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THESE DATE BACK TO PREVIOUS GOVERNMENTS SOME OF  
THEM TO THE EARLY MONTHS OF THE FUJIMORI  
ADMINISTRATION. BUT THE BARRIOS ALTOS CASE OCCURRED  
RECENTLY AFTER THE USG AND CONGRESS HAD BEEN  
ASSURED THAT YOU ARE IN FULL CONTROL. IT IS  
CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THAT ALL CONCERNED PARTIES ARE  
ASSURED THAT THIS INVESTIGATION IS BEING PURSUED  
VIGOROUSLY AND THAT WE SOON HAVE AN INITIAL REPORT.  
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SUBJECT: BARRIOS ALTOS MASSACRE

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1. DEPARTMENT FINDS EMBASSY'S REPORT ON THE LACK OF  
POLITICAL WILL TO PURSUE THE BARRIOS ALTOS CASE MOST  
DISCONCERTING. IT IS NOW NECESSARY TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO  
PRESIDENT FUJIMORI THAT WE CANNOT DEFEND THE HUMAN RIGHTS

RECORD OF HIS ADMINISTRATION IF HE FAILS TO MAKE AN EFFORT  
TO INVESTIGATE THOROUGHLY AND PUNISH SECURITY PERSONNEL  
ENGAGED IN ROGUE OPERATIONS.

2. AMBASSADOR IS REQUESTED TO SEEK AN APPOINTMENT WITH  
PRESIDENT FUJIMORI TO DISCUSS THE BARRIOS ALTOS CASE,  
MAKING THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

- 0 THE USG IS AWARE OF AND RESPECTS PRESIDENT  
FUJIMORI'S COMMITMENT TO THE CAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS.  
WE ARE ALSO AWARE OF THE DIFFICULTIES HE FACES IN  
DEALING WITH FORCES OF TERRORISM AND HAVING TO  
DEPEND ON SECURITY FORCES WHICH HAVE IN THE PAST  
BEEN GUILTY OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES.
- 0 THE USG HAS NOTED THAT IN RECENT MONTHS THE ARMY HAS  
TAKEN IMPORTANT FORWARD STEPS IN THE AREA OF HUMAN  
RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE GRANTING TO THE ICRC AND  
PROSECUTORS ACCESS TO MILITARY FACILITIES. WE HAVE  
ALSO NOTED A REDUCTION IN DISAPPEARANCES.
- 0 WE WERE ALL SHOCKED BY THE BARRIOS ALTOS MASSACRE OF  
NOVEMBER 3. WE ARE DEEPLY TROUBLED BY THE QUESTIONS  
WHICH HAVE ARISEN CONCERNING THE INVESTIGATION OF  
THAT MASSACRE. WHOEVER IS RESPONSIBLE MUST BE  
BROUGHT TO JUSTICE. IT IS DISTURBING TO US THAT  
THAT ONE OF THE PROSECUTORS ASSIGNED TO THE CASE HAS  
NOW BEEN TAKEN OFF IT. WE STRONGLY URGE THAT THAT  
YOUR GOVERNMENT REVIEW THIS HANDLING OF THIS  
INVESTIGATION AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL, AND COMMIT THE  
PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES NECESSARY FOR A THOROUGH  
INVESTIGATION.

0 THERE ARE A NUMBER OF INVESTIGATIONS OF PAST CASES  
ON WHICH CONGRESS WISHES US TO REPORT. SOME OF  
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