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SUBJECT: REPORTS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH GUZMAN

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ABIMAEEL GUZMAN SURRENDER REPORTED

1. (U) ON JULY 27, OPPOSITION LIMA DAILY "LA  
REPUBLICA," CITING PALACE SOURCES, HEADLINED A  
STORY CLAIMING THAT IMPRISONED SENDERO LUMINOSO  
FOUNDER/LEADER ABIMAEEL GUZMAN REYNOSO HAD SIGNED  
DOCUMENTS CAPITULATING TO THE GOP. THE ARTICLE

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CLAIMED (ERRONEOUSLY, SEE REFTTEL) THAT THIS WAS LIKELY TO BE A MAJOR PART OF PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S JULY 28 NATIONAL DAY SPEECH. ACCORDING TO "LA REPUBLICA'S" PALACE SOURCES, THERE IS ALSO A VIDEO TAPE SHOWING GUZMAN ADMITTING THAT SENDERO HAS BEEN DEFEATED AND "SURRENDERING" TO THE STATE. PRESIDENTIAL NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS WAS CREDITED IN THE STORY WITH HAVING PERSONALLY SECURED THE GUZMAN SURRENDER. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, GUZMAN WAS SOFTENED-UP BY MONTHS OF TOTAL ISOLATION SINCE HIS CAPTURE ON SEPTEMBER 12, 1992.

2. (U) OPPOSITION WEEKLY MAGAZINE "SI" ALSO CARRIED A STORY IN ITS 26 JULY EDITION ENTITLED "CAPITULATION?" ALLUDING TO UNSOURCED RUMORS THAT MONTESINOS HAS BEEN TRYING TO OBTAIN A WRITTEN CAPITULATION OR VIDEO TAPE OF SUCH FROM GUZMAN, THE REPORT SUGGESTS THE GOP IS SEEKING A PROPAGANDA COUP TO HELP PRESIDENT FUJIMORI WITH HIS POLITICAL STANDING AND HIS CAMPAIGN FOR

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REELECTION. THE REPORT WARNS THAT THE GOP FACES POLITICAL PITFALLS IF A HYPOTHETICAL NEGOTIATION WITH GUZMAN FOR HIS "SURRENDER" WERE TO GIVE GUZMAN TOO MUCH IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS CAPITULATION, SUCH AS EXILING GUZMAN OVERSEAS. THE REPORT ALSO WARNS THAT AN UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER, IF TRUE, MAY NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON SL'S HARD CORE LEADERSHIP, ALTHOUGH IT WOULD PROBABLY GIVE THE GOP A BOOST WITH PUBLIC OPINION.

3. [REDACTED] A POLCOUNS JOURNALIST SOURCE SAID THAT MILITARY OFFICERS HAD TOLD HIM MONTESINOS MET SIX OR SEVEN TIMES WITH GUZMAN AS OF LATE JULY. THE JOURNALIST CLAIMED MONTESINOS' GOAL WAS TO CONVINCE GUZMAN TO RENOUNCE SL'S "ARMED STRUGGLE." THE JOURNALIST SAID HIS INFORMATION HAD COME FROM PERUVIAN NAVY PERSONNEL GUARDING GUZMAN, VIA THE CLANDESTINE "LEON DORMIDO" MILITARY OFFICER GROUP.

4. [REDACTED] COMMENT: A FORMAL CAPITULATION BY

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GUZMAN MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT END SL; IT WOULD,  
ACCORDING TO OPPOSITION POLITICIANS, BOOST  
FUJIMORI'S POPULARITY SO MUCH THAT HIS 1995  
REELECTION WOULD BE ASSURED.

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