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DIA COMMONWEALTH INTSUM -- WESTERN 90-89/4 MAY 89

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(U) THE ITEMS CONTAINED IN THIS INTSUM HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED BY
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PERU: SENDERO LUMINOSO OPERATIONS. (U)

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AS OF 0140Z 3 MAY 89

1. [REDACTED] THE MAOIST-ORIENTED SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) INSURGENT ORGANIZATION IS INCREASING ANTIGOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES IN SEVERAL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY.
2. (U) ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, ON 25 APRIL THE ARMY AND SL ELEMENTS WERE INVOLVED IN A 3-HOUR FIREFIGHT THAT LEFT ONE ARMY CAPTAIN DEAD; THREE SOLDIERS WOUNDED, AND FOUR GUERRILLAS KILLED. THE CLASH TOOK PLACE NEAR MAYOPAMPA, AYACUCHO DEPARTMENT, WHERE THE POLICE SAID THE SL HAD KILLED FOUR PEOPLE 3 DAYS EARLIER.
3. [REDACTED] IN TOCACHE PROVINCE, ABOUT 700 KM NORTHEAST OF LIMA, GOVERNMENT REPORTS TOLD OF A CLASH BETWEEN THE SL AND A POLICE UNIT ON THE 28TH IN WHICH 12 SL INSURGENTS WERE KILLED. AMONG THE CAPTURED ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT WERE LONG-RANGE RIFLES, MACHINEGUNS, MODERN COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, AND EXPLOSIVES. NO FIGURES ON GOVERNMENT CASUALTIES WERE RELEASED. IN HUANCAYO, PRESUMED SL GUERRILLAS REPORTEDLY ABDUCTED, TORTURED, AND KILLED THREE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL PERU STUDENTS.
4. [REDACTED] COMMENT: REPORTS ON SL ACTIVITY ARE INCREASING AS THE INSURGENT GROUP CONTINUES TO OPERATE WITH APPARENT IMPUNITY IN WIDESPREAD PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. THE THREE MURDERED UNIVERSITY STUDENTS MAY HAVE BEEN MEMBERS OF THE COUNTRY'S OTHER MAJOR INSURGENT ORGANIZATION, THE TUPAC AMARU REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT. BOTH GROUPS ARE COMPETING TO GAIN TERRITORY AND INFLUENCE, CONCENTRATING ON AREAS WHERE THE GOVERNMENT IS UNABLE TO RETAIN CONTROL. THE SEIZURE OF MODERN EQUIPMENT SUCH AS ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS GEAR AND LONG-RANGE RIFLES, IF CONFIRMED, SUGGESTS THAT THE SL IS ACQUIRING GREATER EXPERTISE AND IMPROVING ITS ABILITY TO WAGE A GUERRILLA WAR. GUERRILLA COOPERATION WITH NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS HAS ALSO BEEN REPORTED. NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS HAVE FURNISHED WEAPONS, AND THE GUERRILLAS HAVE PROVIDED PROTECTION FOR COCA FIELDS. CONSIDERING THE GOVERNMENT'S INABILITY TO CONTROL MAJOR PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, SL ACTIVITY IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE UNABATED.

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