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1. [REDACTED] - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY.

[REDACTED] BELIEVES THAT SL HAS DEEPLY
INFILTRATED THE MILITARY SERVICES. HE CITED A CASE
OF AN ATTEMPTED SL BREAK-IN AT A MARINE BASE ARMORY
IN LIMA. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SEES SL ADVANCING AND ANNOUNCED THAT
THE DEPARTMENT OF ICA WOULD BE PLACED IN EMERGENCY

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ZONE STATUS AND THE ANTI-TERRORISM CAMPAIGN THERE
WOULD BE RUN BY THE AIR FORCE (THE ICA EZ WAS
ANNOUNCED IN MARCH). [REDACTED] DEFENDED HIS VIEW THAT
TERRORISTS SHOULD BE TRIED IN SPECIAL MILITARY
COURTS AND KEPT IN SPECIAL AND SEPARATE DETENTION
FACILITIES. [REDACTED] DISAGREED. [REDACTED]
ALSO DISAGREED ON SL'S CHANCES OF WINNING THE WAR.
[REDACTED] GIVES DEMOCRACY ANOTHER FIVE OR TEN YEARS.
[REDACTED] SAYS THAT IS PATENTLY WRONG. END SUMMARY.

3. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ENGAGED IN A LIVELY TWO HOUR DISCUSSION ON SL AND THE FUTURE OF DEMOCRACY IN PERU.

SL INFILTRATION OF THE POLICE AND ARMY

4. [REDACTED] THAT HE BELIEVED FIVE TO TEN PERCENT OF INCOMING MILITARY AND POLICE RECRUITS ARE TERRORIST-INFLUENCED; EITHER COMMITTED SUPPORTERS OR RECRUITS WHO HELP THE TERRORISTS FOR FEAR OF RETALIATION AGAINST THEM OR THEIR FAMILIES. [REDACTED]

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5. HE DESCRIBED THE NAVY'S DECEMBER 1990 BUST OF AN SL CELL WORKING AT THE MARINE BASIC TRAINING CAMP. HE SAID THAT THE CELL WAS DISCOVERED WHEN A MARINE ON GUARD DUTY AT THE BASE ARMORY BECAME SUSPICIOUS OF THE SOLDIER WHO CAME TO RELIEVE HIM. THE RELIEF DID NOT KNOW THE PROPER PASSWORD. THE MAN ON DUTY LEFT HIS POST TO THE RELIEF, BUT REPORTED IT TO THE BASE HQ. HQ INVESTIGATED AND DISCOVERED FOUR NEW RECRUITS ATTEMPTING TO ROB THE ARMORY. IN SUBSEQUENT INTERROGATION THE FOUR SUSPECTS ADMITTED THAT THERE WERE AN ADDITIONAL THREE TERRORISTS WAITING OUTSIDE THE BASE WITH A VEHICLE TO HAUL AWAY THE ARMS THE FOUR WERE ABLE TO STEAL AND SMUGGLE OUT- ALL ADMITTED THEY WERE SL RECRUITS.

6. [REDACTED] INTERJECTED HIS VIEW THAT SL HAD SUCCESSFULLY INFILTRATED THE SECURITY SERVICES.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] HE CONCLUDED THAT THE INFORMATION WAS
PROBABLY LEAKED BY A GOP INTELLIGENCE OFFICER.

7. [REDACTED] RUEFULLY AGREED THAT SL PROBABLY DID HAVE
ACTIVE AGENTS INSIDE THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES,
[REDACTED]

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8. [REDACTED] CLARIFIED THAT THE JANUARY INTERDICTION
NEAR HUANUCO OF A BUS CARRYING A MODERATELY LARGE
CACHE OF WEAPONS, UNIFORMS AND AMMUNITION WAS A
FORTUITOUS ACCIDENT RESULTING FROM A RANDOM POLICE
ROAD BLOCK IN SEARCH OF CONTRABAND. [REDACTED]
CLARIFIED THAT THE WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION WERE NOT
NEW. THIS HAS A TRANSSHIPMENT OF SL MATERIEL,
WHICH HAD BEEN USED SOMEWHERE ELSE IN PERU IN A
TERRORIST OFFENSIVE, BACK TO THE UHV FOR
STOCKPILE. [REDACTED] DID NOT KNOW, BUT GUESSED THAT
[REDACTED]

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MOST OF THE CACHE WAS MATERIEL STOLEN OR PURCHASED FROM POLICE OR MILITARY.

9. EMBASSY COMMENT: THIS ANECDOTE ILLUSTRATES SL'S STRATEGY OF DEPLOYING WEAPONS TO AN ATTACK SITE SEPARATELY FROM THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE TROOPS DESTINED TO USE THEM. SL ATTACK GROUPS WILL TRAIN WITH WEAPONS IN JUNGLE VALLEYS, BUT WILL BE DEPLOYED TO A TARGET UNARMED. IN URBAN ATTACKS, THESE CELLS WILL OFTEN RECEIVE THEIR WEAPONS THE

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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 SAME DAY OF THE ATTACK. IN RURAL ATTACKS, A COLUMN MAY RUN AN OFFENSIVE FOR SEVERAL DAYS AGAINST DIFFERENT TARGETS, AND WILL BEAR ARMS FOR LONGER PERIODS. BUT THE IMPORTANT FACT IS THAT SL TRAINED CADRE MOVE FROM THEIR TRAINING POINTS IN THE JUNGLE, TO THE ATTACK SITES, UNARMED. END COMMENT.

 AN EMERGENCY ZONE FOR ICA DEPARTMENT

10. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE SECURITY SITUATION IN SOUTHERN LIMA DEPARTMENT AND IN ICA DEPARTMENT HAS SIGNIFICANTLY DETERIORATED IN THE PAST TWO YEARS. HE DESCRIBED A NEW STRATEGY TO ATTEMPT TO COMBAT SL IN THE CHICO SUR.

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-- THE AIR FORCE WILL BE PLACED IN CHARGE OF THE CAMPAIGN. [REDACTED] SAID THAT THE AIR FORCE HAS THUS FAR LARGELY AVOIDED GETTING INVOLVED IN THE ANTI-TERRORISM PROBLEM, BUT WITH THE AIR BASE AT PISCO, AND THE NEED FOR AIR MOBILITY, THE AIR FORCE IS PERFECT TO RUN THE CAMPAIGN IN ICA.

-- THE CAMPAIGN WILL INVOLVE LOCAL BUSINESSMEN, ESPECIALLY THE FARMERS OF THE ICA VALLEYS. AGREEMENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN REACHED FOR THE FARMERS TO SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN WITH FOOD FOR THE TROOPS AND MONEY TO HELP THE AIR FORCE BUY GAS. [REDACTED] NOTED THAT THE LOCAL BUSINESSMEN WERE REALLY THE IMPETUS BEHIND THE PLAN, HAVING APPROACHED THE AIR FORCE TO OFFER THEIR HELP IN ANY SERIOUS

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 ANTI-SL OFFENSIVE.

-- A NUMBER OF SL TARGETS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE PROBLEM IN ICA (AND ELSEWHERE, HE ADDED) IS NOT IN FINDING THE TERRORISTS, BUT IN FINDING AN EXCUSE TO DETAIN THEM. [REDACTED] CLAIMED THAT THE AIR FORCE HAD ALREADY TEST RUN AN AIR EXTRACTION OF A KNOWN SL FIGURE IN A SMALL MOUNTAIN TOWN IN ICA; HELICOPTERS IN, HELICOPTERS AND DETAINED SUSPECT OUT. HE SAID IT WENT LIKE CLOCKWORK.

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-- TO MAKE THE NEW CAMPAIGN PERFECTLY LEGAL, ICA WILL BE PLACED UNDER EMERGENCY ZONE STATUS. SOMETIME IN FEBRUARY. (THE EZ DESIGNATION ACTUALLY OCCURRED MARCH 9.) NOTE: THE EZ STATUS ESSENTIALLY GIVES THE ARMED FORCES THE LEGAL RIGHT TO RUN ANTI-TERRORISM OPERATIONS WITHOUT CERTAIN LEGAL RESTRAINTS, AND WITHOUT CONSULTING WITH LOCAL POLICE.

11. [REDACTED] ASKED IF THE CAMPAIGN WOULD INCLUDE THE CARAVELI PROVINCE TOWNS OF JAQUI AND ACARI IN NORTHERN AREQUIPA DEPARTMENT JUST TO THE SOUTH OF ICA (CARAVELI PROVINCE IS IN EZ). [REDACTED] SAID NO. COULDN'T THE AIR FORCE BASE AT MARCONA DO THE SAME THING FOR AREQUIPA, [REDACTED] ASKED? NO, SAID [REDACTED] THE BASE AT MARCONA HAS ONE FLYABLE AIRCRAFT AND NO GAS. IT IS THE POOREST AIR BASE IN PERU.

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12. EMBASSY COMMENT: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
 SL OVERRAN AND OCCUPIED THE TOWN IN DECEMBER, 1990, KILLING THE MAYOR AND ONE COP. [REDACTED] TOLD US THE REST OF THE COPS KNEW SL WAS COMING AND WALKED AWAY FROM THE STATION AND THEIR WEAPONS, LEAVING BOTH FOR THE TERRORISTS. [REDACTED] ADDED THAT HE SUBSEQUENTLY SPOKE TO [REDACTED] WHO TOLD HIM THAT THE SL COLUMN RAN INTO A FLOODED RIVER ON ITS RETREAT BACK TOWARD PUQUIO IN AYACUCHO DEPARTMENT. THE TERRORIST COLUMN HAD TO WAIT SEVERAL HOURS, IN

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BROAD DAYLIGHT, BEFORE IT COULD FORGE THE RIVER. A
HELICOPTER, HE SAID, COULD HAVE PICKED THEM OFF
LIKE SITTING DUCKS. END COMMENT.

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13. [REDACTED] HAS SEVERELY CRITICAL OF THE PERUVIAN
JUDICIAL SYSTEM. BUT HE ADMITTED THE MILITARY
SYSTEM HAS ITS PROBLEMS. HE NOTED THAT IT APPEARED
THE FOUR DETAINED IN CONNECTION WITH THE
DECEMBER ATTEMPTED BREAK-IN OF THE MARINE ARMORY
WERE GOING TO BE RELEASED. THE MILITARY
PROSECUTOR [REDACTED] WENT TO HIS SUPERIORS
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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SEVERAL WEEKS AGO AND TOLD THEM THERE WAS

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INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO GET A CONVICTION, EVEN THOUGH THE SAME PROSECUTOR HAD INITIALLY SEEMED VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE CASE, BASED ON THE FACT THAT THE ACCUSED WERE CAUGHT RED-HANDED IN THE ARMORY AND LATER CONFESSED THEIR INTENTION TO STEAL THE WEAPONS.

14. WHEN [REDACTED] FOUND OUT THE PROSECUTOR HAS BACKING OFF, HE HAS FURIOUS. HE INITIALLY THOUGHT THE PROSECUTOR HAD BEEN BOUGHT OFF. [REDACTED] DISCOVERED THAT THE OFFICER WAS RECEIVING DEATH THREATS FROM SL AGAINST THE MAN AND HIS FAMILY. [REDACTED] BELIEVES THEY CAME FROM THE "DEMOCRATIC LAWYERS ASSOCIATION" ATTORNEY DEFENDING THE THREE SUSPECTS.

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15. [REDACTED] POUNCED [REDACTED] ON THE ISSUE OF SPECIAL MILITARY COURTS. "IF YOUR SYSTEM IS SO BAD," ASKED [REDACTED] "WHY DO YOU DEFEND FUJIMORI'S PROPOSAL TO TRY ALL ACCUSED TERRORISTS IN MILITARY COURTS?"

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16. [REDACTED] REJOINED THAT AS BAD AS THE MILITARY SYSTEM IS IT IS FAR BETTER THAN THE CIVILIAN SYSTEM WHICH IS TOTALLY CORRUPT AND INTIMIDATED. (NOTE: WE AGREE WITH THE GENERALIZATION; ONLY 34 TERRORISTS WERE CONVICTED IN ALL OF 1988. CONVICTION FIGURES FOR 1989/90 SIMPLY ARE NOT AVAILABLE. TERRORIST CONVICTIONS FOR THE PAST 11 YEARS TOTAL SOME 400, VERSUS 20,000 DEATHS AND

[REDACTED]

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 THOUSANDS OF DISAPPEARANCES. THE CIVILIAN SYSTEM DID MANAGE TO CONVICT OSMAN MOROTE AND SENTENCE HIM TO 20 YEARS, THE MAXIMUM SENTENCE FOR THE CHARGES AGAINST HIM.) THE KEY, ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] IS THAT IT IS EASIER TO PROVIDE PROTECTION AND TO MONITOR THE BEHAVIOR OF MILITARY JUDGES AND PROSECUTORS.

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17. [REDACTED] SHARPLY DISAGREED WITH THE CONCEPT. THERE HAS BEEN NO NATION WHICH HAS ATTEMPTED IT, WHICH HAS SUCCESSFULLY TURNED TERRORISM JUSTICE OVER TO THE MILITARY, HE SAID. [REDACTED] WANTS SPECIAL CIVILIAN COURTS MUCH LIKE THE ITALIAN SYSTEM. HE ADMITTED THAT THE LAWS WOULD HAVE TO BE

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REWRITTEN TO CHANGE RULES OF EVIDENCE, SINCE MOST TERRORISM PROSECUTIONS FAIL BECAUSE THE POLICE HAVE NO HARD EVIDENCE AGAINST THE ACCUSED. [REDACTED] SEEMED PERPLEXED BY [REDACTED] QUESTION AS TO HOW HE WOULD DEAL WITH THE CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL, WHICH WOULD PUT THE FINAL DECISION ON TERRORISM RIGHT BACK IN THE REGULAR CIVILIAN COURTS.

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18. [REDACTED] LIKED THE ITALIAN CONCEPT OF ISOLATING CONVICTED TERRORISTS BUT ARGUED THAT PERU NEEDS ITS OWN VARIANT. HIS IDEA: INCARCERATE TERRORISTS, HOWEVER TRIED AND CONVICTED, IN ESCAPE PROOF PRISONS -- UNDER ICRC SUPERVISION -- WHERE THEY WOULD REMAIN UNTIL THEY DIVULGED THEIR ACCOMPLICES. [REDACTED] ARGUED THAT THE GOP WOULD NEED FIVE SUCH PRISONS FOR 200 TERRORISTS EACH JUST FOR
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

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 THE UHV. HE INSISTED ON ICRC SUPERVISION AND INSPECTION TO MINIMIZE HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES, BUT HAS CONFIDENT THAT THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF RELEASE FROM THEIR INDIVIDUAL CELLS WOULD, IN TIME, INDUCE MANY TO COME CLEAN ABOUT THE REST OF THE TERRORIST NETWORK.

19. THIS COULD SERVE AS A PILOT PROJECT FOR A SUBSEQUENT EXPANDED EFFORT TO CORRECT THE SYSTEMIC HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM IN THE COUNTRY. [REDACTED] THE COSTS OF SUCH MODERN MODULAR JAILS WERE RELATIVELY CHEAP; 200 USD PER SQUARE METER.

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 SL IN THE PALACIO DE PIZARRO BY 1995?
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20. [REDACTED] ALSO DISAGREED ON THE CHANCE
THAT THE SENDERO REVOLUTION COULD LEAD IT TO POWER
IN PERU [REDACTED] S PESSIMISTIC. AS THINGS ARE
GOING, HE BELIEVES, THE GOP MAY HAVE FIVE YEARS,
TEN YEARS AT THE OUTSIDE. HE SEES EVIDENCE THAT SL
IS GROWING EVERYWHERE, ESPECIALLY IN THE EASTERN
JUNGLES FROM CUZCO NORTH TO THE UHV. THERE, SAID
[REDACTED] SL IS ALREADY A SEPARATE NATION. HE

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CONCLUDES THAT SL IS NOW WHERE THE VIET CONG WAS IN
1962/3.

21. EMBASSY COMMENT: [REDACTED]

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22. [REDACTED] ADMITTED THAT THINGS ARE GRAVE BUT
ARGUED THAT SL'S STRENGTH IS OVERSTATED. HE
ALLEGED THAT SL IS RECENTLY USING MORE OFTEN THE

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TECHNIQUE OF RAPID DEPLOYMENT OF THE SAME COLUMN TO DIFFERENT AREAS TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THERE IS MORE THAN ONE COLUMN OPERATING. HE CITED WITNESSES WHO IDENTIFIED CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS IN A TERRORIST ATTACK IN ONE LOCATION, AND THEN SOME OF THE SAME INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATED IN AN ATTACK A DAY LATER IN A LOCATION A HUNDRED MILES AWAY.

 SL IN LIMA

23. THE TWO MEN ALSO DISAGREED ON SL'S RELATIVE STRENGTH IN LIMA. [REDACTED] ARGUED THE GROUP HAD [REDACTED]

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 NEVER BEEN STRONGER. THEY ARE IN THE LABOR UNIONS, THE PUEBLO JOVENES, AND THE SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES IN EVER GREATER NUMBERS. [REDACTED] DISAGREED. SL HAS SUFFERED SEVERE LOSSES IN LIMA. THAT IS WHY THERE HAVE BEEN SO FEW OPERATIONS LATELY. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THEY ARE ONLY WAITING FOR A REASON, OR GOOD EVIDENCE, TO JUSTIFY AN ARREST.

24. [REDACTED] CLAIMED THAT SL'S RECENT HIATUS OF ACTIVITY IS NOT A RESULT OF ITS WEAKNESS, BUT THAT THE MOVEMENT IS IN A BASE BUILDING PHASE IN LIMA. IT IS ACTUALLY STRONGER THAN EVER AND DOES NOT WANT TO THREATEN ITS POLITICAL SUCCESS BY BRINGING TOO MUCH SECURITY ATTENTION THROUGH UNNECESSARY ACTS OF TERRORISM.

25. [REDACTED] REPEATED THAT DOZENS OF SL FIGURES, POSSIBLY LABOR UNION OFFICIALS, ARE KNOWN TO THE GOP. "WE KNOW WHO THEY ARE. WE ARE ONLY WAITING FOR THEM TO ACT SO WE CAN GRAB THEM."

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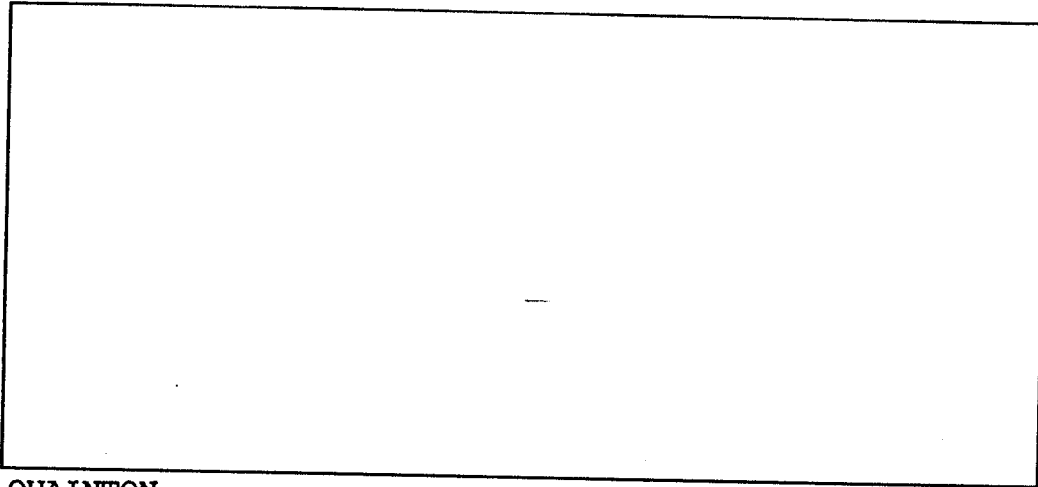
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