

**TELEGRAM INFORMATION REPORT TELEGRAM**

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PLACE & DATE ACQ. [REDACTED]

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

1. THE FOUR PRESIDENTS OF THE MILITARY JUNTA HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE THE EVENING OF 21 JULY 62 WITH GENERAL RICARDO PEREZ GODOY AS SPOKESMAN. PEREZ SAID THAT ALTHOUGH NO FINAL DECISION HAS BEEN MADE REGARDING PRESIDENT PRADO, HE WILL NOT BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL. HE PROMISED THAT THE JUNTA WILL RESPECT FREE ENTERPRISE AND MAINTAIN FREE MONETARY EXCHANGE. IF THE ATTITUDE OF THE UNITED STATES PERSISTS, PERU WILL SEEK NEW MARKETS IN THE FREE WORLD. BUT THERE WILL BE NO RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.

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PEREZ ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE HAS BEEN A FLIGHT OF CAPITAL. FINANCIAL CIRCLES HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO HELP HALT THE FLOW, BUT IF IT IS NOT STOPPED, NECESSARY MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN. THE JUNTA WILL TRY TO RAISE THE STANDARD OF LIVING WITHIN THE SHORT TIME OF ITS RULE BUT WILL NOT

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ATTEMPT ANY MAJOR REFORMS. THE MAIN AIM IS TO SET UP HONEST ELECTIONS. PEREZ DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THE GENERAL STRIKE WILL TAKE PLACE BUT SAID IF IT DOES AND IF THE PEOPLE WANT TO STRIKE, THE JUNTA WILL RESPECT THEIR WILL. MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN, HOWEVER, TO ENSURE THE CONTINUANCE OF PUBLIC SERVICES. [REDACTED]

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2. BEFORE THE PRESS CONFERENCE THE JUNTA CALLED A MEETING OF LABOR LEADERS TO WARN THEM AGAINST JOINING THE STRIKE CALLED BY THE CONFEDERACION DE TRABAJADORES DEL PERU. FORTY UNIONS AGGREGED NOT TO STRIKE BUT AT THE SAME TIME CALLED FOR A REORGANIZATION OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOR, THE CTP, AND THE WHITE COLLAR WORKERS FEDERATION. PEREZ ASKED FOR THE SUPPORT OF LABOR AND PROMISED TO SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS. THE MAJORITY OF THE UNIONS WHICH REJECTED THE STRIKE ARE COMMUNIST DOMINATED.

3. THERE WERE DISTURBANCES IN CHICLAYO ON 21 JULY BUT THE REST OF PERU, INCLUDING LIMA, WAS RELATIVELY QUIET. AREQUIPA WAS QUIET FOLLOWING SOME STUDENT UNREST ON 20 JULY. THE COMMUNIST CONTROLLED AREQUIPA LABOR FEDERATION DENOUNCED THE GENERAL STRIKE, BACKED THE JUNTA, AND CALLED FOR DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST "BRUTAL U.S. INTERFERENCE IN PERUVIAN AFFAIRS AND FOR SEVERANCE OF RELATIONS". LOCAL BUSINESS AND SOCIETY LEADERS AT A SOCIAL FUNCTION ATTENDED BY THE CONSULAR CORPS EXPRESSED THE ALMOST UNANIMOUS VIEW THAT THE U.S. IS COMMITTING A GRAVE ERROR BY SUSPENDING RELATIONS AND AID, SAID THE JUNTA IS NO MORE OR LESS LEGAL THAN MANY PAST PERUVIAN GOVERNMENTS, AND IS SUPPORTED BY ALL BUT ONE

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THIRD OF THE PEOPLE, MEANING APRA. (SOURCE PRESS.)

4. LA PRESNA OF 22 JULY PRONOUNCED AGAINST STREET VIOLENCE BECAUSE INNOCENT BYSTANDERS BECOME VICTIMS. IT SAID THAT IT IS MOST DIFFICULT FOR PERUVIANS TO DECIDE WHETHER TO SUPPORT OR CONDEMN THE COUP AND ASKED WHETHER THE SOLUTION WAS NOT FOR THE THREE MAJOR CANDIDATES AND THE JUNTA TO MEET AND AGREE ON A SOLUTION. [REDACTED]

(CITED REFERENCE IS UNCLEAR ON THIS POINT)

[REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED] REPORTS THAT PEDRO BELTRAN FAVORS A CAUTIOUS POLICY AND TALKS WITH THE JUNTA LEADING TO A MILITARY-CIVILIAN JUNTA.)

5. [REDACTED] DISSEM STATE ARMY NAVY AIR CINCARIB.

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