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TAGS: PTER, PGOV, PHUM, PINR, PE

SUBJECT: RODRIGO FRANCO GROUP CLAIMS CREDIT FOR KILLING
MISSING MAN

1. (U) SUMMARY. THE BODY OF LUIS MIGUEL PASACHE, KIDNAPPED THE MORNING OF AUGUST 13 IN LIMA, HAS BEEN A "JOHN DOE" IN A CANETE (130 KS SOUTH OF LIMA) MORGUE. SINCE AUGUST 13 WHEN HIS BODY WAS DISCOVERED ON A LOCAL BEACH. HIS REMAINS WERE IDENTIFIED ON SEPTEMBER 19. AN MPTA COMMUNIQUE ON AUGUST 12 CLAIMED THAT PASACHE AND ANOTHER MAN ARE MPTA MEMBERS AND THAT THEY WERE DETAINED BY ANTI-TERRORIST POLICE WHILE PHONING A RANSOM DEMAND IN THE CASE OF KIDNAPPED BUSINESSMAN HECTOR JERI. ON SEPTEMBER 21, THE RODRIGO FRANCO COMMAND CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR GRABBING PASACHE AND THAT HE AND HIS
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COMPANION WERE EXECUTED FOR THEIR RO

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OF APRA LEADER RODRIGO FRANCO (WHICH WAS AN SL JOB).
DIRCOTE DENIES ANY ROLE IN THE MATTER.
END SUMMARY.

2. (U) THE BODY OF LUIS MIGUEL PASACHE VIDAL, WHO DIS-
APPEARED IN LIMA IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF AUGUST 13,
HAS BEEN FOUND. PASACHE WAS APPARENTLY SHOT ONCE IN THE
HEAD AND DUMPED ON A REMOTE BEACH NEAR THE COASTAL TOWN
OF CANETE, 130 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF LIMA. HIS BODY WAS
ACTUALLY FOUND BY POLICE LATE IN THE EVENING ON THE SAME
DAY OF HIS DISAPPEARANCE, AUGUST 13, BUT HAS REMAINED IN
A CANETE MORGUE UNTIL IT WAS IDENTIFIED BY HIS FAMILY
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.

3. (U) FAMILY MEMBERS CLAIM THAT PASACHE, ALONG WITH A
FRIEND, JAVIER SOCRATES PORTAL SOLANO, WERE DETAINED BY
ANTI-TERRORIST POLICE (DIRCOTE). BOTH FAMILIES FILED
WRITS OF HABEUS CORPUS ON BEHALF OF THEIR MISSING KIN,
BUT JUDICIAL INQUIRIES PRODUCED ONLY DENIALS FROM DIRCOTE
THAT THE TWO HAD BEEN ARRESTED OR WERE IN OFFICIAL CUSTODY.
FURTHER DETAILS OF THE DISAPPEARANCE, AND THE WHEREABOUTS
OF THE TWO REMAINED UNKNOWN UNTIL THE LAST WEEK OF AUGUST.

4. (U) AT THAT TIME, SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS AND WEEKLY
MAGAZINES RECEIVED A COMMUNICATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS ALLEGED-
LY FROM THE MRTA. THE COMMUNICATION HAD PRINCIPALLY TO
DO WITH THE KIDNAPPING OF RETIRED ARMY GENERAL AND BUSINESS
MAN HECTOR JERI JULY 7. THE MRTA PRESS RELEASE CONFIRMED
THAT IT HELD THE GENERAL, AND INCLUDED A PHOTOGRAPH OF
JERI SEATED BEFORE TWO ARMED AND MASKED (BUT APPARENTLY
FEMALE) MRTA TERRORISTS. THIS COMMUNICATION WAS THE
FIRST ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT THE MRTA WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR
THE JERI KIDNAPPING AND RANSOM DEMAND, THE FOURTH SUCH

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KIDNAPPING ATTRIBUTED TO THE MRTA SINCE 1985.

5. (U) THIS SURPRISING MOVE BY THE MRTA ALSO PROVIDED
A LINK IN THE DISAPPEARANCE OF PASACHE AND PORTAL. IN
THE LETTER, THE MRTA CLAIMED THAT THE TWO WERE ARRESTED
BY DIRCOTE AT A PUBLIC PHONE BOOTH WHILE TELEPHONING A
RANSOM DEMAND TO THE JERI FAMILY ON AUGUST 13. ALONG
WITH RENEWED DEMANDS THAT THE JERI RANSOM BE PAID, THE
MRTA DEMANDED IN ITS PRESS STATEMENT THE RELEASE OF
ITS TWO CLAIMED OPERATIVES.

6. (U) DESPITE THIS UNEXPECTED TWIST IN THE JERI CASE

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AND THE EXTRAORDINARY CLAIM BY THE MRTA/ DIRCOTE CONTINUED TO DENY THAT PASACHE AND PORTAL WERE IN CUSTODY. AS IT TURNED OUT, PASACHE, AT LEAST BY THAT TIME, WAS NOT. IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW THE UNIDENTIFIED CORPSE IN CANETE WAS LINKED TO PASACHE, BUT TWO WEEKS FOLLOWING THE MRTA ANNOUNCEMENT, THE BODY WAS POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED.

7. (C) ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, THE VERY DAY THE IDENTIFICATION OF PASACHE'S BODY WAS PUBLICLY CONFIRMED, LIMA DAILY "EL NACIONAL" AND AGENCE FRANCE PRESS RECEIVED A WRITTEN COMMUNIQUE ALLEGEDLY FROM THE ANTI-TERRORIST PARAMILITARY GROUP, THE RODRIGO FRANCO COMMAND (CRF). THE COMMUNIQUE CLAIMED THAT BOTH PASACHE AND PORTAL HAD BEEN DETAINED AND KILLED BY THE CRF IN RETRIBUTION FOR THEIR ROLE IN THE 1987 ASSASSINATION OF APRA LEADER AND CRF NAMESAKE, RODRIGO FRANCO. THERE WAS NO MENTION OF THE JERI KIDNAPPING IN THE CRF LETTER. FRANCO WAS MURDERED IN AUGUST 1987 BY A SL HIT SQUAD.

8. (C) THROUGH IT ALL, DIRCOTE SOURCES CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THAT THE SECURITY POLICE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE DETENTION OF THE TWO. UNNAMED DIRCOTE SOURCES

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FURTHER TOLD THE PRESS [] THAT IT WAS WELL-KNOWN THAT
BOTH PASACHE AND PORTAL WERE SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL)
GUEPILLAS. THESE SOURCES ASSERT THAT IF THE TWO HAD
ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE MRTA, THEY WERE CERTAINLY SL
INFILTRATORS. ACCORDING TO THIS SCENARIO [] FANTASY. WE
BELIEVE [] THE MRTA DISCOVERED THE TWO'S DUPLICITY AND
EXECUTED THEM.

9. (C) COMMENT: SORTING THROUGH ALL THE [] CHAFF, AND
IN REVIEWING PRESS ACCOUNTS AND IN CONTACTS WITH HUMAN
RIGHTS GROUPS WHO HAD INITIALLY BEEN MAKING CONTACTS
ON BEHALF OF THE FAMILIES OF THE TWO YOUNG MEN, WE HAVE
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FOUND THESE KERNELS OF FACT. THE TWO WERE DETAINED BY
"OFFICIAL-LOOKING" ARMED OFFICIALS. BOTH HAD LINKS TO

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AT LEAST ONE SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION. WHOEVER KIDNAPPED
PASACHE ALSO "QUESTIONED" HIM: [
THE BODY SHOWED CLEAR SIGNS OF TORTURE. [

THE FINAL FACT, THE WHEREABOUTS OF PORTAL REMAINS UNKNOWN.] AND
IT IS UNLIKELY THAT HE IS ALIVE.

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