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- ASYLUM IN ARGENTINE EMBASSY

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1. (U) SUMMARY: GENERAL ALBERTO ARCINIEGA HUBY,  
A DYNAMIC AND RESPECTED OFFICER FORCED INTO  
RETIREMENT LAST MONTH, REQUESTED ASYLUM AT THE  
ARGENTINE EMBASSY JAN. 5 AFTER THE GOP FILED  
CHARGES AGAINST HIM FOR DEFAMATION AGAINST THE  
GOVERNMENT. IN A TEARFUL FAREWELL SPEECH,

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5. (U) THE MORNING OF JAN. 5, ARCINIEGA MADE AN EMOTIONAL SPEECH TO THE ASSOCIATION OF FOREIGN JOURNALISTS IN PERU, ATTENDED BY EMBASSY USIS OFFICERS. FIGHTING BACK TEARS, HE DEFENDED HIS PERSONAL INTEGRITY, DENYING CHARGES THAT HE HAD GONE EASY ON OFFICIALS WHO WERE ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED IN CORRUPTION. THE GENERAL INSISTED HE

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HAD BEEN REMOVED BECAUSE HE REFUSED TO LET PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS "DESTROY THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE MILITARY AND THE JUDICIARY." MONTESINOS "HAS HIS LIST" OF PEOPLE WHO WILL NOT DO AS HE SAYS, ARCINIEGA WENT ON, AND THOSE ARE THE PEOPLE BEING SYSTEMATICALLY RETIRED OR REMOVED FROM THEIR POSTS.

6. (U) WHILE BLASTING MONTESINOS, ARCINIEGA WAS CAREFUL NOT TO CRITICIZE FUJIMORI. "I HAVE GREAT RESPECT FOR THE PRESIDENT AND WHAT HE HAS DONE," HE REMARKED. HOWEVER, THE GENERAL LAMENTED THAT DESPITE FUJIMORI'S "MANY POSITIVE ACTIONS," HE HAD ALLOWED MONTESINOS TO "HAVE

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MORE POWER IN ASSIGNMENTS" THAN HE SHOULD HAVE.  
MONTESINOS, HE CONTINUED, "IS DESTROYING THE  
COUNTRY WITH THIS ABUSE OF POWER." ARCINIEGA  
PRESAGED HIS ASYLUM REQUEST, CLAIMING THAT HE  
COULD NOT LET HIS FAMILY "SUFFER FROM THE  
THREATS AND INTIMIDATION" OF MONTESINOS AND HIS  
CRONIES. NOTING HE HAS A DAUGHTER IN THE U.S.,  
ARCINIEGA CONCLUDED BY SAYING HIS ONLY "REQUEST"  
OF AMERICA WAS TO "HELP SAVE THE COUNTRY THAT I  
LOVE" FROM MONTESINOS.

7. (C) COMMENT: WHILE WE HAVE NOT ALWAYS  
AGREED WITH ARCINIEGA ON A VARIETY OF ISSUES  
(PARTICULARLY IN ANTI-NARCOTICS AND HUMAN RIGHTS  
MATTERS WHEN HE WAS POLITICAL-MILITARY COMMANDER  
OF SAN MARTIN DEPARTMENT), HE WAS EXTREMELY  
POPULAR AMONG THE JUNIOR RANKS OF THE ARMY, WHO  
GENERALLY SAW HIM AS A SOLDIER'S GENERAL.  
ARCINIEGA WAS REMOVED FROM HIS POSITION BECAUSE  
HE VOCALLY OPPOSED GOVERNMENT POLICY WITH REGARD  
TO THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. THE VAGUENESS OF THE  
DEFAMATION CHARGES BROUGHT AGAINST HIM STRONGLY  
SUGGESTS THAT ARCINIEGA IS BEING PERSECUTED.  
WHETHER THE CHARGES AGAINST HIM WERE INTENDED AS  
HARASSMENT OR DESIGNED TO PUT HIM IN PRISON,  
ARCINIEGA'S REQUEST FOR ASYLUM NOW ADDS HIM TO  
THE GROWING LIST OF OPPOSITION FIGURES WHO HAVE  
DECIDED TO ATTACK THE FUJIMORI ADMINISTRATION  
FROM WITHOUT RATHER THAN FROM WITHIN.  
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