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CHARGE DELIVERED LETTER FROM A/S ARONSON TO PRIME/FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA PUENTE CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES LATE JANUARY 28. DE LA PUENTE WAS VERY APPRECIATIVE OF ARONSON'S UNDERSTANDING ATTITUDE TOWARD PERU AND SAID GOP WANTS TO BE RESPONSIVE TO HIM ON THE ISSUES

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RAISED IN THE LETTER. ICRC IS NEARLY SETTLED; CARLOS CHIPOCO'S NAME COULD BE CLEARED SOON; AMERICAS WATCH IS CERTAINLY NOT VIEWED BY GOP AS A SENDERO SUPPORTER. ON BARRIOS ALTOS HE SEEMED TO PROMISE SOME ACTION SOON. CHARGE, WHO ALSO DELIVERED DEMARCHE ON PRESS FREEDOM, STRESSED THAT GOP NEEDS TO CONVEY A NEW IMAGE OF ITSELF IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS AREA. FUJIMORI'S PROMISE TO REDUCE VIOLATIONS TO ZERO IN 1993 IS WELCOME, BUT GOP NEEDS TO MAKE CLEAR THAT VIOLATORS CAN NOT EXPECT A TOLERANT ATTITUDE FROM THE CASE WILL AUTHORITIES. DE LA PUENTE HOPES BE WRAPPED UP VERY SOON. END SUMMARY

CHARGE MET LATE ON JANUARY 28 WITH PRIME/ FOREIGH MINISTER OSCAR DE LA PUENTE TO DELIVER LETTER FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARONSON CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES IN PERU. DIRGEN VILLARAN, CHEF DE CABINET STIGLICH AND A

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- AFTER READING THE LETTER, BUT NOT SHARING IT WITH HIS COLLEAGUES, DE LA PUENTE SAID THAT HE AND THE PRESIDENT HAVE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED ARONSON'S UNDERSTANDING OF PERU AND COMMITMENT TO HELP THE COUNTRY THROUGH ITS CRISIS. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD AS WELL THE CONCERNS THAT LED ARONSON TO ADDRESS THIS LETTER. HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT IS FULLY COMMITTED TO RESPONDING TO OUR CONCERNS OVER HUMAN RIGHT ISSUES.
- 5. DE LA PUENTE NOTED GOP ACTION ON A NUMBER OF CASES WE HAD RAISED, SUCH AS THE RAMIREZ CASE IN CUSCO. RAMIREZ WAS RELEASED IN DECEMBER. IN MANY SUCH CASES, HOWEVER, THE GOP IS CONSTRAINED BY JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE. HERE, HE CITED THE MAGNO SOSA CASE WHICH IS IN THE HANDS OF THE THE GOP CANNOT INTERFERE, ALTHOUGH HE DID MENTION THAT CHARGES AGAINST MAGNO SOSA ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING DISMISSED.
- 6. DE LA PUENTE SAID THAT THE ICRC PRISON ACCESS ISSUE IS VIRTUALLY RESOLVED. THE GOP EXPECTS THE CURRENT ICRC DELEGATE TO BE REPLACED

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SOON AND THIS WILL CLEAR THE PATH TO REESTABLISHING ACCESS. DE LA PUENTE DID NOT ADDRESS CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ACCESS WOULD BE GRANTED, BUT CLEARLY THOUGHT THE ISSUE WAS SETTLED. HE SAW NO REASON WHY CARLOS CHIPOCO'S NAME COULD NOT BE CLEARED AND SUGGESTED THIS



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7. "ON THE LAST PARAGRAPH, THERE MAY BE ACTION SOON," DE LA PUENTE SAID. HE WAS PRESUMABLY REFERRING TO THE PARAGRAPH ON BARRIOS ALTOS, THE LAST ONE MENTIONING A SPECIFIC CASE, BUT WAS NOT APPARENTLY WILLING TO SHARE ITS NAME WITH HIS COLLEAGUES. HE SAID THAT THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR HAD MADE A "SHORT STATEMENT" AT THE TIME OF THE EVENT, BUT MORE COULD OCCUR SOON. HE OFFERED NO MORE.



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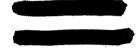
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- CHARGE SAID WE WERE HEARTENED BY PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S COMMITMENT TO REDUCE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS TO ZERO BY THE END OF 1993. RECENTLY STATED COMMITMENT IS IN KEEPING WITH THE PRESIDENT'S STRONG PUBLIC AND PRIVATE STATEMENTS AFFIRMING HIS SUPPORT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. THIS ISSUE WILL REMAIN, ALONG WITH DEMOCRACY, AT THE CENTER OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP.
- ON THE RETURN TO DEMOCRACY, CHARGE SAID EMBASSY IS VERY IMPRESSED, AND IS SO REPORTING TO WASHINGTON, BY THE GOOD START BEING MADE IN THE CONSTITUENT CONGRESS. CONGRESS PRESIDENT YOSHIYAMA HAD MADE AN ADMIRABLE EFFORT TO DRAW OPPOSITION PARTIES INTO THE REAL WORK OF THE CONGRESS, AS INDICATED IN THE CHOOSING OF THREE OPPOSITION MEMBERS TO HEAD COMMITTEES AND OTHERS TO SERVE AS COMMITTEE VICE PRESIDENTS. WE LOOK FORWARD, CHARGE SAID, TO CONTINUED PROGRESS IN THAT AREA.
- ON HUMAN RIGHTS, HOWEVER, MORE DECISIVE ACTION IS NEEDED. WE WERE ENCOURAGED BY THE SIGNFICIANT DROP IN SERIOUS VIOLATIONS THAT OCCURRED FROM MID-1991. THAT WAS VERY GOOD NEWS WHICH MADE POWERFUL ARGUMENTS IN WASHINGTON FOR FREEING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. SINCE THEN, HOWEVER, THE MONTHLY AVERAGES HAVE REMAINED THE THIS IS NO LONGER GOOD NEWS, BUT OLD

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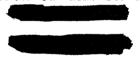
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PAGE 03 LIMA 01080 02 OF 03 282332Z NEWS. THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITMENT TO REDUCE VIOLATIONS TO ZERO WILL NEED TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN PRACTICE IF WE ARE TO MAKE COGENT ARGUMENTS TO REESTABLISH OUR FULL COOPERATION.

CHARGE SAID THAT THE GOP NEEDED TO FOCUS ON ACTIONS THAT DEMONSTRATED ITS COMMITMENT -- BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD -- TO IMPROVE HUMAN RIGHTS AND NOT TOLERATE THEIR VIOLATION BY ANYONE. HE RECALLED THE UNHAPPY EXPERIENCE OF THE UNITED STATES WITH INCIDENTS LIKE THE ONE AT CAYARA. IN OUR EXPERIENCE, WHICH WAS TRAUMATIC FOR MANY AND FOR THE SAME REASONS THAT PERU'S EXPERIENCES HAVE BEEN TRAUMATIC, WE FOUND THAT IDENTIFYING AND PURSUING THOSE RESPONSIBLE HAD THE LONG TERM EFFECT OF CHANGING ATTITUDES AMONG THOSE IN OUR ARMED SERVICES WHO DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE ISSUE IN ITS FULL COMPLEXITY. FOR HAVING TAKEN THE DIFFICULT STEPS OF IDENTIFYING THE WRONG-DOERS, WE HAVE CREATED A NEW ATMOSPHERE. PERU CAN DO THE SAME, MAKING CLEAR TO THE MEMBERS OF ITS SECURITY FORCES THAT VIOLATORS OF HUMAN RIGHTS CANNOT EXPECT PROFESSIONAL REWARDS, BUT ONLY DISGRACE. WE HAVE ASKED FOR ACTION ON THE NINE CASES IN THIS SPIRIT. THE GOP'S IDENTIFYING THOSE RESPONSIBLE AND MOVING TO DISCIPLINE THEM WILL CONVINCE DOUBTERS THAT IT IS PREPARED TO MAKE GOOD ON ITS COMMITMENTS.

12. IN THIS MEETING CHARGE ALSO DELIVERED TALKING POINTS ON FREEDOM OF THE PRESS PROVIDED



PAGE 04 LIMA 01080 02 OF 03 282332Z IN REF B. WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT ANY READER OF THE LIMA PRESS WOULD HAVE A HARD TIME CONCLUDING THAT PRESS FREEDOM IS LIMITED, HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE GOVERNMENT CANNOT ALLOW ARGUMENTS TO BE MADE THAT FREEDOM IS CONSTRAINED. INTEMPERATE OFFICIAL REACTIONS TO DISTASTEFUL REPORTING IS HIGHLY DAMAGING TO THE GOVERNMENT'S IMAGE. DE LA PUENTE SAID THAT THE

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GOP'S COMMITMENT TO PRESS FREEDOM IS UNDIMINISHED. HE SAID THAT HIGHLY IRRESPONSIBLE REPORTING BY "CARETAS" HAD BEEN DEALT WITH PROPERLY IN THE COURTS. WHEN A JOURNAL FABRICATES NEWS, AS "CARETAS" DID, IT DESERVES TO BE SANCTIONED. CHARGE LEFT DE LA PUENTE A COPY OF THE DEPARTMENT'S TALKING POINTS.

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THE JUDICIARY, DE LA PUENTE SAID THE GOVERNMENT IS FRUSTRATED BUT CANNOT SIMPLY IMPOSE ITS WILL EVEN WHEN CLEAR INJUSTICES HAVE OCCURRED. HE CITED THE _______ CASE AS AN EXAMPLE. HE SAID GOP HOPES, NONETHELESS, THAT THIS CASE WILL BE CLEARED UP VERY SOON. JAIME STIGLICH NOTED THAT A COURT HEARING WILL BE HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, AND COULD RESULT IN _______ RELEASE. CHARGE SAID ______ HAD ASKED HIM TO MEET WITH THE COURT AS A SIGNAL OF USG CONCERN. CHARGE SAID HE HAD DECIDED AGAINST THIS SINCE NO MATTER WHAT WAS SAID, SUCH A CALL WOULD BE TAKEN AS GROSS INTERFERENCE. DE LA PUENTE SAID THAT

14. COMMENT: AS IN THE PAST, THE GOP CANNOT BE LEFT IN ANY DOUBT AS TO HOW WE VIEW THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE. DE LA PUENTE APPEARS TO WANT TO BE RESPONSIVE.
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