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HEADLINE: Shining Path leader Guzman sends letter to President Fujimori asking for talks

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Text, as broadcast, of letter sent by Shining Path leader Abimael Guzman to Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori on 15th September; read by Dennis Vargas Marin, special correspondent reporting from the United Nations

Mr Engineer Alberto Fujimori, president of the republic.

Mr President: We are writing you in your capacity as Peruvian head of state to ask you to hold talks that will prompt a peace agreement the implementation of which will lead to the conclusion of the war the nation has experienced for more than 13 years.

We are taking this very important step based on our ideology and theory of classes, because we are fully convinced of the historic and inevitable need for it, with the clear understanding that this step reflects what has become a need for the people, the nation and Peruvian society in general.

Mr President, please pay attention to our request and accept it.

[Dated] Naval Military Prison of Callao, 15th September 1993.

[Signed] Abimael Guzman.

[Note: AFP carried the same letter in a New York-dated report, adding the signature of Miriam Elena Albertina Iparragirre Revoreal (Guzman's common-law wife, also know as Comrade Miriam) after Guzman's signature.]

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HEADLINE: [8]; Fujimori on letters from Shining Path leader Guzman  
SOURCE: Television Global, Lima, in Spanish 0100 gmt 26 Oct 93

Text of report on interview with Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori with unidentified reporters in Atalaya on 25th October; from the "Direct Line" news bulletin

President Alberto Fujimori has said that the government will not take into account any more letters from Abimael uzman or make any contact with the Shining Path leader until he orders his rebels to lay down their arms and surrender. He has confirmed a meeting between Marta Huatay and Abimael Guzman, after which Huatay expressed her willingness to follow whatever decision Comrade Gonzalo [Guzman's nom de guerrel] should make regarding talks with the government.

[Fujimori - recording] He can write as many letters as he wants. The letter we will publish must be the one in which he calls for an end to terrorism.

[Reporter] Are you working on this?

[A] Well, that depends on him. All he needs is a pencil and paper, and then to write down that Shining Path is being defeated.

[Q] If you receive a third letter from Abimael Guzman, will you visit him?

[A] ~~No, I will not visit him. I just review the letters and communications. I publish them if it is convenient for society. If not, I put them aside. In any case, I reserve the right to censor them.~~

[Q] Have you put any aside yet?

[A] ~~I put one thing he wrote aside, but it was not -~~

[Q - interrupting] What does it say? CR;

[A] ~~I would rather not say.~~

[Q] Are you going to be harsher following the response, as some call it - namely, Shining Path's latest attacks?

[A] This was not a response. This type of action aggravates the quote-unquote goodwill the government may have towards Abimael Guzman, as well as the government's disposition. I am not willing to tolerate such senseless things.

[Q] Might the government assume a stronger position?

[A] The government has always been strong, but my position has grown stronger.

[Q] Who is leading the Shining Path hardliners, and who ordered the attack at the Crillon Hotel?

[A] We do not know. Before it was the followers of his former wife Nora, who is dead. There is undoubtedly a left wing and right wing within Shining Path, and, therefore, it could be them. Now, it is also true that there have been desertions following Abimael uzman's letter. Shining Path apparently has no more prospects.

[Q] What does Victor Polay really want by calling for talks with you?

[A] We do not know what he wants to propose. I repeat, however, that we are in no hurry to talk with Polay, because the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement is almost defeated. Therefore, it would be almost -

[Q - interrupting] Has he also sent a letter?

[A] No, he has not, but he has said he would like to talk.

[Q] Will the government send another envoy - perhaps Agent 003 [Fujimori's secret envoy to Guzman]?

[A] Yes, Agent 003.

before 3rd letter

Fuji holds back any message fr. AG he doesn't like

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HEADLINE: [17]; Fujimori makes public third letter received from Shining  
Path leaders

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Text of report

The Press Secretariat at the presidency has released the text of the  
letter sent by the Shining Path's number two commander, Osmar Marote, and  
three of the most renowned leaders. This is the text of the third letter:

As members of the Peruvian Communist Party and being very close to the  
top and central leadership, with full awareness and the fullest conviction  
of its inevitable historical need, we support the letters of President  
Gonzalo [Abimael Guzman] and Comrade Nidia addressed to President Alberto  
Fujimori requesting talks to reach a peace agreement to conclude the war,  
which has been waged for over 13 years in the country. We reiterate and  
support this petition.

We alert and call on followers to be very wary of any desperate,  
adventurous or provocative actions by third parties, because they are  
designed only to undermine and prevent the achieving of the proposed peace  
plan. All these acts must be prevented and should be immediately reported.

We firmly and resolutely accept this new great decision, because it  
expresses and serves the interests of the people, the nation and Peruvian  
society.

[Issued at] Callao naval prison [on] 28th October 1993. [Signed] Osman  
Morote Barrionuevo, Marta Huatay, Rosa Angelica Salas and Maria Pantoja.

[Video shows letter displaying aforementioned signatures]