULTY IN REACHING AGREEMENTS, PRESIDENT FUJIMORI THIS WEEK ASSERTED THAT A WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS PERU'S RETURN TO THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS DOES NOT MEAN HE WILL LET IT HAPPEN.

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II. ASSESSMENTS

(U) CANADA: ELECTION PRE-CAMPAIGN BEGINS

14. (U) THE CANADIAN PARLIAMENT RETURNS NEXT WEEK WITH THE LEADERS OF THE CHIEF OPPOSITION PARTIES NOW SEATED, UNOFFICIALLY BEGINNING THE MOVE TO NATIONAL ELECTIONS EXPECTED NEXT YEAR. PRIME MINISTER CHRETIEN AND HIS PARTY SEEM TO BE IN A COMFORTABLE POSITION.

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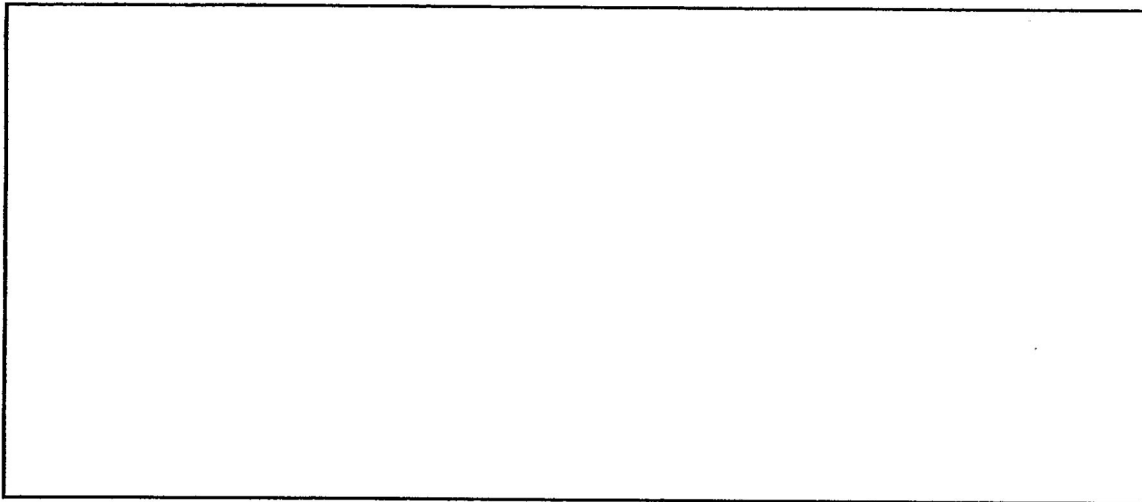
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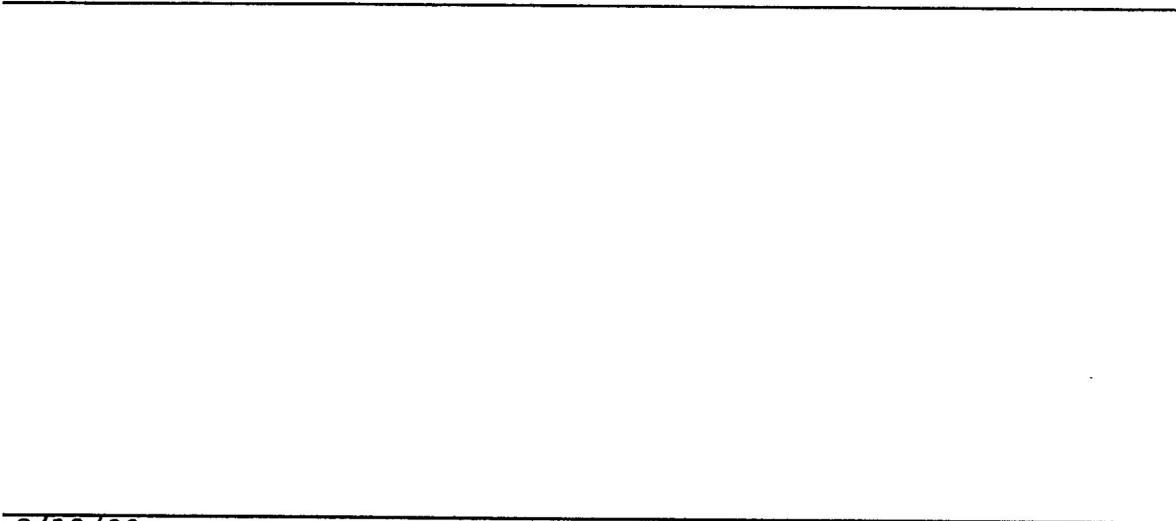
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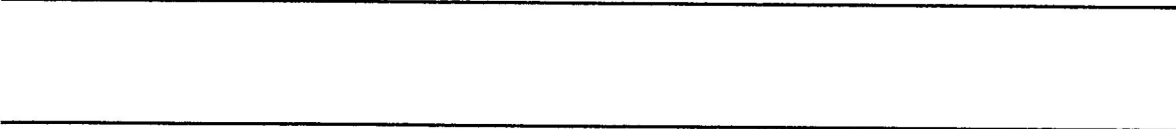
18. (U) TOUJOURS QUEBEC. THE BLOC QUEBECOIS (THE PRO-QUEBEC INDEPENDENCE PARTY), WHICH WON 11 PERCENT OF THE VOTE IN 1997, WAS DOWN TO 8 PERCENT NATIONALLY IN JULY POLLING. SUPPORT WITHIN QUEBEC PROVINCE DROPPED FROM 41 PERCENT TO 31 PERCENT OVER THE PRECEDING THREE MONTHS.

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(U) BRAZIL/SOUTH AMERICAN SUMMIT: MANAGING THE MOMENT



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23. (U) THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO AFFIRMED THAT THROUGH CONCERTED ACTION AND THE CREATION OF A DE FACTO FREE TRADE AREA OF THE AMERICAS BY 2002, SOUTH AMERICA WILL BE BETTER

POSITIONED FOR FTAA NEGOTIATIONS AND TRADE TALKS WITH THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION (WTO). BUT IT STRONGLY REFLECTS AN INHERENT COMMITMENT TO LIBERALIZATION AND REAFFIRMS THE INTENTION TO ACHIEVE AN FTAA BY 2005.

24. (U) THE SUMMIT MADE A COMMITMENT TO IMPROVE INFRASTRUCTURAL INTEGRATION AS WELL. THE PRESIDENTS ENVISION A 10-YEAR PLAN TO STRENGTHEN ENERGY, TRANSPORTATION, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE ALONG BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL AXES, TO BE SUPPORTED BY GOVERNMENTS, INTERNATIONAL LENDERS, AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

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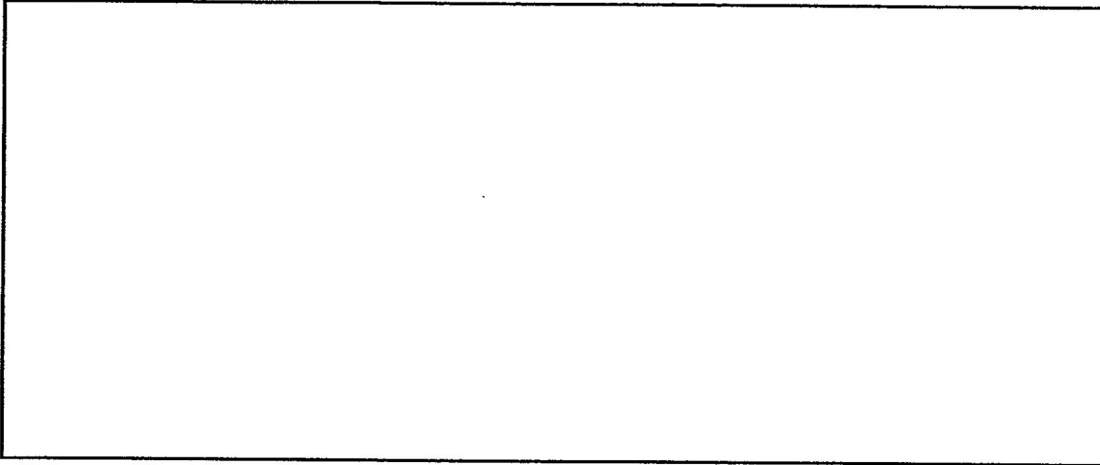
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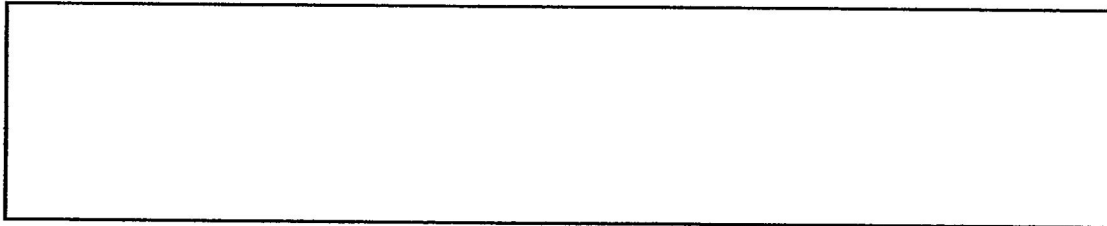
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26. (U) BRAZIL ALSO ENSURED THE SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE REAFFIRMED AT LENGTH THE PARTICIPANTS' FUNDAMENTAL COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY BY DECLARING IT A PRECONDITION FOR FUTURE SUMMIT INVITATIONS AND MANDATING REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS IN THE EVENT IT IS THREATENED. MOST OF SOUTH AMERICA IS ALREADY SUBJECT TO SIMILAR CONDITIONALITY, AS ADOPTED BY THE SOUTHERN CONE COMMON MARKET (MERCOSUR) AND THE ANDEAN PACT.



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