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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT GARCIA WINS BROAD SUPPORT FOR RAIDS  
AGAINST THREE UNIVERSITIES

REF: (A) LIMA 1758, (B) LIMA 1781 N  
1. (C) SUMMARY: OF 793 PERSONS DETAINED DURING THE  
FEBRUARY 13 ANTI-TERRORIST RAIDS AGAINST THREE LIMA  
UNIVERSITIES, 273 PERSONS WERE STILL BEING DETAINED  
ON FEBRUARY 16. THESE DETAINEES ARE SUSPECTED  
TERRORISTS, HAVE PRIOR ARREST RECORDS FOR SUBVERSIVE  
ACTIVITIES, OR LACK IDENTIFICATION. THREE POLICEMEN  
WERE WOUNDED AND ONE NIGHT WATCHMAN WAS KILLED IN THE  
SAN MARCOS RAID. THE RAIDS APPEAR TO ENJOY WIDESPREAD  
SUPPORT IN SECTORS OTHER THAN IU. PRESS COVERAGE OF  
THE RAIDS HAS BEEN GENERALLY FAVORABLE. SOME DISTUR-  
BANCES CAUSED BY PROTESTING PUM-LED STUDENTS HAVE TAKEN

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PLACE; MORE COULD BE EXPECTED. ADEPT HANDLING OF PUBLIC  
RELATIONS ASPECT OF THIS OPERATION SEEMS TO HAVE  
CONVINCED CITIZENRY THAT RAIDS WERE NEEDED AND THAT THEY  
WERE UNDERTAKEN LEGALLY. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) ON FEBRUARY 13 (FRIDAY), MORE THAN 4,000 POLICEMEN  
RAIDED SAN MARCOS, "ENRIQUE GUZMAN VALLE" (LA CANTUTA)  
AND NATIONAL ENGINEERING (UNI) UNIVERSITIES IN LIMA  
SEARCHING FOR TERRORISTS AND WEAPONS. THE DAWN RAIDS  
RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF A UNIVERSITY WATCHMAN, BULLET  
WOUNDS TO THREE POLICE OFFICERS, AND THE DETENTION OF  
793 PERSONS ON A VARIETY OF CHARGES. POLICE UNCOVERED  
EXPLOSIVES, WEAPONS, AND A QUANTITY OF BATS AND  
SANTERHO LUMINOSO (SL) PROPAGANDA MATERIAL. THE DETAINEES  
WERE TAKEN TO A POLICE SCHOOL OUTSIDE OF LIMA FOR

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IDENTIFICATION AND INITIAL INTERROGATION. BY THE AFTER-NOON OF FEBRUARY 15 (MONDAY), 31 OF THE 300 PERSONS HAD BEEN RELEASED. VICE MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND PUBLIC SECURITY TOLD NEWSMEN THE SAME DAY THAT THE REMAINING 273 PERSONS HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED TO OTHER DETENTION FACILITIES BECAUSE THEY WERE SUSPECTED TERRORISTS, HAD PRIOR ARREST RECORDS FOR SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES, OR LACKED IDENTIFICATION. CONGRESSMEN AND UNIVERSITY AUTHORITIES HAVE HAD PERSONAL ACCESS TO THE DETAINEES. RELATIVES HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO EXCHANGE NOTES WITH THEM. LISTS OF THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE RELEASED AND EXPLANATIONS FOR THEIR CONTINUED DETENTION HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE PRESS.

3. (U) SINCE THE RAIDS, THE GOP HAS SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT A PUBLIC RELATIONS EFFORT INFORMING THE CITIZENRY OF ITS ACTIONS AND SEEKING SUPPORT FOR THEM. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD THE AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 13, INTERIOR MINISTER ABEL SALINAS EXPLAINED THAT THE RAIDS WERE NOT

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DIRECTED AGAINST THOSE WHO ARE IN THE UNIVERSITIES TO LEARN OR TO TEACH BUT TO ESTABLISH WHETHER THESE THREE UNIVERSITIES WERE BEING USED AS SANCTUARY AND STAGING AREAS BY TERRORIST ELEMENTS. THE RAIDS, HE POINTED OUT, WERE CONDUCTED WITHIN ESTABLISHED LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL PARAMETERS. THE PRINCIPLE OF "UNIVERSITY AUTONOMY" ONLY REFERS TO ECONOMIC, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND ACADEMIC FREEDOMS AND HAD NOT BEEN VIOLATED. "UNIVERSITIES DO NOT HAVE EXTRATERRITORIAL RIGHTS," HE ARGUED. SIMILAR COMMENTS WERE MADE TO THE PRESS OVER THE WEEKEND BY PRESIDENT CAECIA, APPA SECRETARY GENERAL LUIS NEGREIROS, PRIME MINISTER LUIS ALVA CASTRO, PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME COURT JUAN VICENTE UCARTE, AND OTHER LEADING APRISTAS. THE PRESIDENT UNDERSCORED THE FACT THAT THE GOP HAD NOT ACTED PRECIPITOUSLY IN DEALING WITH REPORTS OF TERRORIST PRESENCE IN THE UNIVERSITIES RAIDED AND THAT THE FINDING OF WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES THERE PROVED THAT THE RAIDS WERE NECESSARY. "THE UNIVERSITIES ARE PLACES OF STUDY AND NOT PLACES IN WHICH TO STORE WEAPONS, UNIFORMS, OR SUBVERSIVE PROPAGANDA OR TO SERVE AS SANCTUARY FOR SUBVERSIVES," HE NOTED. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE RAIDS HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW, AN OPINION SHARED BY SUPREME COURT PRESIDENT UCARTE IN A SEPARATE INTERVIEW ON FEBRUARY 14. SPOT INTERVIEWS WITH CITIZENS ON THE STREETS CONDUCTED BY TELEVISION AND RADIO STATIONS SHOWED WIDESPREAD SUPPORT FOR THE GOP ACTION.

4. (U) THE RAIDS WERE ALSO DEFENDED BY SENATOR FELIPE OSINLING (PPC) AND RECEIVED FAVORABLE HEADLINE AND EDITORIAL TREATMENT IN VIRTUALLY EVERY NEWSPAPER, ETC.

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MARXIST "LA VOZ." SENATOR OSORIO DID NOT FEEL THAT  
THE RAIDS HAD VIOLATED THE  
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