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OPERATION IN THE UPPER HUALLAGA VALLEY  
- CCX: GFZH-88-9020 THREATS AGAINST DEA  
- CCX: GFZH-88-9073 EXTREMIST/TERRORIST ACTIVITIES  
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2. BEGINNING ON DR ABOUT FRIDAY 19 AUGUST A GENERAL  
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STRIKE WAS INITIATED IN THE UPPER HUALLAGA VALLEY (UHV)

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OF PERU. THE STRIKE BEGAN IN THE UCHIZA AREA AND DEA AND GUARDIA CIVIL (GC) PERSONNEL OBSERVED TREES AND VEHICLES TO BE OBSTRUCTING THE CARRETERA MARGINAL (MAIN UHV ROADWAY) BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH OF UCHIZA. LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE WERE ALSO OBSERVED TO HAVE CONGREGATED. THESE PERSONS SHOOK THEIR FISTS AND MADE OTHER DISPARAGING GESTURES AT INM HELICOPTERS AS THEY FLEW OVERHEAD. THE PRO SENDERO LUMINDSO (SL) NEWSPAPER "EL DIARIO" IS CLAIMING SL LEADERSHIP OF THE STRIKE AND THE MISSION IS ATTEMPTING TO CONFIRM THIS REPORT. INITIAL OBSERVATIONS BY DEA PERSONNEL INDICATE NUMEROUS FRESHLY PAINTED COMMUNIST SLOGANS AND SYMBOLS WHICH WOULD SUPPORT SL LEADERSHIP OF THE STRIKE.

3. BY SATURDAY 20 AUGUST, THE STRIKE HAD SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE UHV. THE ROADBLOCKS WERE THEN EXTENSIVE AND EXTENDED FOR MORE THAN 140 NAUTICAL KILOMETERS FROM CAYUBA IN THE SOUTH TO TUCACHE IN THE NORTH. ROAD BLOCKAGES ARE ALSO KNOWN TO EXIST FROM TINGO MARIA TO AGUAYTIA ON THE EAST. THE ROADBLOCKS BEGIN ONLY FOUR KILOMETERS OUT OF TINGO MARIA TO BOTH THE NORTH AND SOUTH AND HAVE EFFECTIVELY CUT ALL RESUPPLY BY GROUND TO USG/GC PERSONNEL THERE. THE ROAD BLOCKS CONSIST OF DESTROYED BRIDGES, VEHICLES PARKED ACROSS THE ROADWAY, HOLES AND TRENCHES, FALLEN TREES, BURNING TIRES AND OTHER DEBRIS.

4. ON THE NIGHT OF 20 AUGUST USG PERSONNEL WERE REQUESTED BY THE GC TO MOVE FROM THEIR LODGINGS AT THE HOTEL TURISTA TO THE GC BASE IN TINGO MARIA BASED ON GC INTELLIGENCE THAT A GROUP OF 200 SENDERO LUMINOZO (SL) TERRORISTS WERE TO ATTACK THE HOTEL. THE ATTACK DID

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NOT TAKE PLACE AND ON 8/21/88 USG PERSONNEL RETURNED TO THEIR LODGING AT THE HOTEL AS THERE ARE INSUFFICIENT SLEEPING AND SANITARY HYGIENE FACILITIES AT THE BASE. THROUGHOUT THE NIGHTS OF 8/20 AND 8/21 SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS HEARD IN THE TINGO MARIA AREA. SOURCES OF THE GUNFIRE ARE UNKNOWN. ON 8/21 A HAMMER AND SICKLE WAS BURNED ON A HILLSIDE, CLEARLY VISIBLE FROM TINGO MARIA. ON 20 AUGUST

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TO THE SIX FROM DEA; THEY'LL FIND THEIR GRAVES IN THE JUNGLE." ON 21 AUGUST, A LOCAL RADIO STATION ERRONEOUSLY REPORTED THAT A 25 YEAR OLD DEA AGENT HAD BEEN KILLED IN THE UHV!

5. RUMORS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM SEVERAL SOURCES ABOUT A BOUNTY HAVING BEEN PLACED (BY UNKNOWN PARTIES) ON THE "DEA AIR FORCE" AND DEA PERSONNEL (WHICH SHOULD BE CONSTRUED AS ANYONE CONNECTED TO THE OPERATIONS). ONE BOUNTY AMOUNT WAS THOUGHT TO BE DOLS 500,000 PER AIRCRAFT. THE "DEA AIR FORCE" HAS BEEN REFERRED TO IN

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8/18/88 ON THE AIRSTRIPS AT UCHIZA [REDACTED] PARAISO [REDACTED] AND TOCACHE [REDACTED] WHEN A TOTAL OF 1.4 METRIC TONS OF COCAINE BASE WAS SEIZED, 4 ARRESTS EFFECTED, A TRAFFICKER AIRCRAFT SHOT AT, AND SEVERAL VEHICLES WERE SEIZED (SEPTEL TO FOLLOW). [REDACTED] GRAPEVINE

SPREADING INACCURATE RUMORS THAT 3 TRAFFICKER AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN "SHOT DOWN" AND THAT THE DEA AIR FORCE IS BEEFING UP. THERE ARE ALSO RUMORS SPREADING THROUGH THE UHV THAT GC/DEA PERSONNEL WERE AIR DROPPED (PARACHUTED INTO TOCACHE AT NIGHT TO FACILITATE THE ABOVE REFERENCED OPERATION. [REDACTED] A

SIGNIFICANT DISRUPTION OF NARCOTICS-RELATED AIR TRAFFIC IN THE UHV AS A RESULT OF THE TOCACHE OPERATION. SOME

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6. WE HAVE RECEIVED REPORTS THAT ON 21 AUGUST THERE WAS  
 A SKIRMISH BETWEEN THE PERUVIAN ARMY AND ALLEGED SENDERO  
 LUMINOSO (SL) TERRORIST IN AUCAYACU. SEVERAL OF THE  
 TERRORISTS WERE REPORTED KILLED AND FOUR WERE CAPTURED.  
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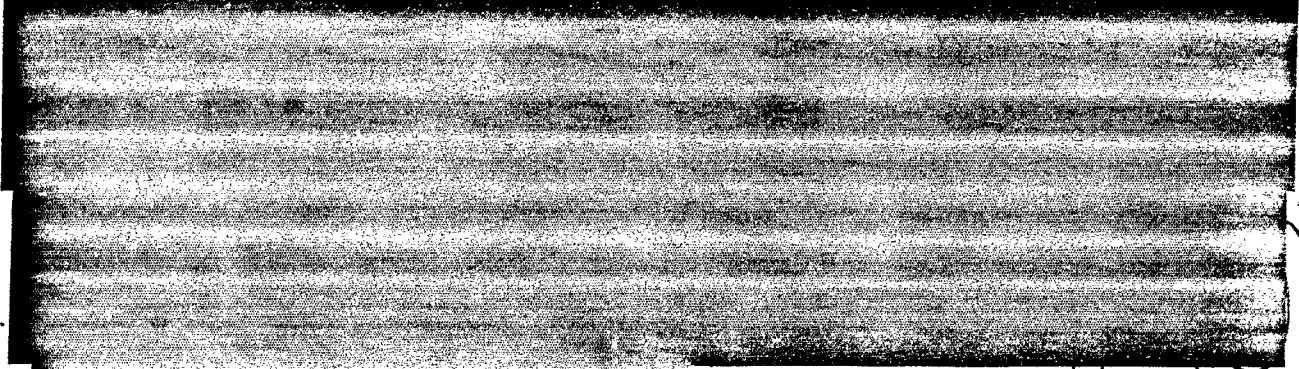
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A PRE-EMPTIVE STRIKE ON MARONA WAS CONDUCTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS ON 12 AUGUST.

7. ON 20 AUGUST, THERE WAS A DEMONSTRATION IN NUEVO PROGRESO IN WHICH A NUMBER OF SENDERO LUMINOSO TERRORISTS BLOCKED THE HIGHWAY AND PROTESTED USG INVOLVEMENT (NFI) IN THE UHV. GC OFFICIALS IN NUEVO PROGRESO REPORT THAT THE BANNERS, ETC. CLEARLY IDENTIFIED THE TERRORISTS AS BEING ASSOCIATED WITH SENDERO LUMINOSO. THE DEMONSTRATION IS REPORTED TO HAVE PASSED WITHOUT ANY SIGNIFICANT INCIDENCE OF VIOLENCE. HOWEVER, AT APPROXIMATELY 7:00 PM ON AUGUST 21, THE SL MEMBERS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE GATHERED AS MANY AS 500 OF THE TOWNSPEOPLE OF NUEVO PROGRESO TOGETHER AND THEY MARCHED ON THE GC (POLICE) STATION. UPON ARRIVAL AT THE POLICE STATION, THE TERRORISTS INITIATED AN ATTACK SHOOTING ONE GC OFFICER (WHO IS NOW IN STABLE CONDITION AND HAS BEEN MED-EVACED TO LIMA) AND SUPERFICIALLY WOUNDING ANOTHER. ACCORDING

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TO GC TROOPS PRESENT DURING THE ATTACK, IT IS BELIEVED THE TOWNSPEOPLE WERE ASSEMBLED FOR THE MARCH ON THE POLICE STATION AS THEY WOULD PROVIDE A DEGREE OF PROTECTION FOR THE TERRORISTS, BELIEVING THE POLICE WOULD NOT FIRE ON ALLEGEDLY UNARMED CIVILIANS. THE GC REPORT SHOOTING SEVERAL OF THE TERRORIST ATTACKERS BUT CLAIM THAT BLOOD TRAILS INDICATE THAT THE DEAD AND/OR WOUNDED WERE REMOVED FROM THE SCENE. THE TERRORISTS WERE HEAVILY ARMED WITH RIFLE PROPELLED GRENADES, RIFLES, SHOTGUNS, AND BOTH CONCUSSION AND FRAGMENTATION GRENADES.

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8. SUBSEQUENTLY AT APPROXIMATELY 6:30 AM ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 22, INM HELICOPTERS WERE UTILIZED TO TRANSPORT REINFORCEMENTS TO NUEVO PROGRESO. INSERTION OF TROOPS AT NUEVO PROGRESO WAS DONE IN AN EXTREMELY DUSTY FIELD GREATLY REDUCING VISIBILITY. DURING INSERTION OF THE TROOPS ONE INM HELICOPTER MADE RELATIVELY HARD CONTACT WITH THE GROUND WHICH RESULTED IN DAMAGE TO BOTH SKIDS. THE HELICOPTER INSERTED TROOPS AND RETURNED TO TINGO MARIA WITHOUT INJURY TO PERSONNEL OR FURTHER INCIDENT. HOWEVER, THIS AIRCRAFT WILL BE GROUNDED UNTIL PARTS CAN BE OBTAINED AND REPAIRS MADE. A MORE DETAILED ACCOUNT OF DAMAGE TO THE HELICOPTER WILL BE REPORTED IN SEPTEL.

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9. SUBSEQUENTLY AT APPROX. 10:00AM ON THE SAME DATE, TWO ADDITIONAL INM HELICOPTERS CONDUCTED AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE ALONG THE CARRETERA MARGINAL TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF THE BLOCKAGE. JUST SOUTH OF NUEVO PROGRESO GROUP OF 3 OR 4 ARMED MEN WERE OBSERVED RUNNING ALONG THE ROADWAY. ONE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS KNELT AND FIRED AT THE HELICOPTERS. FIRE WAS RETURNED BY THE HELICOPTERS. NO INJURIES TO DEAC/GC OR THE ATTACKERS WAS NOTED. AND THE HELICOPTERS CONTINUED TO NUEVO PROGRESO TO PICK UP TROOPS. AFTER PICKING UP TROOPS IN NUEVO PROGRESO, THE GC COMMANDER FOR TINGO MARIA, WHO HAD JUST BOARDED THE AIRCRAFT, REQUESTED TO BE SHOWN THE SPOT WHERE THE

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HELICOPTERS HAD RECEIVED FIRE.

10. THE HELICOPTERS APPROACHED THE SITE OF THE  
AFOREMENTIONED INCIDENT AT LOW LEVEL IN FORMATION WITH  
THE SECOND HELICOPTER TRAILING BY MORE THAN 400 MTS.  
AS THE AREA WAS OVERFLOWN NO PERSONS WERE OBSERVED BUT  
THE LEAD SHIP HEARD GUN FIRE. AS SOON AS THE LEAD  
SHIP CALLED "TAKING FIRE" THE SECOND SHIP TURNED

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SHARPLY AND ACCELERATED. THIS HELICOPTER WAS FIRED  
UPON WHILE AIRBORNE AND HIT AT LEAST THREE TIMES. AN

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EVERGREEN CONTRACT PILOT RECEIVED A MINOR INJURY TO HIS LEFT ARM FROM FLYING SHRAPNEL OF THE AIRCRAFT. ONE OF THE GC TROOPS ONBOARD ALSO RECEIVED WHAT APPEARS TO BE A MINOR FLESH WOUND TO THE NECK. THE HELICOPTER TOOK ONE ROUND THROUGH THE FLOOR OF THE PILOT-IN-COMMAND (RIGHT) SIDE IN THE FRONT. THE ROUND DAMAGED PART OF

THE ROTOR PEDAL. ANOTHER ROUND CAME THROUGH THE LEFT SIDE OF THE SHIP AND STRUCK THE FIRE EXTINGUISHER MOUNTED ON THE BULKHEAD BEHIND THE CO-PILOT'S HEAD. SHRAPNEL FROM THIS ROUND PROBABLY CAUSED THE SUPERFICIAL WOUND TO THE GC TROOP. A HOLE IN ONE OF THE MAIN ROTOR BLADES APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN FROM A THIRD ROUND. THE HOLE IS POSITIONED IN THE INBOARD CENTER PORTION OF THAT ROTOR BLADE. BASED ON THE DISTANCE SEPARATING THE TWO HELICOPTERS AND EVASIVE ACTION TAKEN AFTER THE LEAD SHIP CALL "TAKING FIRE," IT IS PROBABLE THAT THE ATTACK WAS PLANNED SO THAT SEPARATE INDIVIDUALS OR TEAMS FIRED AT EACH OF THE TWO HELICOPTERS. INJURY TO THE PILOT WAS NOT DEBILITATING AND BOTH HELICOPTERS RETURNED SAFELY TO TINGO MARIA. EVERGREEN MECHANICS HAVE MADE A CURSORY REVIEW OF DAMAGES AND STATED THAT ALL REPAIRS TO THIS AIRCRAFT CAN BE MADE IN THE FIELD AND THAT REPAIRS SHOULD TAKE LESS THAN ONE DAY TO COMPLETE.

HOWEVER, IT NOW APPEARS THAT A PART REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE REPAIRS WILL HAVE TO BE SENT FROM THE U.S.

11. AS REGARDS THE CAUSE OF THIS GENERAL STRIKE, NUMEROUS PAMPHLETS WERE REPORTEDLY CIRCULATED TO ORGANIZE AND COORDINATE THE EFFORT. THE GC HAVE OBTAINED ONE WHICH CITES FOUR MAJOR ISSUES AS CAUSES FOR THE STRIKE. THESE ARE:

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1. REGIONALIZATION AND REDISTRICTING IN THE UHV. (NOT A NEW ISSUE).
2. APRA PARTY (OPPOSITION TO THE CURRENT GOVERNING PARTY).
3. CORAH (COCA ERADICATION).
4. ALLEGED ABUSES OF PERUVIAN ARMED FORCES (ARMY) IN THE UHV.

HOWEVER, [REDACTED] SUGGEST A VERY STRONG LINKAGE BETWEEN RECENT SUCCESSES [REDACTED]

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WITH THE INTERDICTION PROGRAM AND THE PRESENT STRIKE. SINCE APRIL OF 1988 THE ANTI-NARCOTICS INTERDICTION PROGRA HAS RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF 50 CLANDESTINE COCAINE BASE LABORATORIES, MORE THAN 3.5 METRIC TONS OF COCAINE BASE, MORE THAN ONE METRIC TON OF COCA PASTE, OVER ONE-HALF MILLION IN US CURRENCY, AS WELL AS PRECURSOR CHEMICALS, EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES. IN ADDITION TO THE AFDREMENTIONE SEIZURES, DEA LIMA HAS VERY CONSERVATIVELY CALCULATED THAT DISRUPTION OF THESE PRODUCTION FACILITIES HAS RESULTED IN LOST COCAINE BASE PRODUCTION BETWEEN 25-50 METRIC TONS, OR LOST REVENUES TO THE TRAFFICKERS TOTALING BETWEEN 25-50 MILLION US DOLLARS.

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12. ALSO OF PARTICULAR INTEREST, IS THE DISCOVERY AND DESTRUCTION OF [REDACTED] A FUNCTIONING COCAINE BASE LABORATORY IN WHICH COMMUNIST BANNERS BEARING THE FIGURES OF MAO AND LENIN WERE OBTAINED AS WELL AS COMMUNIST SLOGANS AND A LARGE STOCKPILE OF MEDICINES. THIS SEIZURE PROVIDES STRONG BASIS TO SUPPORT A BELIEF THAT THE MAOIST SENDERO LUMINOSO TERRORIST GROUP IS INVOLVED IN THE PRODUCTION AND TRAFFICKING OF COCA DERIVATIVES.

13. AS REGARDS THE ERADICATION PROGRAM, CORAH HAS BEGUN CUTTING COCA PLANTS AT GROUND LEVEL RATHER THAN UPROOTING

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