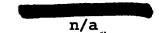
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SUBJECT: LETTER-BOMB USED IN ATTACK ON PERUVIAN HUMAN

RIGHTS GROUP; POLICE COMPLICITY CHARGED

REF: A) LIMA 3400 B) LIMA 3206

1. (U) SUMMARY: THE MARCH 15 BLAST AT THE LIMA OFFICES OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (COMISEDH)

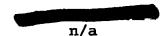
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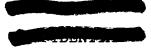
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WAS CAUSED BY A LETTER-BOMB. ALTHOUGH NO ORGANIZATION HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ATTACK, COMISEDH'S PRESIDENT CHARGED THE BOMBING WAS IN RESPONSE TO COMISEDH'S PURSUIT OF POLICE ELEMENTS INVOLVED IN A HIGH-PROFILE "DISAPPEARANCE" CASE. END SUMMARY.

- 2. (U) THE BOMB WHICH EXPLODED AT THE OFFICES OF THE PERUVIAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (COMISEDH), FRIDAY, MARCH 15 (REF A), WAS A LETTER-BOMB, HAND-DELIVERED A FEW MINUTES BEFORE. COMISEDH'S RECEPTIONIST TOLD POLOFF FRIDAY EVENING THAT A WOMAN IN HER LATE TWENTIES ARRIVED AT COMISEDH'S DOOR, IN LIMA'S JESUS MARIA DISTRICT, JUST AFTER 4 PM. SHE HANDED THE DOORMAN A LARGE MANILA ENVELOPE, SAYING IT WAS FROM A CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE. THE ENVELOPE WAS MARKED "COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, LEGAL DEPARTMENT." (THE DOORMAN TOLD POLOFF THE ENVELOPE WAS 3-4 CM. IN THICKNESS, "AS IF IT CONTAINED A SMALL BOOK".) THE DELIVERY-WOMAN SMILED, THEN WALKED TO A WAITING CAR, WHICH DROVE AWAY.
- 3. (U) DR. AUGUSTO ZUNIGA PAZ, HEAD OF COMISEDH'S LEGAL DEPARTMENT, DESCENDED FROM THE BUILDING'S SECOND FLOOR

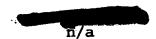


- PAGE 03 LIMA 03465 01 OF 02 182113Z MOMENTS LATER. HANDED THE ENVELOPE, ZUNIGA WENT TO HIS FIRST FLOOR OFFICE AND PROCEEDED TO OPEN THE ENVELOPE. HE APPARENTLY REALIZED THAT SOMETHING WAS AMISS, FOR HE STARTED TO TOSS THE ENVELOPE AWAY. IT WAS THEN THAT THE BOMB EXPLODED.
- 4. (U) THE EXPLOSION RIPPED INTO ZUNIGA'S ARMS, CHEST AND FACE, SHATTERING WINDOWS AND BLOWING OUT HIS OFFICE DOOR. STAFFERS RUSHED THE STILL-CONSCIOUS LAWYER TO THE NEARBY POLICE HOSPITAL. LATER TRANSFERRED TO A PRIVATE CLINIC, DR. ZUNIGA'S LEFT ARM WAS AMPUTATED SURGICALLY JUST BELOW THE ELBOW. NO PERSONS OR GROUP HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BOMBING.
- 5. (U) NATIONAL POLICE DIRECTOR, PNP GENERAL ADOLFO CUBA Y ESCOBEDO PROMISED MARCH 16 THAT "AN EXHAUSTIVE INVESTIGATION" WOULD BE CONDUCTED INTO THE BLAST. HE DECLINED FURTHER COMMENT UNTIL THE INVESTIGATION WAS CONCLUDED. UNCONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS VARIOUSLY STATE THAT THE DEVICE CONTAINED EITHER "DYNAMITE AND POWDER" OR "PLASTIC EXPLOSIVES".

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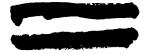
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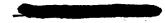
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6. (U) APPEARING ON CESAR HILDEBRANDT'S "EN PERSONA" TELEVISION SHOW THE EVENING OF SUNDAY, MARCH 17, COMISEDH'S PRESIDENT, PABLO ROJAS ROJAS, DECLARED THE BOMBING HAS CONNECTED TO COMISEDH'S CONTINUING INVESTIGATION INTO THE OCTOBER 1990 "DISAPPEARANCE" OF CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY STUDENT ERNESTO CASTILLO PAEZ. COMISEDH CHARGES THAT ELEMENTS OF THE NATIONAL POLICE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CASTILLO'S DISAPPEARANCE. DR. ZUNIGA IS THE LAWYER IN THAT CASE. HE FILED LEGAL CHARGES AGAINST PNP COMANDANTE JUAN CARLOS MEJIA, CHIEF OF THE "RAMBO"



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7. (U) ROJAS ALSO STATED THAT FRIENDS IN THE POLICE RANKS HAD WARNED BOTH DR. ZUNIGA AND COMISEDH IN RECENT WEEKS THAT THEIR INVESTIGATION WAS COMING "TOO CLOSE FOR



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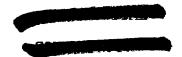
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PERU'S HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS HAVE WASTED NO TIME
IN RESPONDING TO THE ATTACK. THE ORGANIZATIONS
CONSTITUTING THE NATIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS (THE "COORDINADORA") CONVENED A SERIES OF
LONG MEETINGS OVER THE WEEKEND. LETTERS OF APPEAL HAVE
BEEN SENT TO PRESIDENT FUJIMORI AND TO PERUVIAN SENATOR
ENRIQUE BERNALES, PRESIDENT OF THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS
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