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TAGS: PTER, PGOV, PE
SUBJECT: SUSPECTED DEATH SQUAD DYNAMITES FAMOUS
- SENDERO GRAVE

REF: LIMA 9898

1. (C) SUMMARY: THE "RODRIGO FRANCO DEMOCRATIC
COMMAND" EARLY AUGUST 9 BOMBED THE MAUSOLEUM OF

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SENDERISTA EDITH LAGOS IN AYACUCHO AND LEFT

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A NOTE WARNING SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) THAT ITS DAYS ARE NUMBERED. THIS GROUP HAD CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE JULY 28 MURDER OF MANUEL FEBRES. THE ATTACK HAS RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE PRESS COVERAGE, AND COULD FORESHADOW FURTHER VIGILANTE-STYLE OPERATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) A SUSPECTED PARAMILITARY SQUAD, THE "RODRIGO FRANCO DEMOCRATIC COMMAND," CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE AUGUST 9 BOMBING OF THE GRAVE OF EDITH LAGOS, A SENDERISTA HEROINE WHOSE DEATH IN 1982 DREW LARGE CROWDS TO THE FUNERAL IN AYACUCHO. THE GROUP PLACED A PLACARD NEXT TO THE GRAVE WHICH STATED "SENDERISTAS HAVE THEIR DAYS NUMBERED. THE RODRIGO FRANCO DEMOCRATIC COMMAND WILL AVENGE THE DEATH OF SO MANY INNOCENT LIVES. LONG LIVE DEMOCRACY, LONG LIVE PERU."

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3. (U) THE RICARDO FRANCO SQUAD IS ALSO SUSPECTED OF HANGING AT LEAST ONE DOG NEAR THE FRONT DOOR OF THE AYACUCHO HOME OF LUIS MORALES, A CORRESPONDENT FOR THE PRO-SL DAILY "EL DIARIO." A NOTE THREATENED SL SUPPORTERS, REPORTEDLY BY STATING "THIS IS HOW SENDERISTAS WILL DIE."

4. (U) VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE MAJOR DAILIES PUBLISHED HEADLINES ABOUT THE CEMETERY BOMBING. THE FAR LEFT DAILY "LA VOZ," FOR EXAMPLE, RAN THE BANNER "RIGHT-WING TERRORISM IN AYACUCHO." VICE MINISTER OF INTERIOR MANTILLA AUGUST 9 SAID

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THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL INVESTIGATE THE ANNIHILATION SQUAD, PROVIDED IT EXISTS, WITH THE SAME VIGOR IT DOES THE CRIMES OF THE COMMUNIST SUBVERSIVES. THE APRA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN AYACUCHO ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE DISASSOCIATING THE PARTY FROM THE RODRIGO FRANCO GROUP AND CONDEMNING ITS ACTIVITIES.

5. (C) COMMENT: THIS IS THE SECOND ATTACK CLAIMED BY THE RODRIGO FRANCO COMMAND, THE

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FIRST BEING THE MURDER OF PRO-SL LAWYER MANUEL FEBRES JULY 28 IN LIMA (REF). THE FACT THAT THE GROUP CHOSE AYACUCHO -- SENDERO'S HEARTLAND -- TO CARRY OUT A SYMBOLIC ATTACK AGAINST AN SL MARTYR INDICATES THAT THE GROUP IS MOBILE OR BROADLY BASED AND MAY BE BEGINNING AN ANTI-SL CAMPAIGN.

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