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Trip Report, Peru, April 5 – 10, 2001

Monitoring this election was a labor of love, since Rosalynn and I have been involved in Peru for more than 50 years. We have close personal friends in Peru from submarine school, and a member of their family is now the only female member of the national cabinet. While I was president, we were persistent in trying to convince Latin American military dictators to minimize weapons purchases, to honor human rights, and to permit the establishment of civilian governments. Rosalynn headed an American delegation to Latin America, and one of her seven destinations was Lima, where she presented these arguments to General Morales Bermúdez Cerrutti. Subsequently, she returned to represent our nation at the inauguration of civilian president Fernando Belaúnde Terry.

We returned to Peru in 1984 to help initiate the building of several hundred Habitat for Humanity homes in the high mountains along the shores of Lake Titicaca. This was when Alan García Pérez was the leading presidential candidate, and we had long discussions with him and other leaders about the future of the country.

The Carter Center joined with the National Democratic Institute in 2000 to monitor Peru's elections, which proved to be fraudulent. Alberto Fujimori was completing his second five-year term and insisted on the right to seek a third term, obviously contrary to constitutional limitations. After subverting the authority of the Congress and the Supreme Court, he used every means to enhance his own campaign and to intimidate his political opponents. The Carter Center, NDI, the Organization of American States, and other international observer groups condemned the entire process and left the country in protest. Fujimori's foremost opponent, Alejandro Toledo, also withdrew from the contest, and the incumbent went on to win a hollow victory with only 51 percent of the counted votes. It was later revealed by "Vladi" videos taken by his security chief, General Vladimiro Montesinos, that massive bribery was used to accomplish these goals.

After the publication of the first video proving bribery by Montesinos, pressure on Fujimori mounted from his own people and the international community, and he announced that he would not serve this third term but would orchestrate another election while still in office and abolish the intelligence service led by Montesinos. This proposal was also unacceptable, and on a visit to Japan he announced his resignation from office and is still in exile. The parliament refused his resignation and removed him from office on grounds of moral incompetence.

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After a massive cleansing of the government and election organizations, Peru planned another election for Sunday, April 8th. Once again, Toledo was clearly the leading candidate, with challengers Lourdes Flores, an attorney, professor, and member of Congress; former president Alan García; and six other party candidates. As Election Day approached, polls showed that Mrs. Flores was maintaining a significant lead over García, but that his popularity was increasing.

In addition to a joint delegation from The Carter Center and NDI, former president of Guatemala Ramiro de Leon Carpio, Michigan State University president Peter McPherson, and U.S. Congressman Eni Faleomavaega of American Samoa joined us. We had 35 observers from 11 nations, and after extensive briefings they were deployed throughout the nation.

Before and after the election, we visited the major candidates, election officials, military leaders, interim President Valentin Paniagua, Prime Minister Pérez de Cuellar, the national ombudsman, and with other international observer groups.

We also met with the most remarkable of all, leaders of Transparencia, an organization of domestic observers that has recruited and trained more than 21,000 volunteers (and have several thousand more on a waiting list and eager to serve). They have been involved in all aspects of the campaign and election process and have earned an incredible degree of trust and confidence among party leaders and the general public. Their trained monitors were deployed throughout the nation, even in the most remote areas of the jungles and mountains, some of them requiring several days to reach their destinations. Transparencia expected to complete a quick count by 9 p.m. on election night, using 1,500 scientifically chosen reporting sites among the 91,697 mesas (polling sites), and with very high accuracy.

We visited a large number of mesas on Election Day, and found a disturbing delay in beginning the voting process, primarily because anyone involved in last year's fraudulent process could not serve, and the procedures were complicated to ensure truth and accuracy. They overcame this initial problem and completed nationwide voting almost perfectly and on time.

Transparencia announced its quick count that evening, which was accepted by the news media and the public as practically final (which would prove to be within 0.2 percent accurate). Toledo had 36.6 percent, García 25.9 percent, and Lourdes 24.2 percent, with a runoff election now required within 30 days of the final announcement of official results. Voting is mandatory in Peru, with an enforced penalty of US\$35 for not voting. This is probably the cause of 13 percent of the ballots being blank or null, cast by citizens who refused to vote for any of the candidates or who spoiled their ballots. We could see no possibility of any error in the casting and counting of ballots, and (for the first time in our experience as monitors) there was not a single complaint about the accuracy of the

voter's list. A constant national record of about 15 million voters is maintained, constantly corrected for new registrants, those who move overseas or to a different home in Peru, or die. It was interesting to note from early reports that only two votes out of 10,000 were disputed or challenged in any way in the presidential contest.

Before ending our Election Day activities we visited the three major candidates, and they exchanged visits with one another later in the evening and pledged to accept the final results graciously. Although Toledo had a 10-point lead, he seemed strangely sobered by the results while Garcia appeared calm and confident. It will be interesting to see how the campaign evolves.

The following day we met with a group of the most influential business and financial leaders, and found them to be surprisingly discouraged and having concerns about both of the runoff candidates. We encouraged them to be as positive and helpful as possible to the next president.

I had a long discussion with the parents of Lori Berenson, the young American woman who was alleged to have been a supporter of sendero luminoso terrorists. I had sent several letters to President Fujimori urging a fair civilian trial for her, but she was convicted in a secret military tribunal and has served about five years. She is now being retried in a civilian court under more acceptable international standards. The evidence of some involvement appears to be strong, but after her case and the mandatory appeals are concluded after three or four more months, we are hopeful that she might be granted some kind of clemency and permitted to return to the United States, perhaps to complete her sentence here.

The election has been a beautiful experience for the nation and for us international observers. In our final statement before leaving Peru, we extended congratulations and outlined some suggestions that can streamline election procedures, without injury to the superb system that was evolved quickly after the debacle of the previous year. Peru will deserve as much help as possible from the international community.

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