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SUBJECT: VICTIM OF SUSPECTED GOP-DIRECTED PERSECUTION THANKS
EMBASSY FOR INTERVENTION

1. (U) CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL BY AMBASSADOR JOHN R. HAMILTON
FOR REASONS 1.5B AND D.

SUMMARY
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2. (C) AFTER MONTHS OF HARASSMENT BY WHAT HE THINKS IS PERU'S
NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, _____ IS CONVINCED THAT A
RECENT LULL IS DUE TO EMBASSY INTERVENTION. AMBASSADOR
ACKNOWLEDGED INTERVENTION AND COUNSELED _____ TO FILE A
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FORMAL COMPLAINT WITH THE OMBUDSMAN, TO DOCUMENT ANY FURTHER
INCIDENTS AND TO KEEP EMBASSY APPRISED. END SUMMARY.

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IN MID-NOVEMBER,
EMBASSY RECEIVED REPORTS FROM WOLA AND INTER-AMERICAN DIALOGUE
IN WASHINGTON, VIA WHA/AND, THAT _____ WAS BEING PERSECUTED,

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ALLEGEDLY BY THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIN). ON NOVEMBER 24, AMBASSADOR RAISED THE SUBJECT OF DIRECTLY WITH DE FACTO HEAD OF SIN AND PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS TORRES. MONTESINOS WAS SKEPTICAL THAT AN OPERATION WAS BEING MOUNTED AGAINST -- WHO HE ARGUED WAS A RELATIVELY SMALL, INNOCUOUS FISH -- BUT AGREED TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER.

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4. (C) POLCOUNS AND POLOFF MET WITH ON DECEMBER 15, AT WHICH TIME REVEALED NUMEROUS INCIDENTS WHICH HE BELIEVED WERE CARRIED OUT BY SIN SINCE HIS RETURN FROM THE U.S. IN JANUARY. THE INCIDENTS INCLUDED A RANSACKED HOUSE WITH NOTHING STOLEN, THE DEATH OF A HEALTHY PUPPY WITH A NOTE STATING THAT TOO WOULD "DIE LIKE A DOG" UNLESS HE LEFT THE COUNTRY, FOUR OTHER NOTES THREATENING PHYSICAL VIOLENCE, OVERT 24 HOUR SURVEILLANCE, AND HUNDREDS OF CRANK TELEPHONE CALLS ON HIS FOUR TELEPHONE LINES. USUALLY THE CALLERS DID NOT SAY ANYTHING. SOMETIMES THEY THREATENED VIOLENCE,

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ONE OF THEM ALLEGED THAT MONTESINOS CONSIDERED A "PERSONAL ENEMY." THIS FRIEND REPORTEDLY TRIED TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH AS BEST HE COULD UNTIL MONTESINOS PERSONALLY THREATENED HIM WITH A DEAD-END ASSIGNMENT ON SAN LORENZO, AN ISLAND 8 MILES WEST OF CALLAO, UNLESS HE SEVERED CONTACT.

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5. (C) ON DECEMBER 28 AMBASSADOR MET WITH WHO REPEATED THESE INCIDENTS OF SUSPECTED SIN PERSECUTION. HE THEN ADDED THAT THE OVERT SURVEILLANCE AND CRANK PHONE CALLS HAD BEGUN TO TAPER OFF IN DECEMBER AND THAT, FOR THE PAST WEEK THERE HAD BEEN NOTHING AT ALL. WHEN HE CONTACTED HE WAS TOLD THAT THE PERSECUTION HAD STOPPED BECAUSE HE WAS NOW UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR. WAS ALSO TOLD BY HIS CONTACTS AT WOLA AND INTER-AMERICAN DIALOGUE THAT THE EMBASSY HAD CONTACTED THE GOP REGARDING HIS CASE. EMOTIONALLY THANKED THE AMBASSADOR FOR THE EMBASSY'S INTERVENTION AND CONFIDED THAT, WHILE HE WOULD NOT BE DRIVEN FROM PERU, HE HAD BEEN VERY ANXIOUS FOR THE WELFARE OF WHOM HE WOULD SENT ABROAD IF THE HARASSMENT STARTED UP AGAIN.

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6. (C) AMBASSADOR ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE HAD SPOKEN TO A SENIOR GOP OFFICIAL ABOUT AND SAID HE WAS PLEASED FELT LESS THREATENED. AMBASSADOR THEN ASKED WHY HE HAD NOT

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COME TO THE EMBASSY DIRECTLY. ANSWERED THAT HE HAD NOT KNOWN THAT THE U.S. EMBASSY WOULD MAKE INTERVENTIONS ON BEHALF OF INDIVIDUALS. AMBASSADOR COUNTERED THAT SUCH INTERVENTIONS WERE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS AMERICAN EMBASSIES DID

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PAGE 04 LIMA 08175 01 OF 02 010605Z OVERSEAS. HE THEN ASKED IF HE HAD FILED A FORMAL COMPLAINT WITH THE HUMAN RIGHTS OMBUDSMAN. ADMITTED THAT HE SHOULD HAVE DONE SO, HAD MEANT TO, BUT HAD NOT DONE SO MOSTLY FOR FEAR OF MAKING MATTERS WORSE. AMBASSADOR URGED TO LODGE A COMPLAINT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, TO DOCUMENT ANY FURTHER PERSECUTION AND TO KEEP THE EMBASSY INFORMED, PARTICULARLY IF THE PERSECUTION BEGAN AGAIN. HUMAN RIGHTS OMBUDSMAN SANTISTEBAN, WHOM AMBASSADOR HAD CONSULTED PRIOR TO MEETING TOLD AMBASSADOR DECEMBER 30 THAT HAD COME TO SEE HIM THE DAY BEFORE.

7. (C) ASKED WHY MONTESINOS WOULD WANT TO PERSECUTE HIM IN PARTICULAR, SAID HE DID NOT KNOW, THOUGH HE NOTED HE HAD CRITICIZED MONTESINOS BY NAME IN AN INTERVIEW YEARS AGO AND

HE ALSO SPECULATED THAT PERHAPS BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN CONSIDERED AN "INSIDER" BY MONTESINOS, HIS CRITICISM OF THE ARMED FORCES, THOUGH MINOR, WAS CONSIDERED A SORT OF BETRAYAL. MOREOVER, AS AN "INSIDER," HIS CRITICISM WOULD BE MORE SALIENT WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES THAN WOULD BE CRITICISM MADE BY JOURNALISTS AND OTHER "OUTSIDERS."

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COMMENT
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8. (C) WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE INDEPENDENTLY TO VERIFY
CLAIMS BUT WE TAKE THEM SERIOUSLY. HIS FAILURE TO DOCUMENT
THE MANY INCIDENTS -- EXCEPT FOR KEEPING THE FIVE COMPUTER
PRINTED THREATS -- WILL DIMINISH THE CREDIBILITY OF ANY
COMPLAINT FILED. NEVERTHELESS, THE OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE HAS
TAKEN AN ACTIVE ROLE IN FOLLOWING UP ON SIMILAR COMPLAINTS OF
HARASSMENT AND, AS NOTED, _____ HAS NOW MET WITH SANTISTEBAN.
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IN ANY EVENT, WE ARE PLEASED THAT _____ FEELS LESS THREATENED
AND THAT OUR INTERVENTION MAY HAVE PLAYED A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE.

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