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TAGS: PTER, PGOV, PE  
SUBJECT: SENDERO BECOMES ACTIVE IN THE CALLEJON  
DE HUAYLAS

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. SUMMARY: SENDERO LUMINOSO IS NOW PRESENT  
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IN THE CALLEJON DE HUAYLAS, THE ANCASH DEPARTMENT

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VALLEY THAT RUNS PARALLEL TO PERU'S SPECTACULAR CORDILLERA BLANCA AND THE HUASCARAN NATIONAL PARK. ALTHOUGH THEY ATTRACT FEWER TOURISTS THAN LIMA AND CUSCO, THE CALLEJON DE HUAYLAS AND THE PARK ARE HEAVILY VISITED BY AMERICANS AND OTHER FOREIGNERS, MOSTLY HIKERS AND CLIMBERS. IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS SL HAS CARRIED OUT SEVERAL TRADEMARK ACTIONS IN ANCASH, ENTERING SMALL MOUNTAIN VILLAGES TO KILL CIVIL GUARD AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES. THREE TOOK PLACE CLOSE TO HUARAZ, THE CALLEJON'S MAJOR TOWN, AND A FOURTH WAS ON THE PARK BORDER.

ON DECEMBER 1, FOUR TOURIST HOTELS IN HUARAZ WERE BOMBED, PERHAPS BY SL, BUT POSSIBLY BY LEFTIST STUDENTS AT THE LOCAL UNIVERSITY OR TWO PRE-UNIVERSITY INSTITUTES. A FRAGMENT OF A CAPTURED SL DOCUMENT SHARED WITH US INDICATES THAT SL DOES INTEND TO TARGET THE TOURIST, ARTESAN AND CUT FLOWER INDUSTRY IN THE VALLEY, BUT SLS VIOLENT ACTIVITY IS STILL IN AN EARLY STAGE AND AS YET THERE HAVE NOT BEEN ANY SL ACTIONS NORTH OF HUARAZ, THE PARK AREA MOST FREQUENTLY VISITED. SENDERO MAY HAVE BEEN ACTIVE ON THE FRINGES OF A MASSIVE CAMPESINO MOBILIZATION IN OCTOBER, WHICH LEFT HUARAZ RESIDENTS SHAKEN, BUT DID NOT ORGANIZE OR GET CONTROL OF IT. THE RODRIGO FRANCO COMMAND HAS RECENTLY THREATENED TWO UNITED LEFT MUNICIPAL COUNCILMEN. TOTAL POLICE PRESENCE IN THE CALLEJON IS ABOUT 100; AS ELSEWHERE, THEY ARE POORLY EQUIPPED. THERE IS SOME ARMY STATIONED NEAR CARHUAZ, JUST NORTH OF HUARAZ.

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THE EMERGENCY ACTION COMMITTEE IS NOT PUTTING THE CALLEJON DE HUAYLAS AND HUASCARAN NATIONAL PARK OFF-LIMITS TO MISSION PERSONNEL, BUT WE ARE CAUTIONING PEOPLE ABOUT SL ACTIVITY, PUTTING SOME SECONDARY ROADS OFF LIMITS AND WE HAVE CITED THAT ACTIVITY IN THE TRAVEL ADVISORY UPDATED LAST WEEK. END SUMMARY.

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ANCASH, THE CALLEJON DE HUAYLAS AND HUASCARAN NATIONAL PARK

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3. THE DEPARTMENT OF ANCASH LIES IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF LIMA DEPARTMENT, WEST OF HUANUCO DEPARTMENT (WHERE THE SOUTHERN END OF THE UPPER HUALLAGA VALLEY IS LOCATED) AND SOUTH OF LA LIBERTAD. AT 36,000 SQUARE KILOMETERS, IT IS ABOUT THE SIZE OF LIMA DEPARTMENT AND WITH ABOUT 1,000,000 INHABITANTS IS FAIRLY DENSELY POPULATED, CONSIDERING THAT THE POPULATION OF HUARAZ, ITS CAPITAL AND LARGEST TOWN, IS WELL UNDER 100,000. THE NATIONAL PARK AND THE CALLEJON DE HUAYLAS (WHICH LIES JUST OUTSIDE THE PARK BOUNDARIES ON THE WEST) ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DEPARTMENT, EAST OF THE FIRST RANGE OF MOUNTAINS, THE SNOWLESS CORDILLERA NEGRA. EAST OF THE CORDILLERA BLANCA LIES THE CALLEJON DE CONCHUCO.

4. ALTHOUGH THERE IS A 12,000 FOOT RUNWAY IN THE NORTHERN END OF THE CALLEJON, BUILT AFTER THE 1970 EARTHQUAKE THAT DEVASTATED HUARAZ AND BURIED THE TOWN OF YUNGAY, THERE ARE NO COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS INTO THE VALLEY AND TOURISTS

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GET THERE BY BUS OR AUTO. SOME 6-8 50-PASSENGER  
BUSES A DAY MAKE THE 7-HOUR, 400 KILOMETER DRIVE  
FROM LIMA. THE DRIVE FROM THE COAST TO HUARAZ  
IS ONE OF PERU'S BETTER ROAD TRIPS. ALTHOUGH  
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BROKEN UP FOR A HUNDRED KILOMETERS AS ONE  
APPROACHES HUARAZ FROM LIMA, THE HIGHWAY IS

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