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Just: Well, see my questions

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Letters Rogatory

- Received three (correct?) packets of letters rogatory mid to late January. (dates??) Expedited transmission to DOJ/OIA.
- Letters rogatory requested assistance in identifying U.S. bank accounts held by Montesinos; what else???? Have we seen copies??
- DOJ/OIA is tasking appropriate law enforcement offices to respond to these requests. Expect to begin activities in next several weeks. (more info???) *Are they? what's the process? How long?*

Proactive U.S. Actions

- FBI (others??) followed up on Suspicious Activity Reports filed by U.S. banks to freeze \$15 million in assets held by Montesinos bagman Victor Venero in Miami. *Running X names + entities (businesses, FBI provided fiscal information on persons + businesses in US.*
- FBI, DOJ, State coordinated with GOP to obtain provisional arrest and extradition request from GOP for Venero. Arrest was made January 26, Venero subsequently waived his right to contest the extradition process and is tentatively scheduled to be returned to Peru the week of February 12 to face charges of corruption, bribery, embezzlement, and breach of public trust.
- FBI assisted Peruvian *prosecutors +* judges in obtaining information from alleged arms trafficking associates Sarkis Soghanalian and Charles Acelor, residing in the U.S. (when?? Details on information obtained??)
- Based on DEA alert to possible transit by Montesinos through Miami in late December, State, DOJ, and DEA coordinated to obtain provisional arrest and extradition request from GOP and monitored flights.

FOIA Requests

- Embassy Lima transmitted requests on behalf of GOP to State, DoD, DEA, CIA, DIA.
- Working with State FOIA office to expedite process. FOIA standards for expedition fairly high, rules require that the requester, not the USG, make the argument why process should be expedited. Seeking to release pre-cleared/pre-released documents that may pertain to request for an interim response.

Travel Information

*Iscales? **

- INS provided information requested by GOP on Montesinos' dates and points of entry for travel to the U.S. over recent years.