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EAC MEETING 3/29/93

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ON MARCH 29, THE EMERGENCY ACTION SUMMARY: COMMITTEE REVIEWED AN APPARENT SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) THREAT TO PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN LIMA. ALSO DISCUSSED WAS AN APPARENT KIDNAPPING OF AID SPONSORED PERUVIAN (PEAH) PERSONNEL NEAR



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LOBOYACU ON 3/28/93 BY MEMBERS OF SL. THE KIDNAPPED PERSONNEL WERE EVENTUALLY RELEASED UNHARMED. FINALLY, ISSUES RELATED TO POST-IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS ON MIRAFLORES HOTELS AND A POPULAR BAR AND RESTAURANT WERE DISCUSSED. END SUMMARY.

THREAT TO PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN LIMA

3. RSO ADVISED THE EAC THAT SINCE 3/25/93 THERE HAVE BEEN TWO ATTACKS AGAINST GOP MINISTRY OF EDUCATION FACILITIES BY ELEMENTS OF SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) AND AS THIS MORNING, THREE ATTACKS AGAINST PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN LIMA. SL'S STATED JUSTIFICATION FOR THESE ATTACKS IS TO PROTEST THE PRIVATIZATION OF SCHOOLS IN LIMA.

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SL KIDNAPS PEAH WORKERS, BURNS EQUIPMENT

5. AID SECURITY DIRECTOR PRESENTED A REPORT OF AN APPARENT SL ATTACK ON PEAH PERSONNEL IN THE VICINITY OF LOBOYACU, WHICH IS LOCATED BETWEEN NUEVO PROGRESO AND TOCACHE IN THE UPPER HUALLAGA VALLEY (UHV). ACCORDING TO THE VICTIMS' STATEMENTS, THEY WERE RETURNING FROM TOCACHE TO REPAIR TWO PIECES OF HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT THAT HAD SUSTAINED FLAT TIRES THE DAY BEFORE. AT APPROXIMATELY 1300 HOURS ON MARCH 28 THEY REPORTEDLY ENCOUNTERED 300 SL MEMBERS NEAR LOBOYACU WHERE THEY HAD LEFT THE EQUIPMENT. THE SL TOOK THREE OF THE FOUR PERUVIAN PERSONNEL HOSTAGE AND REMAINED IN THE AREA FOR MORE THAN THREE HOURS. PRIOR TO LEAVING WITH THEIR HOSTAGES, SL BURNED THE TWO VEHICLES. THE SL





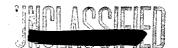
THEN TOOK THE HOSTAGES TO AN UNDISCLOSED LOCATION AND LECTURED THEM ON COMMUNIST DOCTRINE. AT APPROXIMATELY 2300 HOURS, THE THREE INDIVIDUALS WERE RELEASED UNHARMED. ACCORDING TO THE VICTIMS, SL CLAIMED TO HAVENOTHING AGAINST THE PEAH WORKERS, NOTING THAT THE EQUIPMENT WAS BURNED BECAUSE IT IS

OWNED BY "THE GOVERNMENT OF THE OLD ORDER". THE REPORT NOTES THAT THE AREA IS A NOTORIOUS RED ZONE AND THAT PERUVIAN ARMY CONTINGENT ASSIGNED TO THE PEAH WORKERS DID NOT REMAIN WITH THE EQUIPMENT AFTER IT BROKE DOWN ON MARCH 27, NOR DID THEY RETURN WITH THE PEAH WORKERS TO THE SITE ON MARCH 28.

6. DISCUSSION ENSUED IN WHICH THE NUMBER OF SL MEMBERS REPORTED WAS DISCOUNTED AS BEING HIGHLY OVERESTIMATED. THAT THE PEAH PERSONNEL HAD ENCOUNTERED—AN SL CONTINGENT IN THE AREA SEEMED LIKELY, EAC AGREED, GIVEN THE LACK OF PROTECTION AFFORDED TO THE PERSONNEL AND THE EQUIPMENT BY THE ARMY IN AN AREA FREQUENTED BY SL PATROLS. EMBASSY ELEMENTS WILL FOLLOW UP ON THE INCIDENT IN AN ATTEMPT TO CLARIFY EXACTLY WHAT OCCURRED.

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10. IN CONCLUSION, RSO ADVISED THAT A DRAFT OF THE NEW MISSION TRAVEL POLICY WILL BE FORWARDED WITHIN THE WEEK TO EAC MEMBERS FOR CONSIDERATION. BRAYSHAW##

ADMIN END OF MESSAGE



