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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: PTER, PGOV, PHUM, PE  
SUBJECT: "EL DIARIO" DIRECTOR CHARGED WITH TERRORISM;  
- TWO SENDERO ATTACKS LEAVE FOUR DEAD

REF: LIMA 11311

1. (U) SUMMARY: LUIS ARCE BORJA, DIRECTOR OF THE PRO-SENDERO DAILY "EL DIARIO," HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH TERRORISM AGAINST THE STATE AND REMANDED INTO THE CUSTODY OF THE PUBLIC MINISTRY FOR PROSECUTION. ARCE AND TWO OTHER "EL DIARIO" EMPLOYEES WERE ARRESTED BY ANTI-TERRORIST POLICE (DIRCOTE) ON AUGUST 23. LIMA DAILIES

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FOUND EVIDENCE OF DIRECT SENDERO FUNDING OF THE INFLAMMATORY NEWSPAPER AS WELL AS OTHER PRO-SENDERO PUBLICATIONS IN THE HOME OF ARCE'S ATTORNEY. IN RELATED NEWS, THE PRESS REPORTED FOUR DEATHS FOLLOWING TWO SEPARATE TERRORIST INCIDENTS ON SEPTEMBER 3 AND SEPTEMBER 6, INCLUDING THE ASSASSINATION OF AN AYAHUANCO DISTRICT GOVERNOR AND HIS WIFE. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) ARCE CHARGED:

LUIS ARCE BORJA, DIRECTOR OF THE PRO-SENDERO LUMINOSO DAILY NEWSPAPER "EL DIARIO," HAS BEEN REMANDED INTO THE CUSTODY OF THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR AND CHARGED WITH TERRORISM AGAINST THE STATE. THE SAME CHARGES HAVE BEEN FILED AGAINST TWO OTHER "EL DIARIO" EMPLOYEES, DANILO BLANCO CABEZ AND JOSE BENAVENTE, WHO WERE ARRESTED WITH ARCE ON AUGUST 23 (REFTEL). THE THREE WERE ARRESTED BY ANTI-TERRORIST POLICE (DIRCOTE) A MONTH AFTER "EL DIARIO" PRINTED A LENGTHY INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY ARCE OF SENDERO LUMINOSO LYNCHPIN AND FOUNDER, ABIMAEZ GUZMAN.

3. (U) "EL DIARIO" CONTINUES TO APPEAR DAILY IN A LIMITED EDITION SINGLE SHEET. THE PAPER HAD BANNERED YESTERDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, THE IMMINENT RELEASE OF ARCE, AND TODAY REPORTED HIS CONTINUED DETENTION, CHARGING THAT A PROVINCIAL STATES ATTORNEY REVIEWING THE CHARGE SHEET HAD FOUND INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO HOLD THE THREE BEYOND THE STATUTORILY PERMITTED 15 DAY INTERROGATION

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PERIOD. IN ADDITION TO THE CONFIRMED REPORTS OF THE CHARGES AGAINST ARCE, PAPERS QUOTED "EXTRAOFFICIAL DIRCOTE SOURCES" THAT POLICE FOUND DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE THAT THE SENDERO LUMINOSO HAD CONTRIBUTED 90 THOUSAND INTIS IN 1986 TO BAIL OUT THE FINANCIALLY-STRAPPED PAPER. ARCE HAS ALSO REPORTEDLY BEEN CHARGED WITH DISTURBING THE PUBLIC PEACE DUE TO HIS OPEN SUPPORT OF SENDERO ACTIVITIES.

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4. (U) "EL COMERCIO," LIMA'S RESPECTED CONSERVATIVE DAILY, ALSO REPORTED THAT FOUR OTHER "EL DIARIO" EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH TERRORISM. THE PAPER REPORTS "THEY WERE FOUND WITH EXPLOSIVES IN THEIR POSSESSION."

5. (U) TWO SENDERO ATTACKS, FOUR DEAD:

ON SEPTEMBER 3, SL TERRORISTS ASSASSINATED THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE AYAHUANCO DISTRICT IN THE PROVINCE OF AYACUCHO. GONZALO CURO AND HIS WIFE WERE KILLED AND THEIR TWO CHILDREN, AGES TEN AND SIX, WERE REPORTEDLY KIDNAPPED BY THE TERRORISTS. ON SEPTEMBER 6, TWO MEN WERE KILLED AND A THIRD INJURED WHEN THEIR CAR TRIPPED A BOOBY-TRAPPED EXPLOSIVE IN THE ANCASH DEPARTMENT TOWN OF HUARAZ. NO ARRESTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN EITHER INCIDENT.

6. (C) COMMENT:

WHILE THERE IS NO DOUBT OF AT LEAST AN IDEOLOGICAL CONNECTION BETWEEN "EL DIARIO" AND THE SENDERO, INCONTROVERTABLE EVIDENCE OF SL FUNDING OF THE

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PAPER WOULD PLACE THE ARCE CASE IN A WHOLE  
NEW ARENA. IF THE REPORTED DOCUMENTS ARE FACTUAL,  
THE GOP MAY HAVE FOUND THE AMMUNITION IT HAS  
LONG SOUGHT TO USE IN ITS BATTLE TO SHUT DOWN  
THE PAPER. GIVEN THE RECENT EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN  
OVER THE ARCE ARREST BY U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL  
ORGANIZATIONS IN DEFENSE OF JOURNALISTIC  
FREEDOM, WE RECOMMEND AGAINST ANY DIRECT  
CONDEMNATION OF THE ARCE ARREST. THIS WOULD  
APPEAR NOW TO BE A CASE WHERE THE PERUVIAN JUDICIARY  
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SHOULD. BE GIVEN FULL OPPORTUNITY TO  
CONSIDER THE EVIDENCE AGAINST ARCE AND COMPANY,

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WITHIN THE PENUMBRA OF PERU'S ANTI-TERRORIST  
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