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TAGS: PREL, PGOV, CVIS, PHUM, PE  
SUBJECT: FUJIMORI ASKS FOR RETURN OF LUIS ALBERTO EMILIO  
KOURI BUMACHAR (DPOB 06 NOV 59, PERU)

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

1. (C) SUMMARY: PRESIDENT FUJIMORI HAS REQUESTED OUR  
ASSISTANCE IN GETTING LEGISLATOR ALBERTO KOURI BACK TO  
PERU, POSSIBLY VIA VISA REVOCATION/EXPULSION AS OPPOSED TO  
EXTRADITION. KOURI TRAVELED TO DALLAS OCTOBER 26. KOURI  
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IS THE CONGRESSMAN SHOWN ACCEPTING A BRIBE FROM FORMER  
INTELLIGENCE CHIEF VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS IN THE VIDEOTAPE  
THAT BEGAN PERU'S MOST RECENT POLITICAL CRISIS. A CRIMINAL  
COMPLAINT HAS BEEN FILED AGAINST KOURI IN LIMA. ALTHOUGH  
HE CURRENTLY ENJOYS CONGRESSIONAL IMMUNITY, CONGRESS BEGAN  
THE PROCESS OF LIFTING HIS IMMUNITY OCTOBER 26. FOR ACTION  
REQUEST SEE PARAGRAPH 4. END SUMMARY.

2. (C) PRESIDENT FUJIMORI SENT HIS CHIEF OF STAFF, JOSE  
KAMIYA, TO SPEAK WITH THE AMBASSADOR OCTOBER 27. THE  
PRESIDENT, KAMIYA SAID, WANTED USG ASSISTANCE IN GETTING  
PERUVIAN LEGISLATOR ALBERTO KOURI BUMACHAR BACK TO THE  
COUNTRY TO FACE CHARGES IN CONGRESS, AND COMPLAINTS (A  
STAGE BEFORE FORMAL CHARGES ARE LODGED) IN THE CIVILIAN

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COURTS, FOR CORRUPTION, ILLICIT ENRICHMENT AND EMBEZZLEMENT.

3. (C) KOURI FLEW TO DALLAS OCTOBER 26 ON AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT NO. 948 ARRIVING OCTOBER 27. EARLIER THAT DAY, CONGRESS' PERMANENT COMMISSION HAD VOTED TO PROCEED WITH HIS IMPEACHMENT. THE COMMISSION REJECTED AN INTERNAL CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION THAT HAD ABSOLVED KOURI AND INSTEAD APPROVED THE MINORITY'S CONCLUSIONS THAT THERE IS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO PROCEED WITH IMPEACHMENT. HE IS ALSO THE SUBJECT OF A CRIMINAL COMPLAINT LINKING HIM WITH MONTESINOS IN THE BRIBERY SCANDAL.

4. (C) ACTION REQUEST: WE SUSPECT THERE IS LITTLE WE CAN DO UNTIL THE KOURI MATTER PROCEEDS FURTHER THROUGH THE PERUVIAN LEGAL SYSTEM. THAT KOURI CHOSE TO TRAVEL TO THE U.S. GIVES THE IMPRESSION, HOWEVER, OF A U.S. ROLE IN HIS [REDACTED]

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FLIGHT FROM JUSTICE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON LAYING OUT THE OPTIONS (E.G. VISA REVOCATION, RENDITION OR EXTRADITION) AND THE REQUIREMENTS TO JUSTIFY EACH.  
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