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 FOR COUP PLOTTERS AND A LONG ROAD TO
 RESTORING REGIME CONFIDENCE

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2. SUMMARY:
 EXPECTS HARSH SENTENCES AND NO PARDONS
 FOR RINGLEADERS OF THE NOVEMBER 13 COUP. HE SAW
 NO EARLY HOPE FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY, EXPECTING
 THE CAPITAL REPATRIATION PROCESS TO REQUIRE
 DECADES OF CONFIDENCE BUILDING BEFORE IT
 OCCURS. WAS ALSO CONCERNED LOW SALARIES
 WOULD UNDERMINE THE MILITARY AS AN INSTITUTION.
 END SUMMARY.

PLOTTERS FAILED AND BROKE RANKS

CONVICTED AND BE GIVEN HEAVY SENTENCES. GENERAL JAIME SALINAS SEDO AND OTHER TOP PLOTTERS, HE EXPECTED, WOULD BE GIVEN THE STIFFEST SENTENCES, PERHAPS UP TO 10-15 YEARS IN PRISON. LESSER PLOTTERS WOULD, HE ANTICIPATED, RECEIVE CORRESPONDINGLY LIGHTER PRISON TERMS. AT SOME POINT HE EXPECTED THE LOWER-RANKING PLOTTERS TO BE PARDONED, BUT HE DID NOT FORESEE PRESIDENT FUJIMORI GRANTING ANY CLEMENCY TO GENERALS SALINAS, PASTOR AND OTHER LEADERS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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SAID HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE RATIONALE BEHIND THE COUP. SALINAS WAS ONE OF THE ARMY'S MOST INTELLIGENT AND CAPABLE GENERALS AND SHOULD HAVE REALIZED HIS PLOT HAD LITTLE CHANCE OF SUCCESS. FOR EQUALLY AS DISHEARTENING AS THE COUP ATTEMPT WAS ITS BREAK WITH THREE DECADES OF EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT WHEN THE ARMY MOVED, IT MOVED AS A UNIT. THE SALINAS COUP ATTEMPT BROUGHT BACK MEMORIES OF THE BY-GONE ERA WHEN DISGRUNTLED COLONELS AND BASE COMMANDERS WOULD MARCH ON THE CAPITAL TO TRY TO BRING THE GOVERNMENT DOWN,
MAKING THEM AN EXAMPLE

5. THE ARREST, DETENTION, TRIAL--AND EXPECTED HEAVY SENTENCES--OF THE COUP PLOTTERS WAS CLEARLY AN ATTEMPT BY FUJIMORI TO MAKE AN EXAMPLE OF THE GROUP AND FORESTALL FUTURE COUP ATTEMPTS. HE WAS NOT SURE IT WOULD SUCCEED. THE ARREST OF GENERAL SALINAS BY POLICE AND THE SUBSEQUENT DETENTION OF THE LEADERS IN CIVILIAN PRISONS BROKE ALL MILITARY PROTOCOL.

YOU DO NOT HAVE POLICE ARRESTING GENERALS," HE SAID. UNDER MILITARY PROTOCOL, ONLY A FELLOW GENERAL CAN ARREST A COLLEAGUE. SUGGESTED THAT

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THESE SLIGHTS WOULD CAUSE LINGERING DISCONTENT TO SIMMER BELOW THE SURFACE IN THE MILITARY. WHILE THIS WAS NOT A THREAT TO FUJIMORI IN

ITSELF, IT WOULD BECOME A FACTOR IF OTHER ELEMENTS COMBINED TO WORK AGAINST THE REGIME:

SALARIES AND MORALE

6. ASKED ABOUT THE STATE OF THE MILITARY, [] COMPLAINED ABOUT THE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS FACING MILITARY OFFICERS TODAY. POINTEDLY NOTING THAT PRESIDENT FUJIMORI HAD JUST RAISED SALARIES AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, []

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WONDERED RHETORICALLY WHY HE DID NOT DO THE SAME
FOR THE MILITARY. WHILE INSISTING THAT
PERUVIANS BECAME OFFICERS OUT OF A HIGHER SENSE

OF CALLING AND NOT TO BECOME WEALTHY MORALES

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NEVERTHELESS SAID OFFICERS' SALARIES TODAY WERE
TOO LOW TO ADEQUATELY SUPPORT OFFICERS AND THEIR
FAMILIES. THIS WAS HAVING A SERIOUS IMPACT ON
MORALE AND ON THE QUALITY AND NUMBERS OF
INCOMING OFFICERS, HE SAID.

7. [redacted] WAS WORRIED THE ARMY WAS NO LONGER
ATTRACTING "THE BEST AND THE BRIGHTEST." WHEN
HE WAS ACCEPTED AT THE MILITARY ACADEMY,
[redacted] RECALLED, THERE WERE THIRTY OR MORE
APPLICANTS FOR EACH SLOT. JUST BEING ACCEPTED
FOR ADMISSION BROUGHT A SENSE OF
ACCOMPLISHMENT. IN CONTRAST, HE CONTINUED,
TODAY AT BEST ONLY ONE OR TWO APPLICANTS PER
OPENING. [redacted] PRAISED THE ARMY ACADEMY'S
CURRENT COMMANDANT. THE COMMANDANT WAS WORKING
"MIRACLES" WITH HIS BUDGET, PROVIDING CADETS
WITH THREE ACCEPTABLE MEALS A DAY ON A BUDGET OF
JUST 3 SOLES (ABOUT DOLS. 1.75). HAVING
RECENTLY RETURNED TO THE ACADEMY WITH OTHER
SENIOR OFFICERS TO SPEND TIME WITH THE CADETS,
[redacted] RATED THE FOOD AS GOOD, CADET MORALE
HIGH, AND THE ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION EXCELLENT.

8. ASKED BY CHARGE IF THE PERUVIAN MILITARY
COULD BETTER CONCENTRATE ITS RESOURCES BY
DOWNSIZING, [redacted] SAID NO. THE CURRENT
STRUGGLE AGAINST SUBVERSION AND DRUG TRAFFICKERS
WAS A VERY LABOR AND RESOURCE INTENSIVE EFFORT.

RESTORING CONFIDENCE IN THE SYSTEM

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9. [redacted] EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE
CONTINUING ECONOMIC "RECESSION" AFFECTING PERU.
PERUVIANS WERE NOT RETURNING THEIR CAPITAL TO
THE COUNTRY, HE SAID. ASKED ABOUT THE
CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH PERUVIANS MIGHT BEGIN TO
REPATRIATE OFFSHORE FUNDS [redacted] WAS
PESSIMISTIC. "IT WOULD TAKE FIVE OR SIX
SUCCESSIVE -- NOT RE-ELECTED --
ADMINISTRATIONS," HE DECLARED, TO RESTORE ENOUGH
CONFIDENCE IN THE SYSTEM FOR PERUVIANS TO BRING
BACK THEIR OFFSHORE FUNDS. ASKING FOREIGN
INVESTORS TO DO WHAT PERUVIANS THEMSELVES WERE

UNWILLING TO DO WAS A PROBLEM ADMITTED,
THAT HINDERED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

HUMAN RIGHTS

10. CHARGE STRESSED TC. THE
IMPORTANCE OF MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS IN THE HUMAN
RIGHTS BY THE GOVERNMENT. HE REVIEWED IN DETAIL
ADMINISTRATION CONCERNS REGARDING LIMITATIONS ON
FREEDOM OF SPEECH, ICRC ACCESS TO POLITICAL
PRISONERS, THE NEED TO ASSURE IMPARTIALITY AND
JUSTICE IN "SECRET" TRIALS, AND THE NEED FOR
PROGRESS ON OUTSTANDING HUMAN RIGHTS CASES. IN
RESPONSE TO QUESTION IF THE
FUJIMORI ADMINISTRATION WAS AWARE OF USG
CONCERNS, CHARGE BRIEFLY REVIEWED HIS EXTENSIVE

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MISSION EFFORTS TO CONVEY TO PRESIDENT FUJIMORI
AND HIS CONFIDANTS THE URGENCY AND IMPORTANCE OF
IMPROVEMENTS IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS AREA.

11. COMMENT:

MUCH OF HIS CONCERN
WAS WITH PRESERVING THE SEPARATENESS
AND MONASTIC IDENTITY OF THE MILITARY CAME
ACROSS AS HE RECALLED FONDLY HIS "HOMECOMING"
DAYS AT THE ACADEMY WITH THE NEW CADETS.

12. WHAT SEEMS TO UPSET MOST ABOUT THE
NOVEMBER 13 COUP IS THAT IT REFLECTED A
BREAKDOWN IN HIERARCHY AND COMMAND AND CONTROL.

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