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MY TELNO 133: PERU - PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

SUMMARY

1. DECISIVE WIN FOR FUJIMORI. HE AND VARGAS LLOSA APPEAL FOR NATIONAL UNITY. BUT THE OUTLOOK IS CLOUDY. A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATION WOULD NEVERTHELESS BE APPROPRIATE.

DETAIL

2. COMPUTER PREDICTIONS BASED ON EXIT POLLS AFTER YESTERDAY'S SECOND ROUND OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS INDICATE A CLEAR WIN FOR FUJIMORI (CAMBIO 90), BY A MARGIN OF SOMETHING LIKE 60-40 OVER VARGAS LLOSA (FREDEMO), WHO CONCEDED DEFEAT WITHIN 3 HOURS OF THE POLLS CLOSING.

3. AS LATE AS 8 JUNE, ONE MAJOR POLL WAS PREDICTING VICTORY FOR VARGAS LLOSA AND TWO FOR FUJIMORI, WITH THE DIFFERENCE IN ALL CASES LESS THAN THE 5 PER CENT MARGIN OF ERROR. IN THE LIGHT OF THE ACTUAL RESULTS IN BOTH ROUNDS, IT SEEMS THAT THE POLLS HAVE CONSISTENTLY UNDERESTIMATED THE STRENGTH OF SUPPORT FOR FUJIMORI IN THE SIERRA AND GIVEN UNDUE WEIGHT TO LIMA, WHERE VARGAS LLOSA DID BEST.

4. BOTH CANDIDATES HAVE APPEALED FOR NATIONAL UNITY AND RECONCILIATION (VARGAS LLOSA IN NOTABLY GENEROUS TERMS). FUJIMORI HAS REFUSED TO DIVULGE ANY FURTHER DETAILS OF HIS GOVERNMENTAL PROGRAMME AND MINISTERIAL TEAM, THOUGH HIS EMPHASIS ON BEING THE PRESIDENT OF THE GROUP WHOSE INTERESTS HAVE SO FAR BEEN UNDER-REPRESENTED IN GOVERNMENT WILL NOT HAVE GONE DOWN WELL WITH THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

5. WHEN I SPOKE TO ONE OF FUJIMORI'S CLOSEST ADVISERS ON 6 JUNE, HE SAID THAT (UNLIKE VARGAS LLOSA - MY TELNO 132) FUJIMORI HAD AS YET NO FIRM PLANS FOR AN OVERSEAS TOUR BEFORE TAKING OFFICE, THOUGH HE THOUGHT IT VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT

FUJIMORI WOULD WISH TO VISIT JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES, AND PROBABLY ALSO THE MAJOR EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE UK. IF SO, I HOPE THAT HE WILL BE RECEIVED AT THE LEVEL APPROPRIATE TO A PRESIDENT-ELECT. IN THE MEANTIME, A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATION, NOTING THAT FUJIMORI WILL BE THE THIRD DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED PERUVIAN PRESIDENT IN SUCCESSION FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ALMOST 90 YEARS, AND WISHING HIM WELL IN HIS TASK OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND RECONSTRUCTION, WOULD BE WELL RECEIVED. IT WOULD ALSO GREATLY HELP IN PAVING THE WAY FOR MR. SAINSBURY'S VISIT IF, AS I HOPE, HE COMES TO REPRESENT HMG AT FUJIMORI'S INAUGURATION ON 28 JULY.

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