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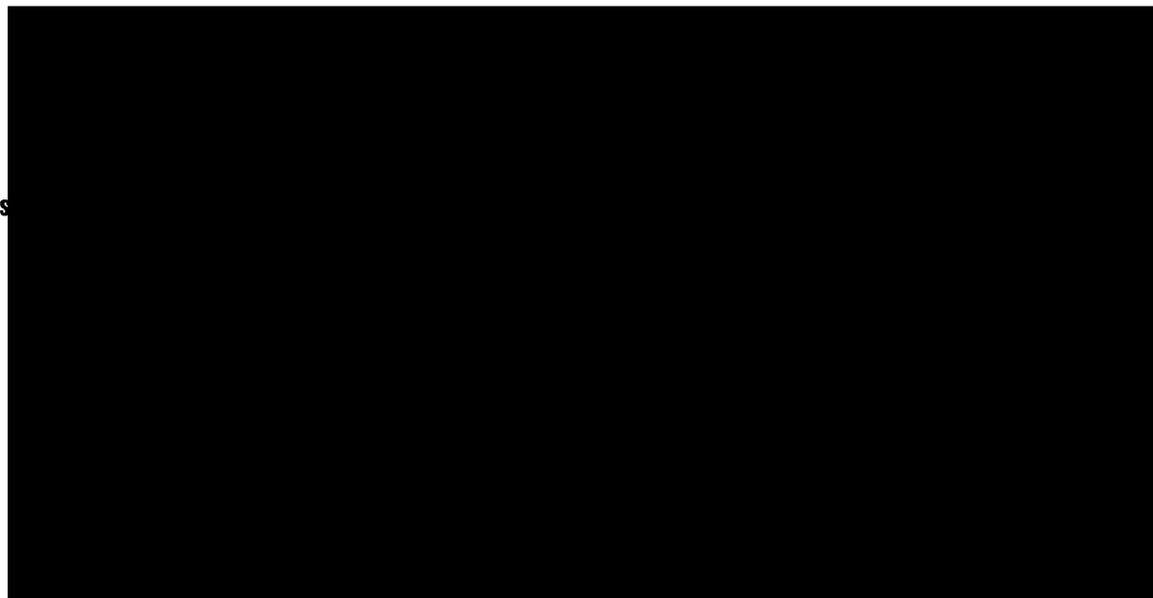
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SUBJECT: POSSIBILITY THAT THE APRA-NATIONAL ODRIISTA UNION
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1. THERE IS A STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT THE COALITION MAY ATTEMPT TO CONVENE BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE WITH OR WITHOUT THE 25 MEMBER SENATE QUORUM THE COALITION FEELS IS NECESSARY TO SATISFY CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS. THIS ACTION WOULD BE INITIATED BY THE RECENTLY ELECTED SECRETARIES OF BOTH THE SENATE AND THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES WHO WOULD, THROUGH NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS, ANNOUNCE THAT SESSIONS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE HOUSES ARE TO BEGIN. AT PRESENT APRA LEADERS FEEL THAT THE ADVERTISEMENTS MAY BE PLACED IN THE LIMA PRESS ON 6 OR 7 AUGUST WITH SESSIONS TO BEGIN ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS. ALL SENATORS, REGARDLESS OF PARTY AFFILIATIONS, WILL BE ADMONISHED TO ATTEND IN THE CONVOCAATION OF THE SENATE. [REDACTED] COMMENT: IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THE COALITION MAY ATTEMPT TO CONVOKE CONGRESS AS A WHOLE OR EACH HOUSE OF CONGRESS SEPARATELY. HOWEVER THE DISTINCTION WILL PROBABLY BE LARGELY ACADEMIC SINCE THE GOVERNMENT PARTIES CAN BE EXPECTED TO REACT STRONGLY TO ANY ATTEMPT TO CONVENE THE SENATE WITHOUT A CONSTITUTIONAL QUORUM.)

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2. THE COALITION HAS NAMED A COMMISSION TO MEET WITH GOVERNMENT PARTY REPRESENTATIVES IN SEARCH OF A SOLUTION TO THE CONGRESSIONAL CRISIS. THE COALITION COMMISSION IS HOPEFUL THAT THE GOVERNMENT

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ALLIANCE PARTIES WILL DO THE SAME, BUT TO DATE THE ONLY ALLIANCE SENATOR TO DISCUSS THE CRISIS WITH THE COALITION IS MIGUEL DARNERT MUELLE, AND THE COALITION IS SOMEWHAT EXASPERATED AT DARNERT'S FAILURE TO MAKE ANY POSITIVE PROPOSALS WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO A SOLUTION OF THE CURRENT IMPASSE.

3. COALITION LEADERS ARE ALSO CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF DIRECTING A SERIES OF OPEN LETTER TO ALLIANCE SENATORS, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO ARE CABINET MEMBERS AS WELL, URGING THEM TO END THEIR BOYCOTT OF CONGRESS AND RETURN TO THEIR SENATE SEATS. IN THE CASE OF ALLIANCE SENATORS WHO ARE CABINET MEMBERS, THE LETTERS WILL ALLUDE TO ARTICLE 150 OF THE PERUVIAN CONSTITUTION WHICH PREVENTS THE PRESIDENT FROM PREVENTING OR IMPEDING THE MEETING OR FUNCTIONING OF CONGRESS. THE COALITION PLANS TO MAKE ITS FEELING CLEAR THAT THOSE CABINET MEMBERS BOYCOTTING THE SENATE ARE OBEYING PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVES AND THAT CONSEQUENTLY ARTICLE 150 OF THE CONSTITUTION IS BEING VIOLATED.

4. [REDACTED] DISSEM STATE ARMY NAVY AIR AID CINCSO.

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