

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
n/a

PTQ0035

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ PTQ0035

PAGE 01 LIMA 02908 01 OF 04 042358Z
ACTION ARA-01

INFO	LOG-00	ACDA-10	ACDE-00	INLB-01	AID-00	CA-02	CIAE-00
	COME-00	INL-01	DEAE-00	OASY-00	DODE-00	SRPP-00	DS-00
	EB-00	FBIE-00	H-01	TEDE-00	INR-00	IO-00	L-01
	ADS-00	NSAE-00	NSCE-00	OIC-02	PRS-00	P-00	SCT-00
	SP-00	SSO-00	SS-00	STR-00	TRSE-00	DSCC-00	PRM-10
	PRME-01	DRL-09	G-00	/039W			

-----AC6135 042358Z /64

O 042325Z APR 97
 FM AMEMBASSY LIMA
 TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6750
 INFO USCINCSO QUARRY HEIGHTS PM
 AMEMBASSY CARACAS
 USIA WASHDC 3386
 AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES
 AMEMBASSY QUITO
 AMEMBASSY BOGOTA
 AMEMBASSY LA PAZ

RELEASED IN FULL

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ L SECTION 01 OF 04 LIMA 002908

SOUTHCOM ALSO FOR POLAD

B.O. 12958: DECL: 4/4/2007
 TAGS: PHUM PTER PGOV PINR ASEC PE
 SUBJECT: RECENT CRIMES AIMED AT A LEFTIST CONGRESSMAN, A
 FORMER APRA MINISTER, AND A NEWSPAPER EDITOR RAISE
 QUESTIONS

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

PAGE 02 LIMA 02908 01 OF 04 042358Z

1. CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR JETT. REASON 1.5(D)
2. (C) SUMMARY: THE THEFT MARCH 19 OF LEFTIST CONGRESSMAN JAVIER DIEZ CANSECO'S CAR, AND SUBSEQUENT INTERROGATION OF PASSENGER ARGENTINE HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST PATRICIA VALDEZ, AS WELL AS THE MARCH 16 SHOOTING AT THE RESIDENCE OF FORMER APRA ECONOMY MINISTER GUSTAVO SABERBEIN HAVE HEIGHTENED CONCERNS AMONG THE OPPOSITION THAT GOVERNMENT AGENTS HAVE TARGETED OUTSPOKEN CRITICS OF THE

n/a
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
n/a

FUJIMORI REGIME. AN INTERIOR MINISTRY REPORT TO CONGRESS ATTRIBUTED THESE INCIDENTS TO COMMON CRIMINALS. HOWEVER, THE CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION IS NOT SATISFIED AND HAS DEMANDED THAT THE CULPRITS BE FOUND. THE OPPOSITION WAS FURTHER ENRAGED ON APRIL 1 WHEN EDITOR BLANCA ROSALES OF ANTI-GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER "LA REPUBLICA" WAS BRIEFLY KIDNAPPED IN HER CAR LATE AT NIGHT. WHILE THERE IS NO FIRM EVIDENCE THAT ANY OF THESE CRIMES WAS POLITICALLY MOTIVATED, BOTH DIEZ CANSECO AND SABERBEIN ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY IN JANUARY THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED TELEPHONIC DEATH THREATS BECAUSE THEY HAD CALLED FOR A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION TO THE MRTA HOSTAGE CRISIS. A PRESENTATION TO CONGRESS APRIL 3 BY INTERIOR MINISTER BRIONES ASSERTING THAT COMMON CRIMINALS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ABOVE CRIMES DID NOT SATISFY THE OPPOSITION, WHO WILL CONTINUE TO USE THE INCIDENTS IN AN EFFORT TO PROVE THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS ATTEMPTING TO INTIMIDATE THEM. END SUMMARY.

CONGRESSMAN'S VEHICLE STOLEN/OCCUPANTS INTERROGATED

3. (U) A VEHICLE USED BY UNITED LEFT CONGRESSMAN JAVIER DIEZ

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

PAGE 03 LIMA 02908 01 OF 04 042358Z
CANSECO WAS STOPPED BY SIX ASSAILANTS LATE MARCH 19 WHILE TRANSPORTING ARGENTINE HUMAN RIGHTS LEADER PATRICIA VALDEZ TO THE AIRPORT. WHILE DIEZ CANSECO WAS NOT IN THE CAR, A BODYGUARD AND A DRIVER WERE. THE ASSAILANTS' FACES WERE COVERED AND ALL WORE BULLETPROOF VESTS WITH "POLICIA" WRITTEN ON THEM. THREE ASSAILANTS ENTERED THE VEHICLE (A NISSAN PATHFINDER) AFTER SHOOTING THE BODYGUARD IN THE LEG, AND FORCED THE PASSENGERS TO KEEP THEIR HEADS DOWN WHILE ONE ASSAILANT DROVE. DURING THE FIVE TO TEN MINUTE DRIVE THE ABDUCTORS DISCUSSED TAKING VALDEZ, THE DRIVER, AND THE BODYGUARD TO A POLICE STATION AND ONE ASSAILANT ADDRESSED THE OTHER AS "CAPTAIN," ACCORDING TO A REPORT ON THE INCIDENT PREPARED BY DIEZ CANSECO AND GIVEN TO POLOFF BY A HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION. VALDEZ, THE DRIVER AND THE BODYGUARD WERE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER VEHICLE WHERE THEY WERE QUESTIONED FOR FORTY MINUTES ABOUT WHO THEY WERE, AND MONEY AND DOCUMENTS WERE TAKEN FROM THEM. ONE OF THE CRIMINALS DROVE OFF WITH DIEZ CANSECO'S VEHICLE, WHICH WAS FOUND BURNED TWO DAYS LATER.

INITIAL DISCUSSION OF THE THEFT IN CONGRESS

n/a
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
n/a

4. (U) SINCE THE INCIDENT, DIEZ CANSECO, A HIGH-PROFILE LEFTIST CONGRESSMAN, HAS DEMANDED THAT THE CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP INITIATE A FULL INVESTIGATION INTO THE THEFT/ABDUCTION. CONGRESS REJECTED AN OPPOSITION MOTION MARCH 20 CALLING FOR A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE AND FOR INTERIOR MINISTER JUAN BRIONES TO BE SUMMONED TO CONGRESS TO EXPLAIN WHAT HAPPENED. THE REJECTION OF THIS MOTION RESULTED IN A WALKOUT BY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS FROM MOST OPPOSITION PARTIES, INCLUDING APRA AND UNION FOR PERU (UPP).

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

PAGE 04 LIMA 02908 01 OF 04 042358Z

5. (U) DURING THE MARCH 20 CONGRESSIONAL DISCUSSION OF THE INCIDENT, PRESIDENT OF CONGRESS VICTOR JOY WAY CONDEMNED INCIDENTS SUCH AS THAT WHICH TOOK PLACE AGAINST DIEZ CANSECO'S VEHICLE. THE CONGRESS DID APPROVE A MOTION PRESENTED BY GOVERNMENT CONGRESSMAN EDUARDO FERRERO COSTA REQUESTING THAT THE INTERIOR MINISTRY PROVIDE CONGRESS WITH A WRITTEN REPORT OF THE INCIDENT. IN PRESENTING HIS MOTION, FERRERO COSTA NOTED THAT SIMILAR THEFTS HAD TAKEN PLACE RECENTLY INVOLVING VEHICLES BELONGING TO GOVERNMENT CONGRESSMAN VICTOR FERNANDEZ AND THE BROTHER OF GOVERNMENT CONGRESSMAN VICTOR RUIZ. FERRERO COSTA CALLED FOR BETTER SECURITY FOR ALL PERUVIAN LAWMAKERS.

FUJIMORI SAYS SIN NOT RESPONSIBLE

6. (U) PRESIDENT FUJIMORI ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY MARCH 20 THAT THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIN) WAS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ACTIONS AGAINST POLITICAL FIGURES, AND SAID THAT THERE WAS NOW COMPLETE SECURITY WITHIN PERU, AND NOT THE "BRUTAL INSECURITY" OF THE APRA REGIME (1985-1990).

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

NNNNPTQ0036

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

PTQ0036

PAGE 01 LIMA 02908 02 OF 04 042359Z
ACTION ARA-01

INFO LOG-00 ACDA-10 ACDE-00 INLB-01 AID-00 CA-02 CIAE-00

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
n/a

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

n/a

COME-00	INL-01	DEAE-00	OASY-00	DODE-00	SRPP-00	DS-00
EB-00	FBIE-00	H-01	TEDE-00	INR-00	IO-00	L-01
ADS-00	NSAE-00	NSCE-00	OIC-02	PRS-00	P-00	SCT-00
SP-00	SSO-00	SS-00	STR-00	TRSE-00	DSCC-00	PRM-10
PRME-01	DRL-09	G-00	/039W			

-----AC6141 042359Z /64

O 042325Z APR 97
 FM AMEMBASSY LIMA
 TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6751
 INFO USCINCSO QUARRY HEIGHTS PM
 AMEMBASSY CARACAS
 USIA WASHDC 3387
 AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES
 AMEMBASSY QUITO
 AMEMBASSY BOGOTA
 AMEMBASSY LA PAZ

C ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ A L SECTION 02 OF 04 LIMA 002908

SOUTHCOM ALSO FOR POLAD

E.O. 12958: DECL: 4/4/2007
 TAGS: PHUM PTER PGOV PINR ASEC PE
 SUBJECT: RECENT CRIMES AIMED AT A LEFTIST CONGRESSMAN, A
 FORMER APRA MINISTER, AND A NEWSPAPER EDITOR RAISE
 QUESTIONS

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

PAGE 02 LIMA 02908 02 OF 04 042359Z

DIEZ CANSECO SAYS COLINA GROUP RESPONSIBLE

7. (U) FRUSTRATED BY THE GOVERNMENT'S LACK OF INTEREST IN INVESTIGATING THE ATTACK, DIEZ CANSECO ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY MARCH 22 THAT HE BELIEVED THAT IT WAS CARRIED OUT BY MEMBERS OF THE NOTORIOUS "COLINA" DEATH SQUAD, AND THAT IT WAS PART OF AN EFFORT TO INTIMIDATE THOSE WHO FAVOR A PEACEFUL END TO THE MRTA HOSTAGE TAKEOVER THAT BEGAN DECEMBER 17. DIEZ CANSECO CALLED PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S STATEMENT AN EFFORT TO COVER UP STATE-SPONSORED TERRORISM, AND EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT FUJIMORI COULD BE TRYING TO PROTECT DE FACTO SIN CHIEF VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS AND THE LEADERS OF THE COLINA DEATH SQUAD. DIEZ CANSECO SAID THAT IN LIGHT OF THE CONGRESS'S AND THE INTERIOR MINISTRY'S REFUSAL TO INVESTIGATE THE THEFT OF HIS CAR, HE WOULD CALL ON "INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS" TO CLARIFY IT. AS EVIDENCE THAT THE ROBBERY WAS POLITICALLY

n/a

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
n/a

MOTIVATED, DIEZ CANSECO NOTED THAT THE THIEVES DID NOT TAKE THE SPARE TIRES OR CREDIT CARDS INSIDE THE VEHICLE BEFORE BURNING IT. HE ADMITTED HE HAD NO CONCRETE EVIDENCE TO BACK UP HIS CHARGES HOWEVER.

INTERIOR MINISTER'S REPORT

8. (U) ON MARCH 26, PRESIDENT OF CONGRESS JOY WAY PRESENTED TO CONGRESS THE INTERIOR MINISTER'S REPORT ON THE ROBBERY OF DIEZ CANSECO'S VEHICLE AS WELL AS THE MARCH 16 ATTACK ON THE RESIDENCE OF FORMER APRA MINISTER GUSTAVO SABERBEIN (SEE BELOW). DIEZ CANSECO DID NOT ATTEND THE SESSION DUE TO ILLNESS (REPORTED TO BE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

PAGE 03 LIMA 02908 02 OF 04 042359Z
STOMACH PROBLEMS). ACCORDING TO THE INTERIOR MINISTRY, DIEZ CANSECO'S VEHICLE WAS STOLEN BY CRIMINALS WHO USED POLICE WEAPONS, BULLETPROOF VESTS AND TERMINOLOGY IN ORDER TO CONFUSE THE VICTIMS AND DISORIENT THE POLICE INVESTIGATION. THE REPORT ALSO INDICATED THAT THE SECTION OF LIMA WHERE THE ROBBERY TOOK PLACE IS A HIGH-CRIME ZONE WHERE ORGANIZED GANGS ARE KNOWN TO INTERCEPT VEHICLES. IT NOTED THAT THE VEHICLE WAS THE PROPERTY OF A BAKERY OWNED BY JAIME MUR (HUSBAND OF CONSTITUTIONAL TRIBUNAL JUDGE DELIA REVOREDO) AND DESIGNATED FOR USE IN A FEEDING (VASO DE LECHE) PROGRAM. THE REPORT CONCLUDED BY ASKING THAT DIEZ CANSECO OR A LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BAKERY CLARIFY THE OWNERSHIP OF THE VEHICLE. (LATE MARCH 26, DIEZ CANSECO EXPLAINED VIA A PRESS RELEASE THAT HE WAS IN THE PROCESS OF PURCHASING THE VEHICLE.)

9. (U) OPPOSITION MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HARSHLY CRITICIZED THE INTERIOR MINISTER'S REPORT. FERNANDO OLIVERA OF THE INDEPENDENT MORALIZING FRONT (FIM) SAID IT SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE INTERIOR MINISTER SINCE IT WAS INCOMPLETE AND CONSTITUTED "A LACK OF RESPECT FOR CONGRESS" THAT SHOULD NOT BE TOLERATED. DISSATISFIED WITH THE REPORT, MEMBERS OF VARIOUS OPPOSITION GROUPS DEMANDED THE INTERIOR MINISTRY CARRY OUT A SERIOUS AND PROFESSIONAL INVESTIGATION AND FIND OUT WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CRIME RATHER THAN ASKING THE VICTIM TO CLARIFY OWNERSHIP. THE OPPOSITION FOR THE SECOND TIME PRESENTED A MOTION TO SUMMON INTERIOR MINISTER BRIONES, WHICH AGAIN FAILED.

DIEZ CANSECO REBUTS INTERIOR MINISTRY REPORT

n/a
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

n/a

10. (U) IN A PRESS INTERVIEW MARCH 27, DIEZ CANSECO SAID THAT

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

PAGE 04 LIMA 02908 02 OF 04 042359Z
INTERIOR MINISTER BRIONES LIED IN HIS REPORT TO CONGRESS, BECAUSE DIEZ CANSECO NEVER SAID THINGS ATTRIBUTED TO HIM IN THE REPORT. THE CONGRESSMAN ALSO ASSERTED THAT BRIONES HAD TWISTED THINGS AROUND IN THE REPORT. HE DENIED EVER SPEAKING TO A POLICE CHIEF OR THE INTERIOR MINISTER HIMSELF ABOUT THE ROBBERY. AS FURTHER PROOF THAT THE CRIME WAS POLITICALLY MOTIVATED, DIEZ CANSECO POINTED OUT THAT VALDEZ AND THE OTHER PASSENGERS OF HIS VEHICLE WERE INTERROGATED FOR 40 MINUTES BY THE ASSAILANTS, SOMETHING HE SAID WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED HAD THE PERPETRATORS BEEN COMMON CRIMINALS.

THE SABERBEIN CASE

11. (U) FORMER APRA ECONOMY AND FINANCE MINISTER GUSTAVO SABERBEIN'S RESIDENCE WAS SHOT AT LATE MARCH 16 AFTER FOUR MEN IN A VEHICLE FOLLOWED SABERBEIN'S CAR TO HIS RESIDENCE. SABERBEIN WENT INSIDE TO TURN ON THE GARAGE LIGHT, WHILE HIS SON AND WIFE WAITED IN THE CAR (A 1981 MUSTANG). AT THAT POINT, TWO ARMED MEN GOT OUT OF THEIR VEHICLE WITH GUNS. MRS. SABERBEIN THEN RAN INTO THE GARAGE TO WARN HER HUSBAND AND THEIR SON RAN BEHIND A TREE NEAR THE CAR DOOR. SABERBEIN, WHO HAD A GUN WITH HIM, SHOT INTO THE AIR, AND ONE OF THE GUNMEN THEN SHOT INTO THE DARK GARAGE, NARROWLY

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

NNNNPTQ0037

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

PTQ0037

PAGE 01 LIMA 02908 03 OF 04 042359Z
ACTION ARA-01

INFO	LOG-00	ACDA-10	ACDE-00	INLB-01	AID-00	CA-02	CIAE-00
	COME-00	INL-01	DEAE-00	OASY-00	DODE-00	SRPP-00	DS-00
	EB-00	FBIE-00	H-01	TEDE-00	INR-00	IO-00	L-01
	ADS-00	NSAE-00	NSCE-00	OIC-02	PRS-00	P-00	SCT-00
	SP-00	SSO-00	SS-00	STR-00	TRSE-00	DSCC-00	PRM-10
	PRME-01	DRL-09	G-00	/039W			

-----AC6144 050000Z /64

O 042325Z APR 97
FM AMEMBASSY LIMA

n/a

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~██████████~~
n/a

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6752
INFO USCINCSO QUARRY HEIGHTS PM
AMEMBASSY CARACAS
USIA WASHDC 3388
AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES
AMEMBASSY QUITO
AMEMBASSY BOGOTA
AMEMBASSY LA PAZ

~~██████████~~ SECTION 03 OF 04 LIMA 002908

SOUTHCOM ALSO FOR POLAD

E.O. 12958: DECL: 4/4/2007
TAGS: PHUM PTER PGOV PINR ASEC PE
SUBJECT: RECENT CRIMES AIMED AT A LEFTIST CONGRESSMAN, A
FORMER APRA MINISTER, AND A NEWSPAPER EDITOR RAISE
QUESTIONS

PAGE 02 LIMA 02908 03 OF 04 042359Z

MISSING SABERBEIN. IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS SINCE THE INCIDENT, SABERBEIN HAS REPEATEDLY STATED THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THE ASSAILANTS WERE COMMON CRIMINALS, BUT RATHER THAT THEY INTENDED TO KIDNAP HIM OR ROB HIS HOME. HE HAS STATED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED NUMEROUS THREATENING PHONE CALLS DURING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY TELLING HIM NOT TO TALK ABOUT THE MRTA HOSTAGE CRISIS OR CRITICIZE THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT'S ECONOMIC POLICIES.

12. (U) ON MARCH 26, INTERIOR MINISTER BRIONES ALSO PROVIDED THE PERUVIAN CONGRESS A WRITTEN REPORT ON THE ATTACK AGAINST SABERBEIN. THE REPORT SIMPLY RESTATED INFORMATION FOUND IN PRESS ACCOUNTS, AND NOTED THAT SABERBEIN HAD NOT YET VISITED A POLICE STATION TO EXPLAIN WHAT TOOK PLACE AND HAD NOT CLARIFIED WHETHER HE HAD AUTHORIZATION TO CARRY A WEAPON. IN A PUBLIC STATEMENT, SABERBEIN IMMEDIATELY REJECTED THE POLICE REPORT AND SHOWED JOURNALISTS HIS LICENSE TO CARRY A WEAPON. SABERBEIN ALSO POINTED OUT THAT POLICE OFFICERS HAD VISITED HIS HOME ON THE NIGHT OF THE SHOOTING. SABERBEIN WAS ALSO UPSET THAT THE REPORT MADE NO MENTION OF WHO WAS LIKELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACK.

SABERBEIN AND DIEZ CANSECO: TWO FORMER MRTA HOSTAGES

13. (U) ON JANUARY 7, "LA REPUBLICA" HAD PUBLISHED STATEMENTS BY

n/a
~~██████████~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
n/a

BOTH DIEZ CANSECO AND SABERBEIN (THEIR PHOTOS PRINTED SIDE BY SIDE) INDICATING THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED TELEPHONIC DEATH THREATS, THEIR PHONES WERE TAPPED, AND THEY WERE BEING FOLLOWED. AT THAT TIME, SABERBEIN INDICATED THAT HE WAS TOLD BY THE MAN MAKING THE DEATH THREAT THAT HE SHOULD STOP FORMULATING ALTERNATIVES FOR A SOLUTION TO THE MRTA HOSTAGE CRISIS. HE NOTED THAT THE THREAT TOOK PLACE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

PAGE 03 LIMA 02908 03 OF 04 042359Z
AFTER HE HAD JOINED OTHER FORMER HOSTAGES IN LODGING A COMPLAINT AGAINST THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIN) FOR BUGGING THE PHONES OF FORMER HOSTAGES TO SEE IF ANY HAD LINKS TO THE MRTA. FOR HIS PART, CONGRESSMAN DIEZ CANSECO REVEALED IN JANUARY TO "LA REPUBLICA" THAT THERE WERE UNUSUAL MOVEMENTS AROUND HIS HOME. DIEZ CANSECO ALSO LABELED AS "RIDICULOUS" THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE FORMER HOSTAGES DELIVERED MESSAGES TO THE MRTA OUTSIDE THE RESIDENCE.

LA REPUBLICA EDITOR BRIEFLY KIDNAPPED

14. (U) DURING THE EARLY MORNING OF APRIL 1, "LA REPUBLICA" EDITOR BLANCA ROSALES WAS ABDUCTED IN HER CAR, A CITROEN, BY FOUR ARMED MEN NEAR THE HOME OF HER PASSENGER, "LA REPUBLICA'S" POLITICAL EDITOR JUAN DE LA PUENTE, WHO MANAGED TO ESCAPE. DE LA PUENTE IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED POLICE AND "LA REPUBLICA'S" DIRECTOR, CONGRESSMAN GUSTAVO MOHME. WHILE DE LA PUENTE RAN FROM THE CAR, ONE GUNMAN TRIED TO SHOOT AT HIM, BUT HIS GUN MISFIRED. ROSALES'S CAPTORS DROVE OFF, AND AFTER FIVE MINUTES TRANSFERRED HER TO ANOTHER VEHICLE WITH POLARIZED WINDOWS. THE ABDUCTORS SAID THEY WOULD DESCRIBE THEMSELVES AS ANTI-NARCOTICS POLICE IF THEY WERE STOPPED, AND WOULD SAY THAT ROSALES WAS ARRESTED FOR CARRYING NARCOTICS. FOR FORTY MINUTES THE ABDUCTORS THREATENED TO KILL ROSALES AND SAID THEY WERE GOING TO ASK USD 20,000 FOR HER RELEASE. HOWEVER, THEY ONLY TOOK HER WATCH, A RING, AND A BRACELET BEFORE LEAVING HER ON A STREET AND DRIVING OFF. ROSALES'S ABANDONED CAR WAS FOUND SHORTLY AFTER THE ABDUCTION WITH HER HANDBAG, CREDIT CARD AND CELL PHONE STILL INSIDE. WHILE POLICE STATEMENTS HAVE CALLED THIS A CASE OF COMMON CRIME, ROSALES AND "LA REPUBLICA" HAVE LABELLED THIS INCIDENT ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO INTIMIDATE PERU'S MEDIA

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 04 LIMA 02908 03 OF 04 042359Z
AND OPPOSITION AND CITE IT AS PART OF A PATTERN LINKED TO THE DIEZ

n/a
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
n/a

CANSECO AND SABERBEIN INCIDENTS. THE ROSALES ABDUCTION HAS ALSO DRAWN CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION FROM INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS WHO CONSIDER IT AN ATTACK ON FREEDOM OF SPEECH. (NOTE: ROSALES RETURNED FEBRUARY 26 FROM A USIS INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM IN THE UNITED STATES. SHE WAS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR JETT APRIL 1 TO DISCUSS THE USIS PROGRAM, BUT POSTPONED THE APPOINTMENT UNTIL NEXT WEEK DUE TO THE INCIDENT. IN A TELCON WITH THE AMBASSADOR SHE DESCRIBED THE PERPETRATORS AS EITHER POLITICALLY MOTIVATED OR STUPID. END NOTE.)

INTERIOR MINISTER SPEAKS TO CONGRESS

15. (U) IN HARSH STATEMENT TO CONGRESS APRIL 3, INTERIOR MINISTER BRIONES DENOUNCED THE CAMPAIGN BY THE OPPOSITION TO "POLITICIZE" COMMON CRIMES AND DISMISSED THE ACCUSATION THAT THE POLICE WERE NOT ADEQUATELY INVESTIGATING THE DIEZ CANSECO ROBBERY, THE SABERBEIN SHOOTING, AND ROSALES'S ABDUCTION. BRIONES SAID THE THEFT OF DIEZ CANSECO'S VEHICLE WAS COMMITTED BY AN INTERNATIONAL CAR THEFT RING HEADED BY "CHOLA VICKY." TWO MEMBERS OF THE CHOLA VICKY GANG, WHOSE PHOTOS BRIONES SHOWED TO CONGRESS, WERE ARRESTED AFTER A

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
NNNNPTQ0038

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ PTQ0038

PAGE 01 LIMA 02908 04 OF 04 050000Z
ACTION ARA-01

INFO	LOG-00	ACDA-10	ACDE-00	INLB-01	AID-00	CA-02	CIAE-00
	COME-00	INL-01	DEAE-00	OASY-00	DODE-00	SRPP-00	DS-00
	EB-00	FBIE-00	H-01	TEDE-00	INR-00	IO-00	L-01
	ADS-00	NSAE-00	NSCE-00	OIC-02	PRS-00	P-00	SCT-00
	SP-00	SSO-00	SS-00	STR-00	TRSE-00	DSCC-00	PRM-10
	PRME-01	DRL-09	G-00	/039W			

-----AC6149 050000Z /64

O 042325Z APR 97
FM AMEMBASSY LIMA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6753
INFO USCINCSO QUARRY HEIGHTS PM
AMEMBASSY CARACAS
USIA WASHDC 3389
AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES
AMEMBASSY QUITO
AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
n/a

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

n/a

AMEMBASSY LA PAZ

CONFIDENTIAL SECTION 04 OF 04 LIMA 002908

SOUTHCOM ALSO FOR POLAD

E.O. 12958: DECL: 4/4/2007

TAGS: PHUM PTER PGOV PINR ASEC PE

SUBJECT: RECENT CRIMES AIMED AT A LEFTIST CONGRESSMAN, A
FORMER APRA MINISTER, AND A NEWSPAPER EDITOR RAISE
QUESTIONS~~CONFIDENTIAL~~~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

PAGE 02

LIMA 02908 04 OF 04 050000Z

SHOOTOUT IN MOQUEGUA PROVINCE MARCH 22. BRIONES BELIEVED THAT DIEZ CANSECO'S CAR WAS BURNED WHEN THE GANG COULD NOT SELL IT. BRIONES NOTED THAT BOTH THE CHOLA VICKY GANG AND THE HUAMAN BROTHERS CAR THEFT RING USED BULLETPROOF VESTS. IN ADDITION, BRIONES STATED THAT THE PASSENGER IN DIEZ CANSECO'S VEHICLE, ARGENTINE HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST PATRICIA VALDEZ, HAD NOT MADE A POLICE STATEMENT. (NOTE: IN RESPONSE, ON APRIL 4 "LA REPUBLICA" PUBLISHED PORTIONS OF VALDEZ'S MARCH 19 POLICE STATEMENT. END NOTE.) REFLECTING THE OPPOSITION'S DISSATISFACTION WITH BRIONES'S PRESENTATION TO CONGRESS, THE APRIL 4 HEADLINE IN "LA REPUBLICA" STATES "BRIONES SHOULD RESIGN." HOWEVER, THE APRIL 4 HEADLINE OF THE OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT DAILY READS "MINISTER BRIONES: THEY ARE TRYING TO POLITICIZE COMMON CRIMES."

COMMENT

16. (C) WHILE THE GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO MAKE A PERSUASIVE CASE FOR COMMON CRIMINALS BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ROBBERY OF DIEZ CANSECO'S CAR, THE SHOOTING OF SABERBEIN'S HOUSE, AND THE ABDUCTION OF BLANCA ROSALES, THERE ARE STILL MANY UNANSWERED QUESTIONS. SINCE NEITHER SIDE IS LIKELY TO BE ABLE TO PRODUCE CONVINCING EVIDENCE OF ITS VERSION OF THE INCIDENTS, THE OPPOSITION WILL CONTINUE TO USE THE INCIDENTS TO DEMONSTRATE THAT ELEMENTS OF GOVERNMENT, AND THE SIN IN PARTICULAR, ARE TRYING TO INTIMIDATE THE OPPOSITION. IT IS ALSO VERY POSSIBLE THAT ACTIVE DUTY OR FORMER POLICE OFFICERS COMMITTED THESE CRIMES, ESPECIALLY IN THE CASE OF ROSALES, AND EVEN PRO-GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPERS HAVE CALLED FOR A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF POLICE INVOLVEMENT IN COMMON CRIMES.

CONFIDENTIAL

n/a

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

UNCLASSIFIED

Page: 11

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

n/a

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

PAGE 03 LIMA 02908 04 OF 04 050000Z

HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT'S ARGUMENTS THAT THESE ARE JUST INSTANCES OF COMMON CRIME WOULD HAVE MORE CREDIBILITY IF THE ASSAILANTS HAD NOT INTERROGATED THEIR VICTIMS, AND HAD FLED WITH CREDIT CARDS AND OTHERQ

17. (C) EMBASSY SHARED THE HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH/AMERICAS LETTER TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIDOW ON THE DIEZ CANSECO CASE AND ABDUCTION OF PATRICIA VALDEZ WITH HUMAN RIGHTS OMBUDSMAN JORGE SANTISTEVAN AND CONGRESSIONAL VICE PRESIDENT LUZ SALGADO. AMBASSADOR HAS SPOKEN TO BLANCA ROSALES WHO WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DETAILS ABOUT HER ABDUCTION. AMBASSADOR IS ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT CONGRESSMAN DIEZ CANSECO TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN.

JETT

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

NNNN

n/a

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Page: 11

UNCLASSIFIED