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 SUBJ: (U) GOP PUTS MILITARY IN CONTROL OF AYACUCHO

REF: A) LIMA 13150; B) LIMA 13104, C) LIMA 13097

1. (U) ON DECEMBER 29, PRESIDENT BELAUNDE ISSUED A DECREE ESTABLISHING A NEW STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE FOLLOWING PROVINCES: CANGALLO, HUAMANGA, HUANTA, LA MAR, VICTOR FAJARDO (IN AYACUCHO DEPARTMENT); ANDAHUAYLAS (IN APURIMAC DEPARTMENT), AND ANGARAES (HUANCVELICA DEPARTMENT). THE SUPREME DECREE (NO. 068-82-IN) AUTHORIZES THE ARMED FORCES TO "ASSUME CONTROL OF INTERNAL ORDER" IN THOSE PROVINCES. THE DECREE, PUBLISHED IN THE DECEMBER 30 ISSUE OF THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE "EL PERUANO", WAS APPROVED BY THE CABINET AND COUNTERSIGNED BY THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTERS OF INTERIOR, WAR, AIR FORCE, AND NAVY. THE STATE OF EMERGENCY UNDER THE PRESENT DECREE WILL BE IN EFFECT FOR 60 DAYS BEFORE RENEWAL IS REQUIRED. ALL PROVINCES AFFECTED BUT ANGARAES IN HUANCVELICA WERE PREVIOUSLY UNDER STATE OF EMERGENCY DECREE.

2. (U) TEXT OF THE DECREE POINTS OUT THAT THE PRESIDENT IS AUTHORIZED UNDER ARTICLE 231 (A) OF THE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH A STATE OF EMERGENCY WHENEVER INTERNAL ORDER IS THREATENED. AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE OF THE INTERIOR MINISTRY, ALSO ISSUED ON DECEMBER 29, STATES THAT THE DECISION WAS MADE AFTER AN "EXHAUSTIVE SOUNDING OF PUBLIC OPINION" AND THE "FAILURE OF ALL GOOD FAITH EFFORTS TO INDUCE THE SEDITIOUS ELEMENTS TO SURRENDER AND END THEIR CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES".

3. (C) COMMENT: THE TIMING OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS RELATED TO PRESIDENT BELAUNDE'S 72-HOUR DEADLINE, SET ON DECEMBER 26 (REF B). CALLING ON ALL TERRORISTS TO SURRENDER TO THE POLICE. THE DEADLINE EXPIRED AT NOON ON THE 29TH. NO TERRORISTS SURRENDERED. WHAT'S MORE, THE SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) TOOK OVER THE RADIO HUAMANGA STATION IN AYACUCHO CITY AT 5:45 A.M. ON THE 29TH AND BROADCAST A 23 MINUTE TAPE IN QUECHUA AND SPANISH DEMANDING THAT THE ARMY LEAVE AYACUCHO WITHIN 72 HOURS. THE STATION IS TWO BLOCKS FROM THE CITY'S PERUVIAN INVESTIGATIVE POLICE (PIP) HEADQUARTERS BUT THE POLICE DID NOT ARRIVE UNTIL THE BROADCAST ENDED AND THE SL HAD GONE, LEAVING A COUPLE OF STICKS OF DYNAMITE WITH BURNING FUSES. ORTIZ

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