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REF: LIMA 5528 AND PREVIOUS

CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR JOHN HAMILTON FOR REASONS 1.5 B AND D.

1. (S) SUMMARY: THE PRESS REPORTS THAT DE FACTO
 INTELLIGENCE CHIEF VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS IS IN MILITARY

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CUSTODY. BUT THERE HAS BEEN NO GOP CONFIRMATION. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] PERU POSSIBLE LEADER ALEJANDRO TOLEDO RETURNED TO LIMA SEPTEMBER 17, MET WITH OPPOSITION PARTY REPRESENTATIVES, AND WILL HOLD A RALLY THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 18. OPPOSITION LEADERS ANNOUNCED EARLY SEPTEMBER 18 A BOYCOTT OF CONGRESS AND THE OAS DIALOGUE UNTIL MONTESINOS IS ARRESTED. TOLEDO TOLD AMBASSADOR THERE WERE SEVERAL ELECTION SCENARIOS THAT COULD BE WORKED OUT THROUGH THE OAS AND SUGGESTED A HIGH-LEVEL OAS MISSION. SOME 30 PERU 2000 LEGISLATORS MET THE PRESIDENT THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 17 TO DISCUSS A CONSENSUS CANDIDATE BUT DID NOT ANNOUNCE AN AGREEMENT. END SUMMARY

TOLEDO'S BACK, HE'S RUNNING, BUT FIRST THINGS FIRST

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2. (C) PERU POSSIBLE LEADER ALEJANDRO TOLEDO CUT SHORT HIS TRIP ABROAD AND RETURNED TO LIMA SEPTEMBER 17. HE TOLD THE AMBASSADOR SEPTEMBER 18 THAT OPPOSITION LEADERS HAD MET THE PREVIOUS EVENING AND DISCUSSED A UNIFIED RESPONSE TO THE CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION. THE GROUP HAD ISSUED A STATEMENT ANNOUNCING A BOYCOTT OF CONGRESSIONAL PLENARY SESSIONS AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS, AND THE OAS DIALOGUE UNTIL MONTESINOS HAD BEEN ARRESTED AND CHARGED. TOLEDO, WHO WAS JOINED BY PERU POSSIBLE LEGISLATOR LUIS SOLARI, ADVISORS DIEGO GARCIA SAYAN AND ALVARO VARGAS LLOSA, AND TOLEDO'S WIFE, ELIANE KARP, TOLD AMBASSADOR THE CURRENT PERIOD WAS FULL OF UNCERTAINTIES THAT NEEDED TO BE ADDRESSED TO AVOID POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INSTABILITY. MONTESINOS, HE SAID, STILL ENJOYED SUPPORT FROM THE MILITARY COMMAND AND PRESENTED A CHALLENGE. TOLEDO EXPLAINED HE AND HIS ADVISORS WERE ALSO LOOKING AT DIFFERENT PATHS TO NEW ELECTIONS. IT WOULD PROBABLY BE NECESSARY FOR POLITICAL (VICE CONSTITUTIONAL) MEASURES TO DEAL WITH THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. FOR THE PRESENT, IT WAS NECESSARY TO SET A DATE FOR ELECTIONS AND AGREE ON REFORMS TO ELECTORAL INSTITUTIONS TO REDUCE UNCERTAINTY AND PRODUCE CONFIDENCE THAT THE NEXT ELECTIONS WILL BE LEGITIMATE.

3. (C) THE AMBASSADOR TOLD TOLEDO PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S ANNOUNCEMENT WAS A POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT, WHICH THE U.S. SUPPORTED. HE ADDED THAT ALL USG AGENCIES WERE ON BOARD IN

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SUPPORT OF FUJIMORI'S DECISION. THE U.S. ALSO URGED ALL PARTIES TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS THROUGH THE OAS, WHICH REPRESENTED A PATH TO ADDRESS THE REFORMS NEEDED TO CLEAR THE WAY TO ELECTIONS. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THERE COULD BE

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TRADEOFFS BETWEEN THE DESIRE TO CARRY OUT REFORMS PRIOR TO ELECTIONS AND THE DESIRE TO HOLD ELECTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE OPTIMUM SOLUTION WOULD PROVIDE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE AND A TIMELY SOLUTION TO THE CURRENT SITUATION. TOLEDO AGREED. ADVISOR GARCIA SAYAN WONDERED WHETHER A HIGH-LEVEL OAS MISSION TO CONVOKE GOP, OPPOSITION, AND CIVIL SOCIETY WOULD BE HELPFUL. THE AMBASSADOR SAID WE WERE ENCOURAGING EXACTLY THAT.

4. (C) ACCORDING TO SOMOS PERU CONTACTS WHO ATTENDED THE 9/17 MEETING, OPPOSITION LEADERS FOCUSED ONLY BRIEFLY ON TOLEDO'S CALL FOR A UNIFIED OPPOSITION CANDIDATE. (EARLIER, MORAL INDEPENDENCE FRONT (FIM) LEADER FERNANDO OLIVERA AND SOMOS PERU CHIEF (AND LIMA MAYOR) ALBERTO ANDRADE HAD SAID THEY WERE PREPARED (IF CALLED) TO LEAD PERU, WHILE TOLEDO TOLD AN INTERVIEWER IN THE U.S. "I WILL BE PRESIDENT.") ACCORDING TO SOURCES IN THE 9/17 MEETING, TOLEDO'S SUPPORTERS LOBBIED FOR BACKING TOLEDO AS THE OPPOSITION'S CANDIDATE, BUT THE LEADERS AGREED TO PUT OFF ANY DECISION FOR THE MOMENT. TOLEDO ANNOUNCED HE WOULD ADDRESS A RALLY 9/18 AND CONFIRMED TO US THAT THIS WOULD BE A PERU POSSIBLE EVENT, "ALTHOUGH OTHERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND," HE SAID.

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5. (C) ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, SOME 30 PERU 2000
LEGISLATORS MET FUJIMORI AT THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE
SEPTEMBER 17. ALL PERU 2000 FACTION LEADERS WERE PRESENT,
INCLUDING ABSALON VASQUEZ, MARTA CHAVEZ, MARTA HILDEBRANDT,
AND FRANCISCO TUDELA.

THE
MEETING WENT LATE INTO THE NIGHT AND ADDRESSED THE
POSSIBILITY OF A CONSENSUS RULING PARTY CANDIDATE AND
NECESSARY LEGAL STEPS FOR PREPARING NEW ELECTIONS.
ACCORDING TO THIS SOURCE, PARTICIPANTS MENTIONED TUDELA
AND VASQUEZ AS POSSIBLE CHOICES WITHOUT REACHING ANY
CONCLUSIONS. TUDELA, HOWEVER, SAID PUBLICLY SEPTEMBER 18
HE WOULD NOT RUN FOR PRESIDENT OR CONGRESS. ABSALON
VASQUEZ SUGGESTED IN PRESS REMARKS THE SAME DAY THAT
THE OAS CONVOKE A MEETING OF THE GOVERNMENT, OPPOSITION,
AND CIVIL SOCIETY TO DISCUSS HOW TO IMPLEMENT NEW ELECTIONS.
VASQUEZ MADE NO MENTION OF RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT, HOWEVER.

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MONTESINOS REPORTEDLY ARRESTED, BUT NO DETENTION ORDER

6. (SBU) AT 1300 LOCAL, PERUVIAN NATIONAL RADIO ANNOUNCED THAT MILITARY FORCES HAD DETAINED MONTESINOS. THE GOP HAS NOT CONFIRMED THIS, HOWEVER. NEWS REPORTS ALSO SAID THAT MONTESINOS'S SISTER HAD PRESENTED A HABEAS CORPUS MOTION ON HIS BEHALF, NAMING PRESIDENT OF THE JOINT COMMAND GENERAL

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VILLA NUEVA RUESTA AS THE RECIPIENT. LATE IN THE DAY, CONGRESSIONAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE CHAIR LUIS DELGADO APARICIO DENIED THERE WAS A DETENTION ORDER AGAINST MONTESINOS OR LEGISLATOR ALBERTO KOURI, WHO WAS FILMED TAKING MONEY FROM MONTESINOS. HUMAN RIGHTS OMBUDSMAN JORGE SANTISTEVAN ASSERTED TO THE PRESS THAT CIVILIAN POLICE WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DETAINING MONTESINOS ONCE AN ORDER WAS ISSUED FOR HIS DETENTION.

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8. (SBU) MEANWHILE, A GROUP OF SOMOS PERU LEGISLATORS GATHERED OUTSIDE SIN HEADQUARTERS IN LIMA AND WERE TRYING IN VAIN TO GAIN ENTRY TO CONFIRM WHETHER MONTESINOS HAD BEEN DETAINED. SOMOS PERU CONGRESSWOMAN ANEL TOWNSEND TOLD THE PRESS THIS TREATMENT INDICATED THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES HAD NOT BEEN "DEACTIVATED." SHE SPECULATED THAT THE MILITARY WAS PROTECTING MONTESINOS.

9. (C) COMMENT: UNCERTAINTY ABOUT MONTESINOS CONTINUES TO BE A SOURCE OF WILD SPECULATION AND A STICKING POINT. UNTIL THE OPPOSITION CAN BE ASSURED THAT AN ACTIVE INVESTIGATION IS UNDERWAY, THERE WILL LIKELY BE LITTLE MOVEMENT TOWARD A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE. MEANWHILE, TOLEDO AND OTHERS SUCH FIM'S FERNANDO OLIVERA HAVE BEGUN CAMPAIGNING WITHOUT OPENLY DECLARING THEIR CANDIDACY. OLD COMPETITIVE RIVALRIES AMONG OPPOSITION CANDIDATES HAVE EMERGED. BY CONTRAST, ON THE GOP SIDE, NO ONE HAS EXPRESSED A PUBLIC DESIRE TO SUCCEED FUJIMORI. TUDELA'S

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REFUSAL TO COMPETE NARROWS THE FIELD (FOR NOW), AND IT IS NOT CLEAR WHO REMAINS IN THE RUNNING. TWO DAYS AFTER

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PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S ANNOUNCEMENT, A NUMBER OF ELECTION
SCENARIOS REMAIN OPEN.

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