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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY. [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]  
SAYS THAT SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) IS FORCING  
PEASANTS [REDACTED] INTO  
COCA LEAF PRODUCTION. [REDACTED] MAKES THIS  
CLAIM BASED ON CONVERSATIONS WITH CAMPESINOS WHO  
[REDACTED] CONFIRMS THAT THE  
SL CONTROLS VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE UHV OUTSIDE THE  
FOUR OR FIVE MAJOR CITIES WITH POLICE OR MILITARY  
BARRACKS. [REDACTED] DESCRIBED IN SOME DETAIL THE OPERA-  
TION OF THE PEOPLE'S COMMITTEES THE SL SETS UP  
IN JUNGLE VILLAGES. [REDACTED] ALSO REPORTED A RECENT  
DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN APPARENTLY STARTED BY THE SL  
THAT THE DEA HAS ALREADY BEGUN SPRAYING THOUSANDS  
OF ACRES OF COCA LEAF WITH POISONOUS HERBICIDES.

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[REDACTED] END SUMMARY.

3. GREETINGS FROM TINGO MARIA:  
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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] A SOBER AND RESTRAINED OBSERVER OF SL ACTIVITY  
IN THE HUANUCO AND SAN MARTIN DEPARTMENTS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] A RELIABLE SOURCE OF INFORMATION  
ON TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN THIS IMPORTANT COCA PRO-  
DUCTION AREA.

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4. [REDACTED]

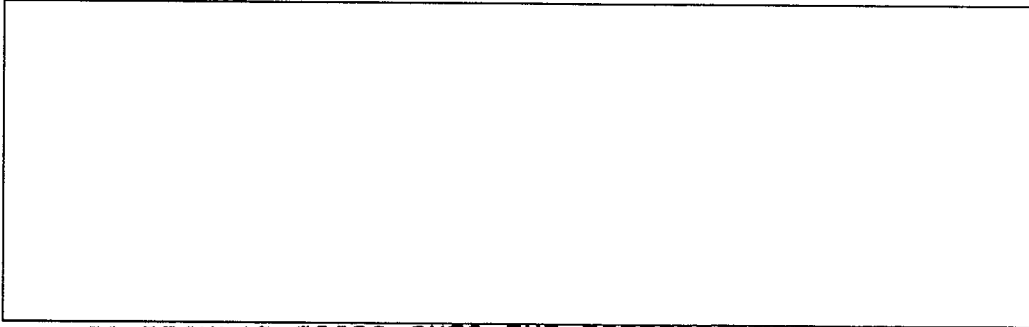
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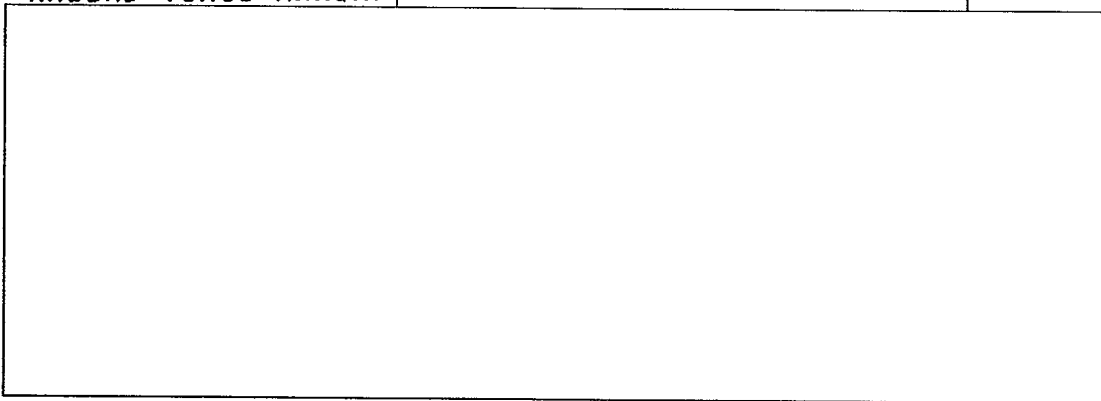
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**MAKES REGULAR TRIPS INTO THE FORESTS AND JUNGLE  
AROUND TINGO MARIA,** 



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AN INCREASING NUMBER OF PEASANTS REALIZE THEY CAN  
MAKE MORE MONEY GROWING COCA.

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7. MANY HAVE GONE INTO COCA FOR STRICTLY

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FINANCIAL REASONS. BUT OTHERS, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BECAUSE OF  
THREATS BY SENDERO. [REDACTED] WAS  
TOLD BY TWO FAMILIES THAT A SMALL SL COLUMN HAD  
COME TO THEIR HUTS AND TOLD THE FAMILY THAT THEY  
MUST CLEAR LAND TO GROW COCA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THESE  
FAMILIES HAD NO INTEREST IN GROWING COCA BUT FELT  
COMPELLED TO HEED THE SL THREAT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE SL PROMISED THE FAMILIES THAT ONCE  
THEY HAD SOME OF THE LAND CLEARED THEY (THE SL)  
WOULD SUPPLY THEM WITH THE SEEDLINGS TO START  
PLANTING.

8. WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY HEARD FROM SEVERAL SOURCES  
THAT PEASANTS THROUGHOUT THE UHV WERE BEING FORCED  
BY SL TO ABANDON TRADITIONAL AGRICULTURAL PATTERNS  
AND TO BEGIN PLANTING COCA. ONE SOURCE REPORTED  
THAT FARMERS WERE BEING ORDERED TO GROW ONLY  
ENOUGH FOOD TO FEED THEIR FAMILIES AND SL COLUMNS.  
THE REST OF THEIR ENERGIES WERE TO BE EXPENDED  
IN COCA. ANOTHER SOURCE HAS TOLD US THAT IN NEW  
COCA PRODUCING AREAS OUTSIDE THE UHV SL HAS NOT ONLY  
PROVIDING SEEDLINGS, BUT WAS ALSO BRINGING IN  
PEASANTS FROM THE MOUNTAINS TO CLEAR VIRGIN  
FORESTS FOR NEW COCA ZONES. EMBASSY BELIEVES [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TESTIMONY IS A RELIABLE CONFIRMATION  
OF THESE PREVIOUS SOURCES.

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9. GUIDANCE FROM THE PEOPLE'S COMMITTEES:  
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[REDACTED] THE SL CONTROLS THE  
COUNTRYSIDE IN THE UHV THROUGH THE PEOPLE'S  
COMMITTEES, WHICH IT ESTABLISHES IN EACH  
POPULATION AREA. THE COMMITTEES ARE COMPOSED  
OF FIVE MEN AND WOMEN. THESE FIVE COMMISSIONERS  
(COMISARIOS) ARE SL WHO RUN ALL GOVERNMENT,  
MEDICAL, SOCIAL, AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN THE  
LIBERATED AREAS. THE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHES AND

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REVIEWS CURRICULUMS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS. THESE COMMITTEES ALSO ADMINISTER JUSTICE -- EVERYTHING FROM PETTY CRIME TO WARNING THOSE WHO DRINK TOO MUCH OR THOSE WHO ARE ACCUSED BY THEIR PEERS OF USURY.

10. [REDACTED] ONE FAMILY TOLD [REDACTED] THAT THE MEMBERS OF THEIR COMMUNITY WERE COMPLAINING THAT SOME OF THE BUS DRIVERS (MOST SMALL BUSES HERE ARE INDIVIDUALLY OWNED) WERE CHARGING EXCESSIVE RATES. THE PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE CALLED ALL THE VILLAGE TOGETHER TO TAKE TESTIMONY. IT THEN CONVOKED THE BUS OWNERS, TOLD THEM WHAT THE PERMITTED RATE WAS AND WHAT PERCENTAGE HAD TO BE PAID TO THE COMMITTEE. THE DRIVERS WERE WARNED THAT VIOLATORS WOULD BE EXECUTED. ACCORDING TO THIS FARMER THE SL-MANDATED RATES WERE SCRUPULOUSLY OBSERVED.

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11. ACCORDING TO THIS SOURCE IT IS THESE COMMITTEES WHICH ENFORCE THE COCA PLANTING REQUIREMENTS HANDED DOWN BY THE REGIONAL SL COMMAND. THE COMMITTEES USE THE ARMED SL COLUMNS AS THEIR

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ENFORCEMENT ARMS.

12. DISINFORMATION FROM THE UHV:  
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[REDACTED] FOR SEVERAL MINUTES

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ABOUT PUBLIC ATTITUDES IN THE UHV TOWARD THE U.S.  
AND THE DEA IN PARTICULAR. [REDACTED] WHAT WE

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HAVE HEARD FROM DOZENS OF SOURCES: THE U.S., ALONG WITH THE PERUVIAN POLICE ARE "OPPRESSORS" WHO HAVE COME INTO THE VALLEY TO "HARRASS INNOCENT PEASANTS JUST TRYING TO EARN AN HONEST DOLLAR."

[REDACTED] ASKED A QUESTION: "IS IT TRUE THAT THE DEA HAS ALREADY BEGUN ITS AERIAL HERBICIDE ERADICATION PROGRAM?"

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13. POLOFF RESPONDED WITH AN UNEQUIVOCAL "NO". HE EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE A SMALL TEST WOULD BE CONDUCTED LATER THIS YEAR (THE TEST DATE WAS SET FOR FIVE DAYS FOLLOWING THE LUNCH); BUT NO APPLICATION HAD YET BEEN MADE. HE REPEATED, THERE HAS BEEN NO AERIAL HERBICIDE APPLICATION IN THE UHV BY THE U.S. OR ANYONE ELSE THAT WE KNOW OF. "WHY DO YOU ASK?" HE ASKED.

14. [REDACTED] THAT MANY CAMPESINOS ARE TELLING [REDACTED] THE CHEMICALS THE DEA IS ALREADY USING TO KILL THE COCA AND ARE ASKING WHAT EFFECT IT WILL HAVE ON THE WILDLIFE (I.E. BUTTERFLIES). [REDACTED] SOME OF THESE FARMERS ALLEGED THAT THE DEA HAS ALREADY ERADICATING THOUSANDS OF HECTARES ELSEWHERE IN THE UHV AND THAT SOON THE NORTH AMERICANS WOULD BE COMING TO THEIR AREA. [REDACTED] HAD HEARD A SIMILAR RUMOR IN THE STREETS OF TINGU MARIA.

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15. COMMENT: AS A TACTIC TO INCREASE THE STRENGTH OF ITS "BASES DE APOYO" (SUPPORT BASES) IN THE CONFIDENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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UHV, SUCH A DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN BY THE SL IS NOT SURPRISING BUT IT IS INTERESTING THAT IT HAS ALREADY STARTED. THE CAMPAIGN WILL INEVITABLY ACCELERATE ONCE THE TESTING BECOMES PUBLIC, AND WILL EXPAND TO INCLUDE ALLEGATIONS OF HORRIBLE SIDE EFFECTS. END COMMENT.

16. TOURISTS FROM THE U.S.:

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[REDACTED] THE VISITORS WILL SEE NO OTHER PART OF PERU OR SOUTH AMERICA.

17. [REDACTED] POLOFF HIS IMPRESSION OF THE SECURITY RISK. POLOFF REPLIED THAT [REDACTED] IN A BETTER POSITION TO KNOW, BUT THAT THE EMBASSY, IF ASKED, WOULD TAKE A STRONG POSITION IN OPPOSITION TO THE TRAVEL OF ANY NORTH AMERICAN TO THE UHV. POLOFF ALSO NOTED THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS NO AUTHORITY TO PROHIBIT SUCH TRAVEL BUT THAT OUR VIEWS ON THE QUESTION ARE A PART OF A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE REPORT ON THE SECURITY SITUATION IN PERU.

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18. [REDACTED] CAN HANDLE THE GROUP SAFELY BY KEEPING THEM SOUTH OF

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[REDACTED] THINKS THE AREA SOUTH AND WEST OF TINGO  
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WILL BE SAFE. POLOFF NOTED THAT WE HAD  
RECEIVED RELIABLE REPORTS OF GROUPS OF

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FOREIGN MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS WHO HAD BEEN  
STOPPED BY SL COLUMNS IN THE MOUNTAINS OF  
ANCASH DEPARTMENT WITHOUT HARM. BUT HE  
REPEATED THE EMBASSY VIEW OF THE GRAVE DANGER  
OF TRAVEL ANYWHERE IN THE UHV.  
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