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1. (C) SUMMARY: INVESTIGATORS EXAMINING THE HUMAN REMAINS FOUND NEAR CIENEGUILLA HAVE DETERMINED THAT THERE WERE FIVE VICTIMS: THREE MEN AND TWO WOMEN. ALL DIED BETWEEN THREE AND TWELVE MONTHS AGO; THE BODIES WERE BURNED AND SOME WERE BLOWN UP WITH EXPLOSIVES. SOME OF THE EVIDENCE -- KEYS, A JAWBONE WITH INTACT TEETH -- COULD LEAD TO A POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF THE VICTIMS. THE PUBLIC MINISTRY HAS TURNED TO SOME

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PERUVIAN SPECIALISTS FOR ASSISTANCE, BUT FOREIGN AND PERUVIAN EXPERTS OFFERED BY HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS ARE EXCLUDED SO FAR FROM THE INVESTIGATION. END SUMMARY.

FIVE VICTIMS

2. (U) GOP FORENSICS EXPERTS HAVE NOW DETERMINED THAT THE REMAINS UNCOVERED JULY 8 NEAR CIENEGUILLA BELONG TO FIVE DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS. ACCORDING TO THE PROSECUTOR (FISCAL) HANDLING THE INVESTIGATION, VICTOR CUBAS, ALL FIVE VICTIMS DIED BETWEEN THREE AND TWELVE MONTHS AGO; ALL THE BODIES WERE BURNED AND SOME WERE DESTROYED BY EXPLOSIVES.

3. (U) IN AN AUGUST 6 PRESS CONFERENCE, CUBAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE REMAINS FOUND IN ONE GRAVE

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CORRESPOND TO A MAN AND A WOMAN. ONE (CUBAS DID NOT SPECIFY WHICH) WAS OVER 40 YEARS OLD, AND THE OTHER WAS BETWEEN 23 AND 37 YEARS OLD. IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF DEATH OF EITHER. IN THE OTHER GRAVE FROM THE SAME SITE, THE REMAINS BELONGED TO A MAN OVER 25, A MAN UNDER 25, AND A WOMAN UNDER 25. THE WOMAN DIED OF A BULLET TO THE HEAD. DENTAL RECORDS SHOULD ALLOW EXPERTS TO IDENTIFY AT LEAST ONE OF THE VICTIMS, CUBAS SAID, BECAUSE AN INTACT UPPER JAWBONE REVEALED THAT THAT PERSON HAD UNDERGONE "SPECIALIZED TREATMENT."

OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

4. (U) CUBAS STATED THAT RELATIVES OF THE VICTIMS OF THE JULY 1992 LA CANTUTA DISAPPEARANCES WOULD BE INTERVIEWED TO DETERMINE IF THE TWO CASES ARE RELATED OR NOT. HE ADDED THAT THE TWO SETS OF KEYS FOUND AT THE CIENEGUILLA GRAVESITES ARE BEING HELD AT THE PUBLIC MINISTRY. IN ADDITION, CUBAS NOTED THAT SEVERAL EXPERTS FROM OUTSIDE THE PUBLIC MINISTRY ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE INVESTIGATION,

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INCLUDING AN ANTHROPOLOGIST FROM A LOCAL
UNIVERSITY, TWO ARCHAEOLOGISTS, AND A GENETICIST.

5. (C) [REDACTED]

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AUGUST 9 CONVERSATION THAT ATTORNEY GENERAL
BLANCA NELIDA DE COLAN PERSONALLY ORDERED THAT HE
BE DENIED ACCESS TO THE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE
RECOVERED FROM THE GRAVESITES. APPARENTLY HE HAD
BEEN BRIEFED ABOUT THE GOP FORENSIC PROCEDURES
AND WAS AT THE LABORATORIES EXPECTING TO EXAMINE
THE EVIDENCE WHEN COLAN TELEPHONICALLY GAVE
INSTRUCTIONS BARRING HIS ACCESS.

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6. (C) COMMENT: THE GOP HAS BEEN UNCLEAR OVER
WHOM IT ALLOWS TO VIEW THE REMAINS. COLAN AT
ONE POINT ASSERTED THAT NO ONE OUTSIDE OF THE

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INVESTIGATION. LACK OF FORENSICS EXPERTISE,
HOWEVER, HAS MEANT THAT SOME PERUVIAN
SPECIALISTS HAVE BEEN CONTRACTED. FOREIGN AND
PERUVIAN EXPERTS OFFERED BY HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS,
HOWEVER, ARE EXCLUDED.

7. (LOU) A LOGICAL STEP NOW FOR THE PUBLIC
MINISTRY IS TO COMPARE DENTAL RECORDS AND TRY
THE KEYS IN AN EFFORT TO PROVE WHETHER THE
CIENEGUILLA REMAINS ARE THOSE OF THE LA CANTUTA
VICTIMS. EVEN IF INVESTIGATORS DETERMINE WHETHER
THERE IS A LINK, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT THE FORENSIC
EVIDENCE ALONE CAN LEAD THEM TO THE KILLERS.
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