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SUBJECT: INCREASING THREATS CLAIMED BY VIGILANTE
GROUP

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1. (C) SUMMARY: THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN
RECENT DAYS OF THREATS CLAIMED IN THE NAME OF
THE "RICARDO FRANCO DEMOCRATIC COMMAND" (RFDC).

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FOR THE FIRST TIME THE RFDC HAS THREATENED

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PROMINENT NON-SL FIGURES. PRO-SL "EL DIARIO"
CLAIMS IT KILLED AN AYACUCHO WORKER AND HAS
THREATENED LABORERS WHO MIGHT BE PARTICIPATING
IN A STRIKE IN APURIMAC. THE COMPOSITION OF
THE GROUP REMAINS UNCLEAR. THE NAME COULD BE
USED INCREASINGLY TO CAMOUFLAGE PARAMILITARY
OPERATIONS BY INDIVIDUALS ACTING ON THEIR OWN
OR BY SECRET UNITS SUPPORTED BY THE GOP.
END SUMMARY.

2. (U) LESS THAN A WEEK AFTER THE AUGUST 9
BOMBING OF A FAMOUS SENDERO GRAVE IN AYACUCHO
(REF); THE RODRIGO FRANCO DEMOCRATIC COMMAND
HAS THREATENED FOR THE FIRST TIME PROMINENT
NON-SL FIGURES. THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR OF
AYACUCHO, CARLOS ESCOBAR, RECEIVED A LETTER,
ACCORDING TO "LA REPUBLICA" AUGUST 16,
THREATENING DEATH IF HE CONTINUED THE CAYARA
INVESTIGATION. THE LETTER REPORTEDLY WAS SENT
BY THE RODRIGO FRANCO DEMOCRATIC COMMAND.
IN CUSCO, A POWER OUTAGE AUGUST 13 AT THE HOTEL
WHERE LIBERTY MOVEMENT LEADER MARIO VARGAS
LLOSA HAD PLANNED A PRESS CONFERENCE CONVINCED
PARTY REPRESENTATIVES TO CANCEL THE MEETING. A
RADIO MANAGER WHO INTENDED TO BROADCAST VARGAS
LLOSA'S REMARKS RECEIVED A THREATENING PHONE
CALL ADVISING THAT THE RODRIGO FRANCO COMMAND
WOULD BLOW UP HIS RADIO STATION IF HE BROADCASTED
THE CONFERENCE. THE COMMAND IS SUSPECTED OF
CARRYING OUT THE POWER OUTAGE.

3. (U) THE PRO-SL "EL DIARIO" (WHICH REAPPEARED
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AUGUST 13 AND IS NOW PUBLISHING FOUR PAGES -- A
SHEET FOLDED IN HALF) CLAIMS THAT THE RODRIGO
FRANCO COMMAND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE AUGUST 15
DEATH OF AN AYACUCHO CONSTRUCTION WORKER.
FOLLOWING A SENDERO LUMINOSO GENERAL STRIKE
ANNOUNCEMENT IN ANDAHUAYLAS, LOCATED IN AYACUCHO'S
NEIGHBORING APURIMAC DEPARTMENT, THE RODRIGO
FRANCO COMMAND WARNED WORKERS NOT TO STRIKE AND
TO GO TO WORK AS USUAL. "EL DIARIO" AUGUST 16
QUOTED A LETTER ITS AYACUCHO CORRESPONDENT

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RECEIVED FROM THE RFDC, WHICH CALLED UPON THE
PEOPLE TO GO TO WORK AND SAID "WE HAVE THOUSANDS
OF EYES AND EARS . . . WE KNOW THE LEADERS
AND COLLABORATORS OF SL."

4. (C) COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST TIME
SINCE THE MURDER JULY 28 OF THE PRO-SL
LAWYER MANUEL FEBRES, WHEN THE NAME SURFACED,
THAT THE RODRIGO FRANCO COMMAND HAS DIRECTED
ITS THREATS AGAINST NON-SL SYMPATHIZERS OR
MEMBERS. IT APPEARS THAT THE NAME IS BEING
EMPLOYED IN COPYCAT ATTACKS OR IS BECOMING
A GENERIC COVER FOR PARAMILITARY OPERATIONS
AND/OR PSYCHOLOGICAL HARASSMENT AGAINST SELECTED
INDIVIDUALS. [THE GOVERNMENT REMAINS NOTICEABLY
QUIET ABOUT THE EMERGENCE OF THE COMANDO OUTFIT.]

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