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4. [] COMPLIMENTARY OF THE DEPARTMENT'S HR REPORT ON PERU, BUT QUALIFIED HIS PRAISE BY OBSERVING THAT A POLITICAL BIAS IS NEVERTHELESS VISIBLE IN THE DOCUMENT. HE ALSO CRITICIZED A PERCEIVED ABSENCE OF ANY EFFORT BY THE US MILITARY TO "EDUCATE" ITS PERUVIAN COUNTERPARTS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS RESPECT. HE OPINED THAT AS MUCH US-PERUVIAN CONTACT AS THERE WAS, AND GIVEN THE ABSENCE OF ANY IMPROVEMENT IN THE PERUVIAN MILITARY'S HR RECORD, THE US MILITARY MUST SHARE SOME OF THE BLAME. POLOFF NOTED THAT THE AREAS OF CONTACT BETWEEN THE US AND PERUVIAN MILITARY ARE LIMITED, BUT ASSURED HIM THAT US MILITARY SOURCES MADE EVERY EFFORT TO NURTURE HR VALUES, BOTH THROUGH SPECIFIC TRAINING AND THROUGH EXAMPLE.

5. MFA: WE PROSECUTE ALL HR VIOLATORS:

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SUBJECT: A SUCCESSFUL VISIT BY HR OFFICER WEINTRAUB

1. SUMMARY. HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICER LEON WEINTRAUB PAID A PRODUCTIVE DAY-AND-A-HALF VISIT TO LIMA ON OCTOBER 12 AND 13. HE MET WITH THE PRINCIPAL PRIVATE AND CHURCH HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS, THE RED CROSS DELEGATE TO PERU, AND WITH HR OFFICERS FROM THE MFA. FROM ALL NON-GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES HE HEARD PRAISE FOR OUR ANNUAL HR REPORT, AND UNANIMOUS CONCERN THAT HR VIOLATIONS, BOTH BY THE GOVERNMENT AND BY TERRORIST GROUPS, WERE ON THE INCREASE. END SUMMARY.

2. US MILITARY SHARES THE BLAME:

HR OFFICER LEON WEINTRAUB, ACCOMPANIED BY POST HR REPORTING OFFICER, CALLED ON A NUMBER OF PERUVIAN HUMAN RIGHTS OBSERVERS ON OCTOBER 12 AND 13 TO REVIEW THE PERUVIAN HR SITUATION AND TO REPEAT THE USG'S COMMITMENT TO ACCURATE HR REPORTING.

OUR FIRST CALL WAS ON [] A PRIVATE LIMA-BASED HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION LARGELY FINANCED THROUGH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM EUROPEAN CHURCHES, ESPECIALLY THE LUTHERAN CHURCH. [] REVIEWED HIS ORGANIZATION'S STATISTICS FOR THE PAST MONTH AND FOR THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS, BOTH FOR THE NUMBER OF REPORTED DEATHS AS A RESULT OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE, AND THE NUMBER OF REPORTED DISAPPEARANCES.

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3. [] NOTED THAT ALL HR-RELATED NUMBERS ARE ON THE RISE. WEINTRAUB ASKED [] DOCUMENTS CLAIMS OF DISAPPEARANCES. []

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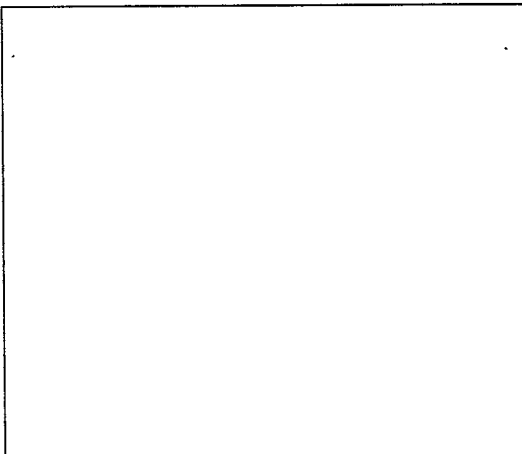
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THAT A RELATIVE OR FRIEND MUST PRODUCE A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE DISAPPEARED, SOME KIND OF DOCUMENT OF IDENTITY, AND MUST SIGN AN AFFIDAVIT THAT THE PERSON IS MISSING AND DESCRIBING THE KNOWN CIRCUMSTANCES. ONCE THESE CRITERIA ARE SATISFIED,

[] A FORMAL COMPLAINT WITH THE PUBLIC MINISTRY, THE AUTONOMOUS GOVERNMENT MINISTRY CHARGED WITH INVESTIGATING ALLEGATIONS OF HR ABUSES. [] THE NUMBER OF DOCUMENTED DISAPPEARANCES IN 1988 WILL LIKELY BE DOUBLE THE 1987 TOTAL. HE ALSO REVIEWED WITH US COMPUTER-GENERATED GRAPHICS SHOWING THAT ONLY 54 PERCENT OF DISAPPEARANCES ARE PEASANTS (THE REST ARE TEACHERS, PEASANT LEADERS, ETC.) AND THAT NEARLY 95 PERCENT ARE YOUNGER THAN 40.

WE NEXT CALLED ON [] THE OFFICE OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE MFA. [] DESCRIBED THE ROLE OF HIS OFFICE AS A COORDINATOR FOR HUMAN RIGHTS INQUIRIES FROM THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY AND FROM OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. HE NOTED THAT WHEN AN HR INQUIRY COMES INTO THE MFA, HIS OFFICE SIMPLY PASSES IT ALONG, WITH A COVER LETTER, TO THE APPROPRIATE OFFICE, EITHER THE INTERIOR, JUSTICE, DEFENSE, OR PUBLIC MINISTRY. HE ALSO RUEFULLY ADMITTED THAT AS OFTEN AS NOT THESE INQUIRIES ARE NEVER ANSWERED. WEINTRAUB ASKED HOW THEN THE MFA RESPONDED TO THE INQUIRING ORGANIZATIONS. [] THEY SIMPLY RESPOND THAT THE INQUIRY HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE APPROPRIATE AGENCY.

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7. BOTH [] NOTED PLANS BY THE MFA TO SPONSOR AN INTERAGENCY CELEBRATION IN COMMEMORATION OF THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE UN DECLARATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN DECEMBER. ALTHOUGH PLANS WERE NOT YET SPECIFIC, THE MFA EFFORT WILL INCLUDE THE OTHER APPROPRIATE MINISTRIES IN A WEEK OF CONFERENCES, LECTURES AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES CENTERED AROUND HR ISSUES.

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8. THE RED CROSS: MORE DOORS CLOSED THAN OPENED

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... THAT MISSION IS THREE-FOLD, TO VISIT AND ASSURE HUMAN TREATMENT OF ALL PRISONERS (NOT JUST POLITICAL PRISONERS); TO AID THE VICTIMS OF "THE WAR" IN THE EMERGENCY ZONES (PRIMARILY CIVILIANS, THROUGH MEDICAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES); AND TO TEACH HR TO PERUVIAN AUTHORITIES.

9. ALL THREE GOALS HAVE BEEN RESTRICTED SINCE 1987. THE MILITARY NO LONGER PERMITS ICRC EMERGENCY PROGRAMS IN THE AYACUCHO MILITARY COMMAND (THE OTHER TWO EMERGENCY ZONES CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THESE SERVICES.) THE RED CROSS IS ALSO NO LONGER ABLE TO VISIT PRISONERS DETAINED BY THE MILITARY IN ANY OF THE ZONES AND IS LIKEWISE DENIED PERMISSION TO VISIT PRISONERS DURING THE PERIOD OF THEIR INITIAL DETENTION BY CIVILIAN ANTI-SUBVERSIVES POLICE (PIP AND DIRCOFE). AS FOR HR TRAINING,

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[REDACTED] NO "OUTSIDE" GROUP COULD SUCCESSFULLY INCULCATE HR VALUES IN PERU. 10. [REDACTED] PRAISED OUR HR REPORT AS ACCURATE, BALANCED AND APPROPRIATELY DETAILED. [REDACTED] THE ICRC APPRECIATED OUR MENTIONING THEIR PROBLEMS HERE IN PERU, SINCE IT REDUCED THE NEED FOR THEM TO COMPLAIN DIRECTLY TO INTERNATIONAL FORUMS ON THE QUESTION.

11. REGIONALIZATION

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[REDACTED] CEPAZ WAS ONCE AN OFFICIAL PART OF THE EPISCOPAL CONFERENCES SOCIAL ACTION PROGRAM (CEAS), BUT SINCE JUNE 1984 HAS BEEN INDEPENDENT. IT STILL RECEIVES FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM CEAS AND FROM OTHER CATHOLIC CHURCH FUNDING SOURCES. THE DECISION TO CREATE A HR ORGANIZATION INDEPENDENT FROM CEAS WAS BASED ON THE EXPECTATION THAT CEPAZ COULD OPERATE MORE OPENLY AND AGGRESSIVELY WITHOUT PREJUDICING CHURCH-GOP RELATIONS.

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12. [REDACTED] THE ORIGIN OF SENDERO LUMINOSO VIOLENCE. HE CONFIRMED THAT VIOLENT DEATHS WOULD BE HIGHER THIS YEAR (1300 DEAD DUE TO POLITICAL VIOLENCE SINCE JUNE 1) AS WOULD DISAPPEARANCES (200 THIS YEAR, 79 IN 1987). HE MADE A COMPLEX ARGUMENT THAT THE PRINCIPAL REASON THE MILITARY HAS FAILED TO WIN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST SL IS BECAUSE IT IS ABUSIVE TOWARD FAMILY, CLAN AND VILLAGE LEADERS, ROUTINELY VIOLATING HR IN THE EMERGENCY ZONES.

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13. [REDACTED] REGIONALIZATION TO BE THE ANSWER TO THE PROBLEM OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC MALDISTRIBUTION AND THE VIOLENCE IT ENGENDERS. HE DEFINED REGIONALIZATION TO INCLUDE A DECENTRALIZATION OF GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY FROM LIMA, AND GRANTING

MORE POWERS TO REGIONAL AUTHORITIES OVER SUCH QUESTIONS AS LAW ENFORCEMENT, RUNNING SCHOOLS AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES; AND DISTRIBUTION AND MANAGEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS. HE POINTED TO THE (RELATIVE) ABSENCE OF SL ACTIVITY IN THE NORTHERN PROVINCES OF CAJAMARCA AND PIURA. HE CLAIMED THAT SL HAS ATTEMPTED TO PENETRATE THESE AREAS, BUT THAT WELL-ORGANIZED COMMUNITY CIVIL DEFENSE FORCES (RONDEROS CIVILES), ORIGINALLY FORMED TO COMBAT CATTLE THIEVERY, HAVE KEPT SENDERO AT BAY.

[REDACTED] CEPAZ'S QUARTERLY JOURNAL "PAZ". "PAZ" IS A WELL-RESPECTED HR PUBLICATION WHICH INCLUDES CURRENT HR EVENTS AND COMMENTARY FROM A WIDE SPECTRUM OF HUMAN RIGHTS EXPERTS.

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14. A RIDE WITH THE GRIM REAPER

[REDACTED] NATIONAL COORDINATOR FOR HR IN PERU. THE COORDINATOR'S OFFICE REPRESENTS TWELVE HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS: APODEH, COMISET, ANDEAN JURISTS COMMISSION, COPEP, CEAS, CAMPESINOS ORGANIZATION OF PERU, THE ASSOCIATION OF THE FAMILIES OF DISAPPEARED, CEPAZ, AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONS OF CUSCO, PUÑO, ICA AND CHIMBOTE.

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[REDACTED] THE LACK OF FUNDING, WHICH TO DATE HAS LIMITED [REDACTED] BUT DESCRIBED AN ACTIVE AND EFFECTIVE EFFORT TO COORDINATE SOME OF THE ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES OF THE VARIOUS HR PLAYERS IN PERU.

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17. [REDACTED] SEVERAL UNIQUE OBSERVATIONS ABOUT HR PROBLEMS IN THE EMERGENCY ZONES. [REDACTED] CALLED FOR A RETURN TO CIVILIAN RULE THERE,

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NOTING, "SOLDIERS ARE TRAINED TO KILL, WHEREAS
POLICE ARE TRAINED TO CONTROL AND CONTAIN."

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[REDACTED] ONE PEASANT AS SAYING, "THE POLICE
AREN'T AS BAD AS THE MILITARY. THE POLICE
ONLY TORTURE YOU."

18. THE SLIDE INTO ANARCHY

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[REDACTED]
OFFERED HIS VIEWS ON THE RECENT DETERIORATION
OF PERUVIAN SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS. HE OBSERVED
THAT 20 YEARS AGO THE JUSTICE SYSTEM HERE
WORKED FAIRLY WELL. TODAY IT IS A MESS.
"IN THE 1960'S THERE WERE THOSE OF US WHO
THOUGHT THAT PERU COULD BECOME A RICH NATION.
TODAY WE ADMIT THAT NATIONAL POVERTY WILL BE
WITH US FOR A LONG TIME." AND LIKE OTHERS
BEFORE HIM, HE SAID THAT TORTURE, POLITICAL
VIOLENCE, DISAPPEARANCES, AND THE GROWTH OF
SENDERO ARE ALL ON THE INCREASE.

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19. [REDACTED] PERU'S PROBLEMS AS UNIQUE.
HE SAID, "OTHER NATIONS HAVE POVERTY, BUT NO
VIOLENCE. SOME NATION'S HAVE VIOLENCE, AND
COMPARED TO PERU, LITTLE POVERTY." THE DIFFERENCE?

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[REDACTED] THE VIEW OF MANY SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGISTS
THAT POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN PERU HAS ITS GENESIS
IN THE FACT THAT THE CAMPESINOS OF THE SIERRA
AND THE INDIANS HAVE NEVER BEEN A PART OF THE NATION
OF PERU. TO THEM BOTH THE SENDERO
AND THE MILITARY ARE EQUALLY FOREIGN, BUT THE
SENDERO IS MORE CONSISTENT AND BETTER ORGANIZED.
HE NOTED [REDACTED] IS COMPETING WITH SENDERO IN
THE PUEBLOS JOVENES TO INFLUENCE THE VIEWS OF THE
LEADERSHIP IN THESE GROWING URBAN SLUMS.

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20. AND ON THE HOME FRONT . . .

IN ADDITION TO THESE OUTSIDE CONTACTS, LEON
WEINTRAUB MET WITH THE USAID PROJECT DIRECTOR
FOR THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE PROGRAM, WITH
THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR, AND WITH THE AMBASSADOR.
THE AMBASSADOR URGED THAT THE MESSAGE BE TAKEN
BACK TO WASHINGTON THAT THERE IS A NEED TO
POSITIVELY INFLUENCE THE HR SITUATION IN PERU
BY APPROPRIATELY ASSISTING THE GOP IN ITS
FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM. THE AMBASSADOR INVITED
ANY CREATIVE IDEAS WHICH WOULD PERMIT ACHIEVEMENT
OF BOTH GOALS.

21. EMBASSY COMMENT: WE DERIVED A LOT OF
BENEFIT FROM THIS DAY-AND-A-HALF VISIT,
LARGELY DUE TO THE EFFECTIVE INTERVIEWS
CONDUCTED BY WEINTRAUB. HE DISPLAYED A
SUCCESSFUL BALANCE OF SYMPATHETIC AND ATTENTIVE
LISTENING, ALONG WITH INCISIVE QUESTIONS THAT
ELICITED DATA AND VIEWS PREVIOUSLY NEW TO US.
LEON WEINTRAUB WAS NOT CLEARED THIS MESSAGE.
END COMMENT.

WATSON