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SUBJECT: JAILED SENDERO LEADERS REITERATE  
SUPPORT FOR THEIR LEADER, GUZMAN,  
AND THE PEACE ACCORD

1. (U) JOURNALISTS FROM A TELEVISION NEWS  
MAGAZINE WERE GIVEN RARE ACCESS TO THE MAXIMUM  
SECURITY PRISON OF YANAMAYO, IN SOUTHERN PERU'S  
HIGH ANDEAN PLAINS OF PUNO WITHIN VIEW OF LAKE  
TITICACA. THE PRISON IS CONSIDERED PERU'S  
SECOND MOST SECURE FACILITY (AFTER THE CALLAO

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NAVAL BASE PRISON THAT HOLDS SENDERO FOUNDER ABIMAEI GUZMAN) AND ACCORDING TO THE TELEVISED REPORT HOLDS A LITTLE OVER 380 HARD CORE SENDERO AND TUPAC AMARU REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MRTA) INMATES. MOST OF THE PRISONERS ARE SERVING LIFE SENTENCES IN WHAT APPEARED TO BE SPARTAN BUT ADEQUATE CONDITIONS. YANAMAYO'S LOCATION IS CONSIDERED PHYSICALLY DEMANDING, AS IT IS 3,800 METERS ABOVE SEA LEVEL WITH OPEN HEAVY BARS PROVIDING LITTLE COVER AGAINST FRIGID ANDEAN TEMPERATURES - WHICH EVEN IN SUMMER CAN DIP BELOW FREEZING.

2. (C) THE JOURNALISTS WERE ALLOWED TO INTERVIEW SEVERAL HIGH-RANKING SENDERO LEADERS, INCLUDING MARTHA HUATAY, OSMAN MOROTE, AND LAURA ZAMBRANO. MOROTE REPLIED TO AN INTERVIEWER'S QUESTION THAT COMRADE "FELICIANO" (AKA OSCAR ALBERTO RAMIREZ DURAND), THE LEADER OF SENDERO LUMINOSO NOT IN JAIL, IS A "TRAITOR" FOR REFUSING TO HEED GUZMAN'S CALLS FOR A NEGOTIATED

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 "PEACE ACCORD," LEADING A SCHISMATIC FACTION OUTSIDE OF SENDERO PROPER. ALL THE LEADERS INTERVIEWED ECHOED THIS POSITION OF STRICT ADHERENCE TO GUZMAN AND THE "PEACE ACCORD." HUATAY SPECIFIED THAT THE CAPTURE OF GUZMAN HAD BEEN A "STRATEGIC" SEA-CHANGE THAT HAD PROVIDED A NEW CONTEXT TO THE WAR AND HAD MADE A CESSATION OF VIOLENCE "A NECESSITY." HOWEVER, HUATAY WAS CAREFUL TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN THE "TOTAL PEACE" THAT WOULD COME FROM A NEGOTIATED ACCORD AND THE FACT THAT THE "PEOPLE'S WAR" WOULD CONTINUE - AT SOME POINT IN TIME.  
 (COMMENT: WE NOTE THAT THE TELEVISION REPORT WAS GRANTED COURTESY OF THE SECURITY FORCES AND THAT THE PRO-GUZMAN MESSAGE COMES THROUGH A GOP FILTER. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS STORY FROM YANAMAYO DID NOT INCLUDE ANY "ANTI-PEACE ACCORD" SENDERO INTERVIEWS -- AT LEAST ONE PREVIOUS GROUP OF TELEVISION JOURNALISTS WHO DID FILM "ANTI" SENDERO CADRE WHILE ACCOMPANYING THE PRESIDENT ON A VISIT TO YANAMAYO WERE LITERALLY FORCED TO ERASE THEIR FILM AT PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S PERSONAL ORDER. END COMMENT.)

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3. (C) COMMENT: MOROTE'S STATEMENTS ARE SIGNIFICANT IN THE IDEOLOGICALLY-DRIVEN WORLD OF SENDERO. PREVIOUSLY, THE GUZMAN-FELICIANO DIFFERENCES, WHILE MARKED, WERE LESS SEVERE; NOW MOROTE HAS BROKEN GROUND IN CALLING FELICIANO A TRAITOR. AS GUZMAN'S FORMER DEPUTY (TILL HIS CAPTURE IN 1988), HE WILL BE SEEN AS SPEAKING

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 FOR GUZMAN. ONE EFFECT MAY BE TO CLEAR THE WAY FOR THE PRO-PACE ACCORD GROUP TO COOPERATE FURTHER WITH THE GOP AGAINST FELICIANO (YOU CANNOT BETRAY A TRAITOR). ANOTHER EFFECT MAY BE TO STIMULATE FURTHER ATTACKS BY FELICIANO'S FACTION SO AS TO UNDERMINE THE IMAGE OF A PEACE ACCORD. ADAMS

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