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SUBJECT: NSC REVIEW OF COUNTER-NARCOTICS OPERATIONS IN PERU

1. S [REDACTED] ENTIRE TEXT.
2. SUMMARY: THE PRESIDENT AUTHORIZED A "MAINTENANCE OPTION" IN PERU WHEREBY SECURITY UP-GRADES NOW IN PROGRESS FOR SANTA LUCIA WOULD PROCEED APACE, AND BE ACCELERATED IF

POSSIBLE, SO THAT US SUPPORTED COUNTER-NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES MAY RESUME. HE ALSO DIRECTED THAT THE EMBASSY EXPLORE ENHANCED ACTIVITIES THAT MIGHT BE FUNDED BY ADDITIONAL MILITARY ASSISTANCE WITH PERUVIANS, AND REPORT BACK SO THAT THE NSC MAY REVISIT THE ISSUE WITHIN THE NEXT THREE WEEKS. END SUMMARY.

3. THE PRESIDENT CHAIRED A MEETING OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL ON MAY 25 TO REVIEW COUNTER-NARCOTICS OPERATIONS IN PERU (AMONG OTHER ITEMS). A PROPOSAL TO ENHANCE USG FUNDED OPERATIONS THROUGH AID TO THE PERUVIAN MILITARY WAS OUTLINED WITH THE PRESIDENT DECIDING TO: A) DO ALL THAT COULD BE DONE TO ENSURE PROPER SECURITY AT THE POLICE BASE IN SANTA LUCIA SO THAT OUR PRE-FEBRUARY 10 EFFORTS IN INTERDICTION AND ERADICATION MAY RESUME; AND B) AUTHORIZE THE EMBASSY TO EXPLORE THE PROSPECTS FOR ENHANCED OPERATIONS VIA INCREASED MILITARY AID.
4. THE NSC WILL REVISIT THE PROPOSAL FOR ENHANCEMENTS WITHIN THE NEXT THREE WEEKS, AND THE EMBASSY IS INSTRUCTED TO CONSULT WITH THE GOP ON AN URGENT BASIS. YOU SHOULD ASCERTAIN, WITHOUT MAKING CONCRETE COMMITMENTS, WHETHER OR NOT THE GOP IS WILLING TO INVOLVE THE PERUVIAN MILITARY ACTIVELY AGAINST NARCOTICS OR NARCOTICS RELATED TARGETS IN THE UHV. THE INVOLVEMENT MIGHT BE DIRECT, OR INDIRECT THROUGH PROVISION OF INDEPTH PROTECTION FROM SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) TO POLICE FORCES ENGAGED IN THIS WORK. IF THE GOP IS WILLING TO COMMIT ITSELF IN THIS FASHION, THEN THE US WOULD CONSIDER PROVIDING ADDITIONAL MILITARY ASSISTANCE.
5. YOU SHOULD ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT, WITH AS MUCH SPECIFICITY AS POSSIBLE, JUST HOW THE GOP WOULD EMPLOY THE MILITARY AND THE DEGREE TO WHICH THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO OPERATE AGAINST NARCOTICS OR NARCOTICS RELATED OBJECTIVES. DO THEY SEE THEIR ROLE AS ONE OF OPERATING EXCLUSIVELY AGAINST SL, OR IS THERE A POSSIBILITY OF MILITARY ACTION AGAINST TRAFFICKER AIRCRAFT AND THE DRUG TRANSPORTATION NETWORK? FINALLY, TO WHAT EXTENT WOULD THE MILITARY BE WILLING TO COOPERATE WITH AND ASSIST THE POLICE AND THE US IN SECURING ANTI-DRUG OPERATIONS (INCLUDING THOSE BASED AT SANTA LUCIA) FROM GUERRILLA ATTACK?
6. WHILE YOU MAY NOT COMMIT SPECIFIC RESOURCES, YOU SHOULD BE AWARE FOR YOUR OWN BACKGROUND THAT THE NSC IS CONSIDERING MILITARY ASSISTANCE IN THE USD 100 MILLION RANGE OVER FIVE YEARS. PLEASE BE AS SPECIFIC AND AS REALISTIC AS POSSIBLE IN DETAILING EXACTLY WHAT WE CAN EXPECT THE GOP TO DO WITH SUCH ASSISTANCE.

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7. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, THE NSC NEEDS THE EMBASSY'S JUDGMENT/ANALYSIS OF THE FEASIBILITY OF CARRYING OUT THE

ENHANCED INITIATIVE GIVEN THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN PERU. EMBASSY SHOULD GIVE PARTICULAR ATTENTION IN ITS ANALYSIS TO: THE MILITARY'S HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD AND POTENTIAL FOR DRUG CORRUPTION, THE ABILITY AND WILL OF THE PERUVIAN MILITARY TO WORK WITH THE POLICE, AND THE EFFECT OF SUCH AID ON THE POLITICAL STABILITY OF THE COUNTRY. WILL SUCH AID AFFORD US ADDITIONAL LEVERAGE TO DISCOURAGE A MILITARY COUP, OR WOULD SUCH ASSISTANCE HAVE THE UNDESIRABLE EFFECT OF HELPING THE MILITARY OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT BY PROVIDING THEM WITH EXTRA RESOURCES?

8. THE PRESIDENT STATED HIS INTENTION TO DO ALL THAT IS POSSIBLE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DRUG CONTROL PROGRAM IN PERU. ALL CONCERNED AGENCIES SHOULD THEREFORE MOVE AHEAD ON SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS FOR SANTA LUCIA SO THAT WE MAY RESUME OPERATIONS WHILE THE WIDER OPTIONS ARE DISCUSSED.  
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