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(C) PRESIDENTIAL DECREES FOCUS ON PUBLIC ORDER RESTORATION. PRESIDENT GAVIRIA HAS DECLARED A "STATE OF COMMOTION" AND ISSUED THREE DECREES AS THE FIRST STEP TOWARD IMPLEMENTING HIS ANTI-GUERRILLA/NARCOTICS PLAN. THE FIRST DECREE PROHIBITS DEPARTMENTAL GOVERNORS AND MAYORS FROM HAVING ANY CONTACT WITH PUBLIC ORDER VIOLATORS, MOST NOTABLY NARCOTERRORISTS AND GUERRILLAS. THE SECOND DECREE GRANTS TEMPORARY POWERS TO THE MILITARY TO SERVE AS JUDICIAL POLICE IN REMOTE AREAS WHERE SUCH FORCES DO NOT EXIST. THE THIRD DECREE PROHIBITS THE MEDIA

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FROM RELEASING INTERVIEWS WITH PUBLIC ORDER VIOLATORS AND FROM PUBLISHING ANONYMOUS COMMUNIQUE. EMBASSY COMMENT: THE FIRST TWO DECREES ARE ANCHORED FIRMLY IN THE CONSTITUTION, WHILE THE THIRD IS A MORE AMBIGUOUS INTERPRETATION OF THE CONSTITUTION, AND IS LIKELY TO BE CHALLENGED. (MCCARTHY)

BOLIVIA

(C) COCA LEAF DIPLOMACY AND THE WHO ELECTION. THE GOB'S COCA LEAF DIPLOMACY HAS BECOME ENMESHED IN THE FORTHCOMING WHO ELECTION FOR DIRECTOR GENERAL. DG NAKAJIMA, WHO IS RUNNING FOR REELECTION AND IS COURTING BOLIVIA'S VOTE, HAS AGREED TO SEND LATER THIS MONTH A TEAM OF EXPERTS TO LOOK INTO THE BENEFITS OF COCA. IN A JULY 22 LETTER TO THE BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR TO UN GENEVA, NAKAJIMA SAID THAT A REVIEW OF THE LITERATURE "INDICATES THAT COCA MIGHT HAVE NUTRITIONAL AND THERAPEUTIC VALUES." EMBASSY LA PAZ REQUESTS THAT THE USG ATTEMPT TO ENSURE THAT THE WHO TEAM IS SCIENTIFICALLY OBJECTIVE. (MARCUS)

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VENEZUELA

(C) REFERENDUM ON CAP UNLIKELY. COPEI, THE PRINCIPAL OPPOSITION PARTY, HAS DECIDED TO STOP PUSHING FOR APPROVAL OF ITS RECENT PROPOSAL FOR A NONBINDING REFERENDUM ON CAP'S PERFORMANCE IN OFFICE. COMMENT: COPEI HAS LONG BEEN CAUGHT BETWEEN DISTANCING ITSELF FROM CAP'S UNPOPULAR

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ADMINISTRATION AND THE PARTY'S DESIRE THAT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS NOT BE HELD

EARLY SO PARTY LEADER FERNANDEZ HAS TIME TO IMPROVE HIS MEDIOCRE STANDING IN THE POLLS. MANY VOTERS, HOWEVER, ARE PROBABLY TIRING OF THE PARTY'S REPEATED FLIP-FLOPS. (KAPLAN)

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(C) BUT COULD CAP WIN? ACCORDING TO A SECRET GOV COMMISSIONED OPINION POLL CAP WOULD HAVE A SHOT AT WINNING A REFERENDUM ON HIS PERFORMANCE, IF HE WERE TO CAMPAIGN AGGRESSIVELY. THE POLL SHOWS CAP'S APPROVAL RATING REMAINS EXTREMELY LOW AT 14.7 PERCENT. NEVERTHELESS, IN A VOTE ON WHETHER CAP SHOULD REMAIN IN OFFICE, 39 PERCENT OF THOSE POLLED WOULD SUPPORT CAP WHILE 52 PERCENT WOULD VOTE AGAINST HIM. THE RESULTS ARE MUCH CLOSER WHEN THE SAMPLE IS REDUCED TO LIKELY VOTERS. COMMENT: THE POLL'S CONTRADICTIONARY FINDINGS REFLECT THE AMBIVALENT FEELINGS MOST VENEZUELANAS HAVE FOR THEIR PRESIDENT. IF CAP WERE TO CALL A REFERENDUM AND WIN IT, THE POLITICAL CRISIS WOULD LIKELY BE OVER. NEVERTHELESS, THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT CHANCE CAP WOULD LOSE, AND HE IS UNLIKELY TO TAKE THE RISK. (KAPLAN)

PERU

(U) FUJIMORI ON RELATIONS WITH THE US. BREAKING A LONG SILENCE ON PERU'S RELATIONS WITH THE US, FUJIMORI SAID IN A NOVEMBER 7 SPEECH THAT THESE LINKS "CAN BE PERFECTED." HE RECOGNIZED OUR STRONG INTEREST IN COUNTERNARCOTICS AND HUMAN RIGHTS, AND SAID THAT THE GOP HAS MADE "CONCRETE PROPOSALS" IN THESE AREAS. (WILLIAMSON)

(C) ARRIVAL OF AMBASSADOR LUNA. PERUVIAN CHARGE VALDEZ TOLD PHIL MCLEAN THAT AMBASSADOR LUNA WOULD ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON, DC IN LATE DECEMBER. FOR HIS PART, VALDEZ WILL BE RETURNING TO PERU AT THAT TIME AT THE BEHEST OF FUJIMORI. (WILLIAMSON)

(U) GORRITI OPPOSES U.S. PERU POLICY; BLAMES MONTESINOS. MARK KIRK AND ANNE PATTERSON HAD LUNCH NOVEMBER 11 WITH PRIZE-WINNING PERUVIAN JOURNALIST GUSTAVO GORRITI, WHO WILL BE

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 IN THE U.S. UNTIL JANUARY ON A FELLOWSHIP WITH THE CARNEGIE

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FOUNDATION. GORRITI ARGUES THAT THE U.S. PUSHED FUJIMORI HARD UNTIL THE NASSAU OAS ASSEMBLY, BUT THEN REDUCED ITS PRESSURE. WE TRIED TO CONVINCHE HIM THE USG AND THE OAS HAD EXERTED STEADY PRESSURE ON THE GOP AND WOULD HAVE CONTINUING INFLUENCE OVER FUJIMORI, IF ONLY BECAUSE OF PERU'S NEED FOR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE. GORRITI'S MOST DAMAGING CLAIM TO US (AND NO DOUBT TO HIS FRIENDS IN CONGRESS AND HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE CARNEGIE FOUNDATION) WAS THAT MONTESINOS HAS ACTIVE TIES WITH PERUVIAN DRUG TRAFFICKERS AND BRINGS THEM INTO FREQUENT CONTACT WITH FUJIMORI. HE BELIEVES THE MILITARY, INFLUENCED BY MONTESINOS, SUPPORTED THE APRIL 5 AUTO-GOLPE BECAUSE OF FEARS THAT HIGH-LEVEL MILITARY LEADERS WOULD BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES. BUT HE SAID THAT ALEC WATSON HAD PREVENTED A COUP AGAINST ALAN GARCIA AND OUR INFLUENCE WAS QUITE STRONG. GORRITI WANTS MONTESINOS' RESIGNATION AS A POSITIVE SIGN OF FUJIMORI'S COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY. (PATTERSON)

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