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1. ENTIRE TEXT.
2. SUMMARY: AVAILABLE EVIDENCE POINTS TO GOVERNMENT SECURITY FORCES AS THE NOVEMBER 24

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KILLERS OF "CARETAS" REPORTER HUGO BUSTIOS.

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THIS VIEW HAS BEEN PRINTED IN MOST ESTABLISHMENT MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS HERE. IN THE ONLY MAJOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE CASE, THE MILITARY ORDERED THE DECEMBER 11 ARREST OF BUSTIOS' BROTHER, AMERICO, AND MAY CHARGE HIM IN HUGO'S DEATH. IN OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS, THE HOME OF THE JUDGE HEARING CHARGES IN THE CAYARA MASSACRE CASE WAS BOMBED ON DECEMBER 2 AND CAYARA SPECIAL PROSECUTOR ESCOBAR HAS CUT SHORT A U.S. VISIT TO GIVE TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMISSION INVESTIGATING THE CASE. ALSO, THE FORMER DIRECTOR OF SENDERO-AFFILIATED DAILY "EL DIARIO" WAS ARRESTED ON DECEMBER 10 AND CHARGED WITH "APOLOGIZING FOR TERRORISM." END SUMMARY.

3. BUSTIOS NOT KILLED BY SENDERO:

- THE NOVEMBER 24 DEATH OF JOURNALIST HUGO BUSTIOS IN HUANTA, AYACUCHO DEPARTMENT, APPEARS TO US TO HAVE BEEN THE WORK OF GOVERNMENT SECURITY FORCES, EITHER POLICE OR MILITARY. WHILE AN OFFICIAL VERDICT ON THE KILLING WILL LIKELY NEVER BE RENDERED, THE EVIDENCE WE HAVE SEEN POINTS TO OFFICIAL INVOLVEMENT AND ARGUES AGAINST THE INITIAL REPORT THAT BUSTIOS WAS KILLED BY SENDERO.

4. "CARETAS" MAGAZINE AND OTHER PROMINENT CENTRIST MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS HAVE PUBLISHED STORIES INCLUDING INTERVIEWS OF WITNESSES WHO CONCUR THAT THE VILLAGE OF HUANTA WAS SATURATED WITH ARMY AND POLICE CONFIDENTIAL

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PATROLS IN THE HOURS BEFORE AND AFTER THE KILLING. THESE WITNESSES DESCRIBE IN SOME DETAIL THE KILLERS, DRESSED IN CIVILIAN CLOTHING, BUT WITH HAIRCUTS, WEAPONS, AND CLOTHING TYPICAL OF SECURITY PERSONNEL. ONE WITNESS SPECIFICALLY NAMED ARMY OFFICER "ROGELIO" OR "OJOS DE GATO" ("CAT EYES" - NOM D'GUERRE - SUCH CODE NAMES ARE USED BY ALL MILITARY IN THE EMERGENCY ZONES AND ARE THE ONLY NAMES THEY ARE KNOWN BY AMONG THE PEASANTS) AS THE KILLER. THE NAMING OF A

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SPECIFIC ARMY OFFICER IS BASED ON THE TESTIMONY OF A SOURCE-PROTECTED VILLAGER WHO WITNESSED THE ACTUAL SHOOTING THROUGH HIS/HER VILLAGE HUT, AND WHO CLAIMED TO RECOGNIZE THE MAN FROM HIS FREQUENT VISITS TO THE VILLAGE. THIS WITNESS IS OF UNKNOWN RELIABILITY BUT HIS ACCOUNT IS CONFIRMED IN ALL OTHER PARTICULARS BY THE TESTIMONY OF OTHER VILLAGERS PRESENT BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER THE INCIDENT.

5. "CARETAS" ARGUES THAT A SENDERO ATTACK, IN VIEW OF THE SECURITY PRESENCE IN THE AREA, WAS SO UNLIKELY THAT THE POSSIBILITY CAN BE DISMISSED. "CARETAS" ALSO NOTED DEATH THREATS AGAINST BUSTIOS, PRESUMABLY THE RESULT OF STORIES HE AUTHORED ON DISAPPEARED AND ASSASSINATED PEASANTS IN THE AYACUCHO DEPARTMENT, ALL WIDELY BELIEVED TO BE VICTIMS OF OFFICIAL VIOLENCE.

6. IN A STARTLING, AND POLITICALLY RISKY MOVE, "CARETAS" ALSO PRINTED ON ITS DECEMBER 5 COVER, A PHOTOGRAPH OF MARINE OFFICER ALVARO ARTAZA ADRIANZEN, TAKEN BY BUSTIOS SOME TIME IN 1986. ARTAZA WAS CHARGED IN THE 1984 MASSACRE AT

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PUCAYACU VILLAGE. SHORTLY AFTER HIS INDICTMENT
IN FEBRUARY, 1986, ARTAZA WAS ALLEGEDLY KIDNAPPED.
NO RANSOM DEMAND WAS EVER REVEALED. NO TERRORIST
GROUP CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY. MOST HUMAN RIGHTS
OBSERVERS HERE BELIEVE THAT ARTAZA WAS SPIRITED
AWAY BY THE MILITARY ITSELF TO PROTECT THEIR
OWN FROM THE NASTY SPECTACLE OF A TRIAL COVERING
THE BLOODIEST MASSACRE (49 CONFIRMED CAMPESINO
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DEATHS) LAID TO MILITARY RESPONSIBILITY SINCE
THE BEGINNING OF SENDERO VIOLENCE IN 1980.
(SEE 1986 AND 1987 HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS FOR PERU.)

7. "CARETAS" NOTED THAT IT PUBLISHED BUSTIOS'
PHOTO OF ARTAZA, APPARENTLY TAKEN AFTER THE
OFFICER'S "KIDNAPPING," BECAUSE BUSTIOS IS DEAD
AND CAN NO LONGER BE DAMAGED BY IT, AND BECAUSE
ARTAZA "BORE FOR BUSTIOS AND FOR EVERY THINKING
HUMAN BEING, THE MARK OF CAIN." ARTAZA WAS ALSO
ACCUSED BUT NOT CHARGED IN THE 1984 KILLING OF
SIX PERUVIAN EVANGELIST MISSIONARIES AND IN THE
KIDNAPPING AND PRESUMED KILLING OF "LA REPUBLICA"
REPORTER JAIME AYALA SULCA, WHO WAS INVESTIGATING
THE STORY.

8. CURIOUSLY, THE SAME WEEK THE ARTAZA PHOTO
APPEARED, THE MILITARY COURT EMPOWERED TO HEAR
CHARGES AGAINST ARTAZA AND OTHERS IMPLICATED
IN THE PUCAYACU MASSACRE ANNOUNCED THAT IT
WAS DISMISSING THE CASE "FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE"

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AGAINST ANY OF THE ACCUSED. THE PUCAYACU CASE IS NOW OFFICIALLY CLOSED.

9. EQUALLY CURIOUS WAS THE DECEMBER 11 ARREST OF AMERICO BUSTIOS, BROTHER OF THE MURDERED JOURNALIST. THE ARREST WAS REPORTEDLY ORDERED BY AYACUCHO EMERGENCY ZONE COMMANDER GENERAL VALDIVIESO, BUT WAS CARRIED OUT BY THE INVESTIGATIVE POLICE. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT CHARGES HAVE BEEN FILED BUT PRESUME IT IS TERRORISM. ONE HUMAN RIGHTS CONTACT TOLD US THAT BUSTIOS IS BEING HELD IN CONNECTION WITH HIS BROTHER'S DEATH. BUSTIOS
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IS AN APRA PARTY MEMBER AND THE DIRECTOR OF A PEASANT COOPERATIVE IN HUANTA.

10. COMMENT:

IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT "CARETAS," THE MAJOR SOURCE OF MOST OF THESE REPORTS, IS FAR FROM AN OBJECTIVE OBSERVER IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, AND NOT JUST BECAUSE IT WAS THEIR REPORTER KILLED. WE CONSIDER "CARETAS" TO BE A RELIABLE, BUT PROGRESSIVE JOURNAL WHICH HAS TRADITIONALLY TAKEN A CLEARLY CRITICAL ATTITUDE TOWARD THE MILITARY'S ROLE IN THE ANTI-SUBVERSIVE FIGHT IN THE COUNTRYSIDE. "CARETAS" PUBLISHER ENRIQUE ZILERI ADMITTED IN A DECEMBER 4 TELEVISION INTERVIEW THAT THERE WERE CONTRADICTIONS IN THE FACTS CONCERNING BUSTIOS DEATH WHICH HIS STAFF HAD ACCUMULATED. HE STATED THEN THAT HE COULD NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE SL MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED. IN TWO SUBSEQUENT ISSUES OF "CARETAS," HOWEVER, HIS MAGAZINE HAS NOT ADVANCED THE SL-INVOLVEMENT POSSIBILITY.

11. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT HUANTA IS ON THE EDGE OF A "RED ZONE," AN AREA OF THE AYACUCHO DEPARTMENT CONSIDERED UNDER VIRTUAL SL CONTROL. WHATEVER THEIR IDEOLOGICAL LEANINGS, THESE CAMPESINOS HAVE GOOD REASON TO BE FRIGHTENED OF THE SL AND IT IS PROBABLE THAT THEIR TERROR

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OF THE SL IS GREATER THAN THEIR FEAR OF THE MILITARY.
THESE FEELINGS MAY WELL HAVE INFLUENCED THEIR
TESTIMONY. DESPITE THESE RESERVATIONS, IN ITS
TOTALITY THE TESTIMONY OF THE HUANTA VILLAGERS

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IS COMPELLING. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT
THE LIKELIHOOD OF OFFICIAL GOP INVOLVEMENT IN
THE KILLING IS HIGH. END COMMENT.

12. CAYARA JUDGE THREATENED:

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OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS/TERRORIST MATTERS REMAIN
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NEWS HERE. ON DECEMBER 2 UNKNOWN PERSONS DYNAMITED THE CANGALLO HOME OF JUDGE CESAR AMADO SALAZAR. SALAZAR WAS ASSIGNED TO HEAR CHARGES IN THE CAYARA MASSACRE. A NOTE FOUND NEAR THE HOME POINTS TO THE RODRIGO FRANCO COMMAND. FORMER SPECIAL FISCAL FOR AYACUCHO CARLOS ESCOBAR, WHO INVESTIGATED THE CAYARA KILLINGS AND WHO PUBLICLY STATED THAT HE BELIEVED THERE WAS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO CHARGE AREA POLITICO-MILITARY COMMANDER GENERAL VALDIVIA WITH MURDER, HAS CUT SHORT A VISIT TO THE U.S. TO GIVE TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMISSION INVESTIGATING THE CAYARA INCIDENT. EMBASSY HAS CONTACTED ESCOBAR HERE IN LIMA AND WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT ON A REGULAR BASIS. ALTHOUGH ESCOBAR HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO HUANUCO, HIS OFFICE IN AYACUCHO HAS NOW BEEN RE-OPENED.

13. ARCE BORJA REARRESTED:
ACCORDING TO "LA REPUBLICA," TWO FORMER PRO-SENDERO "EL DIARIO" DIRECTORS WERE ARRESTED ON DECEMBER 10. DETAINED WERE LUIS ARCE BORJA, PREVIOUSLY ARRESTED FOR ALLEGED TERRORIST TIES (LIMA 11989), AND FRANCISCO JAVIER ALCANZAR MIRANDA. "LA REPUBLICA" CLAIMED THEY WERE ARRESTED UNDER THE NEW ANTI-TERRORISM LEGISLATION (LIMA 16744) FOR MAKING APOLOGIES FOR TERRORISM. WE WILL REPORT ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF THESE ARRESTS, ALONG WITH THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE APPARENTLY DEFUNCT "EL DIARIO," SEPTTEL.

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