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SUBJECT: JAPANESE AMBASSADOR BRIEFED ON
 REPORTED HUANUCO KILLINGS

REF: (A) LIMA 3640
 (B) DAWSON/BRAYSHAW TELCON, 4/20

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT

2. SUMMARY: JAPANESE AMBASSADOR IN LIMA
 EXPRESSED CONCERN AT REPORTS OF POSSIBLE KILLINGS
 OF CIVILIANS BY MILITARY IN HUANUCO DEPARTMENT.
 HE ASKED IF ICRC HAS BEEN GIVEN ACCESS TO AREA.
 CHARGE REPLIED THAT IT HAS NOT AND USG IS URGING
 GOP TO GRANT ACCESS. HE SAID USG ASKS GOP TO
 CALL FOR FULL INVESTIGATION AND TO URGE GOP TO
 GRANT ICRC ACCESS. AMBASSADOR ALSO ASKED ABOUT
 NEW YORK BAR LAWYERS' COMMITTEE VISIT, SAYING HE
 THOUGHT IT WAS A MISTAKE FOR GOP NOT TO RECEIVE
 THE GROUP. END SUMMARY

3. CHARGE MET APRIL 21 WITH JAPANESE AMBASSADOR
 NOBUO NISHIZAKI TO RAISE REPORTED HUANUCO
 KILLINGS PER REF B. AFTER REVIEWING AVAILABLE
 INFORMATION, CHARGE NOTED THAT THERE IS MUCH
 CONFUSING DATA AND IT IS NOT NOW POSSIBLE TO
 REACH CONCLUSIONS ON WHAT OCCURRED. THERE ARE,
 HOWEVER, INDICATIONS THAT THE MILITARY FORCES MAY

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HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN INDESCRIMINANT ATTACKS ON CIVILIANS IN NORTHERN HUANUCO DEPARTMENT DURING ANTI-SENDERO LUMINOSO OPERATIONS. IT IS URGENT, CHARGE SAID, THAT THESE ALLEGATIONS BE QUICKLY INVESTIGATED BY COMPETENT AUTHORITIES.

4. NISHIZAKI ASKED IF THE ICRC HAD ACCESS TO THE AREA. IT DOES NOT, CHARGE REPLIED, AND THIS IS A PROBLEM. HE SAID THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE URGING PERUVIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO SEEK THAT ACCESS AND CHARGE WOULD FOLLOW UP IN LIMA ONCE DEMARCHE IN WASHINGTON IS COMPLETED. USG, HE SAID, WOULD APPRECIATE GOJ SUPPORT IN URGING THE GOP TO GRANT PROPER ACCESS TO THE ICRC, AS WELL AS URGING THE GOP TO FULLY INVESTIGATE THE ALLEGATIONS OF KILLINGS OF CIVILIAN POPULATIONS BY THE ARMED FORCES IN HUANACO.

5. NISHIZAKI WAS MOST RECEPTIVE. HE SAID HE BELIEVED THE GOP HAD TO RECOGNIZE THE SERIOUSNESS OF THESE INDICATIONS AND DO ITS UTMOST TO LAY CONCERNS TO REST. HE PROMISED TO RAISE THE ISSUE WITH MOFA IN TOKYO.

6. NISHIZAKI THEN ASKED WHAT THE NATURE OF THE UPCOMING VISIT OF NEW YORK LAWYERS IS. CHARGE SAID THAT IT IS A PRIVATE INITIATIVE FROM ONE OF THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS IN THE U.S. LEGAL COMMUNITY. THE NEW YORK BAR LAWYERS' COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ACTIVE FOR SEVERAL YEARS IN EXAMINING SITUATIONS WHERE INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED JURIDICAL NORMS MAY NOT HAVE BEEN RESPECTED. CHARGE NOTED AS WELL THAT THE VIEWS OF THE NEW YORK BAR CARRY GREAT WEIGHT IN INFLUENTIAL CIRCLES IN THE U.S. NISHIZAKI SAID HE THOUGHT THE GOP WAS MAKING A SERIOUS MISTAKE IN NOT RECEIVING THE GROUP.

7. COMMENT: NISHIZAKI WAS SURPRISINGLY RECEPTIVE TO THE REQUEST THAT THE GOP EXPRESS ITS SUPPORT FOR INVESTIGATION OF THE HUANUCO KILLINGS CHARGES AND TO SUPPORT ICRC ACCESS TO THE AREA. IN THE COURSE OF THE CONVERSATION, NISHIZAKI ALSO ASKED FOR CHARGE'S READING ON JAVIER PEREZ DE CUELLAR'S ELECTORAL PROSPECTS FOR 1995.

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