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 "EVALUATE" THE MEDIA

1. (C) SUMMARY: PRESIDENT FUJIMORI HAS
 DECLARED THAT THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

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 (SIN) WILL CONTINUALLY "EVALUATE" THE MEDIA FOR
 NATIONAL SECURITY REASONS. HE ASSERTED THAT
 THIS WOULD NOT MEAN RESTRICTIONS ON FREEDOM OF
 THE PRESS. PRIME/FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA PUENTE
 SAID SIN MONITORING OF THE MEDIA WAS NECESSARY
 BECAUSE THE MEDIA HAD BEEN "INFILTRATED" BY
 "ELEMENTS" THAT POSE A SECURITY THREAT. WITH
 TWO MAGAZINE EDITORS ALREADY SUED BY THE GOP,
 FUJIMORI'S MESSAGE UNDERSCORED HIS GOVERNMENT'S
 DISLIKE FOR EMBARRASSING NEWS. OUR PRESS
 CONTACTS ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED. END SUMMARY.

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2. (U) IN A JANUARY 18 PRESS CONFERENCE, PRESIDENT FUJIMORI DECLARED THAT THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIN) WILL "EVALUATE" THE PRESS FOR NATIONAL SECURITY REASONS. HE QUICKLY ADDED, THOUGH, THAT THIS WOULD NOT MEAN THAT THE GOP WILL LIMIT FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IN PERU. ALL INFORMATION PUBLISHED BY THE MEDIA "HAS TO BE CONTINUALLY EVALUATED," FUJIMORI REMARKED, "TO VERIFY WHETHER IT IS TRUE OR NOT....BECAUSE STATE SECURITY, AS IN ALL DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES, TAKES PRIORITY OVER ANY OTHER CONSIDERATION."

3. (U) "WE ARE NOT GOING TO INTERFERE (WITH PRESS FREEDOM)," THE PRESIDENT WENT ON, "DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE MEDIA CAUSE DAMAGE WHEN THEY PUBLISH INFORMATION THAT IS LATER MISUSED BY OTHER MEDIA, INCLUDING SOME ARTICLES THAT DAMAGE PERU'S IMAGE."

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4. (U) FUJIMORI USED AS AN EXAMPLE AN ARTICLE ONE NEWSPAPER HAD PUBLISHED ON JAN. 14 THAT REPORTED A POLICE "MUTINY." THE SIN HAD TO EVALUATE THE STORY TO DETERMINE THAT IT WAS FALSE, THE PRESIDENT ASSERTED. WHILE THE GOP WILL NOT TRY TO RESTRICT PRESS FREEDOM, EVEN IN CASES WHERE "FALSE" STORIES HAVE BEEN PRINTED, HE WENT ON, STORIES SUCH AS THIS ONE HAD IMPLICATIONS FOR NATIONAL SECURITY, WHICH NECESSITATED AN EVALUATION BY THE SIN.

5. (U) TWO MEMBERS OF THE FUJIMORI CABINET, PRIME/FOREIGN MINISTER OSCAR DE LA PUENTE AND EDUCATION MINISTER ALBERTO VARILLAS, BOTH ASSERTED TO THE PRESS JAN. 18 THAT FREEDOM OF THE PRESS WILL CONTINUE "WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS." DE LA PUENTE ARGUED THAT THE SIN "HAS TO BE INVOLVED IN ACTIVITIES THAT ASSIST PERU'S IMAGE OVERSEAS," AND BECAUSE "SOME ELEMENTS MAY HAVE INFILTRATED SOME ORGANIZATIONS," MENTIONING THE ARMED FORCES, THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE AND "JOURNALISTS....IT'S A LABOR OF PRECAUTION AND PREVENTION WITH REGARD TO THE COUNTRY'S INTERNAL SECURITY."

6. (LOU) A STRINGER FOR PROMINENT U.S.

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PUBLICATIONS TOLD US THAT THE FOREIGN PRESS CORPS SEES THE GOP STATEMENTS AS QUITE MENACING AND IS CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT THEY WILL MEAN. THE GOP, HOWEVER, HAS NOT IMPLEMENTED SPECIFIC MEASURES TO SCRUTINIZE THEIR REPORTS OR CALL INTO QUESTION "FALSE" STORIES.

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7. (C) COMMENT: THE PRIME MINISTER'S "CLARIFICATION" NOTWITHSTANDING, THE GOP HAS WARNED THE PRESS ONCE AGAIN ABOUT REPORTING ON POTENTIALLY EMBARRASSING ISSUES. WITH ACTIVE SUITS AGAINST TWO MAGAZINE EDITORS, THE PRESS HARDLY NEEDED A REMINDER.
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