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 - PROCEDURES

1. [REDACTED] - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT GARCIA'S ENORMOUS POPULARITY AND VIGOROUS CRUSADING STYLE HAVE LAID HIM OPEN TO CHARGES HE IS TRYING TO IMPLANT DISGUISED DICTATORSHIP, FOUR RECENT DECISIONS BY GARCIA ADMINISTRATION SHOW PRESIDENT IS SENSITIVE TO PUBLIC OPINION AND APPRECIATES NEED TO AVOID PARTISAN EXCESSES. IN RECENT STATEMENTS GARCIA ALSO REITERATED HIS ADMINISTRATION'S COMMITMENT TO COMBAT TERRORISM AND CORRUPTION THROUGH CONSTITUTIONAL AND DEMOCRATIC METHODS. INTRODUCTION OF THIS ELEMENT OF BALANCE IS IMPORTANT IN MAINTAINING MEASURE OF SERENITY IN

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PROCESS INVOLVING FUNDAMENTAL REFORMS. END SUMMARY.

3. SINCE INAUGURATION, PRESIDENT GARCIA HAS SUCCEEDED

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IN STIRRING UP STRONG POPULAR SUPPORT FOR HIS ADMINISTRATION'S COMMITMENT TO CLEANSE PERUVIAN SOCIETY OF SUCH EVILS AS OFFICIAL CORRUPTION, NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING, ETC. HIS VIGOROUS CRUSADING STYLE HAS LAID HIM OPEN TO CHARGES THAT HE IS SECRETLY TRYING TO IMPLANT A DISGUISED DICTATORSHIP, UNDER COVER OF UNPRECEDENTED POPULAR SUPPORT. RECENT STATEMENTS AND DECISIONS IA AND HIS ADMINISTRATION STRONGLY INDICATE THAT HE IS SENSITIVE TO SUCH CHARGES AND SEEKS TO BE SEEN AS A DEMOCRATIC LEADER SENSITIVE TO PUBLIC OPINION, GUARDIAN OF THE CONSTITUTION, AND A STATESMANLIKE FOE OF PARTISAN EXCESSES, GUERRILLA VIOLENCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

4. RECENT STATEMENTS AND DECISIONS BY THE GARCIA ADMINISTRATION MERITED THE PRAISE OF EVEN HIS POLITICAL OPPONENTS. FOUR INCIDENTS LAST WEEK WERE NOTEWORTHY IN THIS REGARD:

-- THE FIRING OF THE ZEALOUSLY PARTISAN DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICIAL GOP DAILY, LA CRONICA, AFTER THE OPPOSITION VOICED CHARGES THAT THE APRISTA APPOINTEE HAD TRIED TO USE THE NEWSPAPER AS A PARTISAN PARTY ORGAN;

-- THE FIRING OF NATIONAL PRISONS INSTITUTE (INPE) DIRECTOR PALOMINO, FOR HAVING DECLARED THAT HE CONSIDERED JAILED TERRORISTS TO BE POLITICAL PRISONERS. GARCIA PUBLICLY CONTRADICTED PALOMINO AND SAI JAILED TERRORISTS WERE HELD BECAUSE THEY HAD

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COMMITTED CRIMINAL ACTS.

-- DISAVOWAL BY APRA FACTION IN CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES OF "PREMATURE CONSTITUTIONAL ACCUSATIONS" MADE BY APRISTA DEPUTIES MANUAL ANGEL DEL POMAR AND MOISES TAMBINI DEL VALLE AGAINST SUPREME COURT MAGISTRATES ALLEGEDLY SUSPECTED OF CORRUPTION; AND

-- A VIBRANT PRESIDENTIAL ORDER GIVING ARMED FORCES SPECIFIC TIMETABLES TO SUBMIT FULL INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS ON ALLEGATIONS OF MASSACRES IN AYACUCHO DEPARTMENT, INVOLVING DEATH OF LARGE NUMBER OF PEASANTS.

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5. PRESIDENT GARCIA SAID DURING A CEREMONIAL SPEECH ON SEPTEMBER 15 THAT HIS ADMINISTRATION WILL TIRELESSLY COMBAT TERRORISM AND CORRUPTION THROUGH CONSTITUTIONAL AND DEMOCRATIC METHODS. HE VOWED THAT THE "MORALIZATION" PROCESS WOULD CONTINUE FULL STEAM, AND ENJOINED PERUVIANS TO JOIN IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST TERRORISM, "IN AN ACT OF DEMOCRATIC FAITH." SPECIFICALLY REFERRING TO JUDICIAL CORRUPTION, GARCIA EXPRESSED VIEW THAT THERE IS AN HISTORICAL MANDATE TO ELIMINATE CORRUPTION, THERE CAN BE NO AUTONOMY." HOWEVER, HE ALSO REITERATED PROMISE THAT "MORALIZATION" OF JUDICIAL SYSTEM WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN STRICT ACCORDANCE WITH CONSTITUTION.

6. COMMENT: ONE OF PRESIDENT GARCIA'S CONCERNS SEEMS TO BE TO AVOID APPEARANCE OF CRUSADING EXCESSES BY GOP OFFICIALS WHO MAY HAVE BECOME INTOXICATED BY THEIR LEADER'S CALLS FOR ACTION.

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HE IS THEREFORE TRYING TO CONVEY A SECOND MESSAGE  
CLEARLY: HIS ADMINISTRATION OPPOSES POLITICAL  
ABUSES OR POLITIZATION BY APRISTAS OF GOP INSTITUTIONS.  
NEITHER WILL IT GIVE CARTE BLANCHE TO THOSE WHO SEEK  
TO HASTEN UNREASONABLY THE "MORALIZATION" PROCESS,  
WHICH GARCIA WANTS TO CARRY OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
CONSTITUTIONAL PROCEDURE. THE INTRODUCTION OF THIS  
ELEMENT OF BALANCE IS IMPORTANT IN TERMS OF MAINTAINING  
A MEASURE OF SERENITY IN PROCESS AND AVOIDING SCARING  
THE CITIZENRY.  
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