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NOTE TO: Admiral James D. Watkins  
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*Admiral -*

Attached is the paper we spoke about on  
the telephone.



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Peru: The Garcia Administration and  
Prospects for Communist InroadsSummary

The 36-year old Alan Garcia, who takes office on 28 July, parlayed a magnetic personality, youthful dynamism, and a vision of a more egalitarian society for Peru into electoral victory. The leftwing social democrat can count on widespread popular support in the early going, but the severity of the country's economic difficulties, increasingly lethal leftist terrorism, and a rapidly expanding illicit narcotics industry are formidable challenges. Garcia's slowness in elaborating concrete programs to deal with these problems and in selecting a team to help him govern suggest that Peru may face considerable political uncertainty in the months ahead. [redacted]

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The congressional majority obtained by Garcia's American Popular Revolutionary Alliance (APRA) gives him an edge in attempting to implement new programs to ease Peru's problems. His major opposition will come from the Marxist-Leninist dominated United Left coalition and from a Communist-controlled labor confederation whose membership comprises some 40 percent of organized workers. We judge that moderate center-right opposition parties, tarred by President Belaunde's poor performance and their own failure to present a unified electoral slate, are likely to have little impact in the early stages of the Garcia administration. By carefully cultivating the military, Garcia has been able to overcome the officer corps' longstanding antipathy toward APRA. [redacted]

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