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SECURITY PERSONNEL 289 CIVILIANS 1030 (INCLUDING CAMPESINOS) SUSPECTED TERRORISTS 667 TOTAL: 1986

6. THE COMMISSION'S PUBLISHED NINE-YEAR TOTALS:

Table with 5 columns: YEAR, SECURITY, CIVILIANS, SUBVERSIVES, TOTAL. Rows for years 1980-1988 and a TOTAL row.

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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR TAGS: PTER, PHUM, ASEC, PE, ALOW SUBJECT: MEXICO: 1988: 1988 TERRORISM: TOTAL

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY. THE SENATE COMMISSION ON VIOLENCE HAS RELEASED ITS FINAL REPORT. THE REPORT'S FIGURES: DECEMBER 1988: 15 SECURITY PERSONNEL, 14 PROFESSIONALS (DEVELOPMENT WORKERS, ENGINEERS, ETC.), 8 CIVILIAN GOP FIGURES, AND 93 CAMPESINOS (MOST KILLED BY SENDERO). THROUGH THE 1988 TOTAL IS LESS THAN 1983 AND 1984, THE COMMISSION REPORTS THAT THERE WERE MORE TOTAL INCIDENTS AND MORE DEATHS OF SECURITY AND GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL IN 1988 THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS. END SUMMARY.

3. EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED FROM THE SENATE COMMISSION ON VIOLENCE AND PACIFICATION ITS FINAL 1988 FIGURES FOR POLITICAL VIOLENCE, INCLUDING THE DATA FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH COMMISSION STAFFER DR. JORGE MELO... WHO... BUT THAT THE NUMBER OF DEATHS RESULTING FROM SUBVERSIVE AND ANTI-SUBVERSIVE VIOLENCE WAS HIGHER IN 1984 AND 1983. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INCIDENTS AND THE NUMBER OF SECURITY OFFICIALS (POLICE AND MILITARY) AND GOVERNMENT CIVILIAN OFFICIALS KILLED IN 1988 BY SENDERO WAS HIGHER THIS YEAR THAN IN ANY PREVIOUS. THE NUMBER OF CAMPESINO AND SUBVERSIVE DEATHS WAS HIGHER IN 1984 AND 1983.

4. THE DECEMBER TOTALS, THOUGH DOWN FROM NOVEMBER... FROM POLITICAL VIOLENCE, 1988'S SECOND REPORTED MONTH. DECEMBER'S DEATHS INCLUDED 15 SECURITY PERSONNEL, 14 PROFESSIONALS (DEVELOPMENT WORKERS, ENGINEERS, ETC.), 8 CIVILIAN GOP FIGURES, AND 93 CAMPESINOS (MOST KILLED BY SENDERO).

5. THE 1988 TOTALS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

7. POLOFF ALSO DISCUSSED WITH MELO THE SOURCE USED BY THE COMMISSION. WE LEARNED THAT THEIR PUBLISHED DATA INCLUDES INFORMATION FROM THE MEDIA, FROM THE MINISTRIES OF INTERIOR AND DEFENSE, FROM HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS, AND FROM A FEW NON-OFFICIAL SOURCES CLOSE TO US SENATOR ENRIQUE BERNALES WHO HEADS THE COMMISSION. MELO ADMITTED THAT THERE IS LIKELY A SIGNIFICANT ERROR IN THESE NUMBERS. HE OBSERVED, AS WE HAVE, THAT FIGURES FROM THE MININT AND THE DEFMIN RARELY COINCIDE AND THAT IN SUCCESSIVE MONTHS BOTH OFFICES WILL OCCASIONALLY ISSUE NUMBERS SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT FROM THOSE PUBLISHED IN EARLIER MONTHS.

8. POLOFF WAS, NEVERTHELESS, IMPRESSED THAT THIS IS LIKELY THE MOST COMPLETE DATA STORAGE SYSTEM ON VIOLENCE IN PERU. THE COMMISSION STAFF IS HOUSED IN BERNALES' SENATE OFFICE, USES A SAMSUNG COMPUTER SYSTEM (THREE TERMINALS WITH BOTH HARD AND SOFT DISC STORAGE, COLOR GRAPHICS, A GOOD DATA RETRIEVAL PROGRAM, AND A MODERN LASER PRINTER) PURCHASED BY BERNALES FROM PERSONAL FUNDS, AND IS COMPOSED OF YOUNG PROFESSIONALS WHO APPEAR TO BE COMPETENT AND ENTHUSIASTIC.

9. THE COMMISSION IS ATTEMPTING IN 1989 TO BROADEN ITS DATA INTERPRETATION. BEGINNING IN JANUARY, ITS END-OF-MONTH REPORT WILL INCLUDE THE NUMBER AND RESULTS OF INCIDENTS BY PROVINCE AND DEPARTMENT AND ADDITIONAL DEMOGRAPHICS ON ALL VICTIMS (AGE, SEX, ETC.). THE COMMISSION'S FIRST REPORT TO TRACK THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF ALL VICTIMS... ALLEGED TERRORISTS KILLED IN DECEMBER WERE BETWEEN THE AGE OF 15 AND 24. ONLY ONE WAS OLDER THAN 50. SUCH DATA WILL BE INVALUABLE TO US IN MORE CLOSELY PLOTTING THE GEOGRAPHY OF PERUVIAN TERRORISM AND IN BETTER UNDERSTANDING WHO ARE THESE TERRORISTS AND THEIR VICTIMS. WATSON

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