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SUBJECT: SENDERO AMBUSHES MILITARY PATROL IN UHV

1. SUMMARY. (U) 16 MILITARY WERE KILLED IN A SENDERO AMBUSH NEAR TINGO MARIA ON JUNE 19. THE AMBUSH OCCURRED ON THE SECOND DAY OF A FIVE-DAY STRIKE CALLED BY SENDERO ALONG THE TINGO MARIA TO PUCALLPA HIGHWAY. "LA REPUBLICA" ALSO REPORTED THE AMBUSH OF A SPECIAL OPERATIONS POLICE UNIT NEAR UCHIZA WITH 15 POLICE DEAD. THE NATIONAL POLICE DENIED THAT THE INCIDENT OCCURRED. A SENDERO COLUMN FOUND FIVE RECENTLY RELEASED YOUNG
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SOLDIERS RETURNING TO THEIR HOMES ON A PUBLIC BUS

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NEAR AYACUCHO. THE FIVE WERE CRUELLY TORTURED
AND MURDERED. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) IT HAS NOT BEEN A GOOD WEEK FOR THE ARMY
OR THE POLICE IN THE UPPER HUALLAGA VALLEY (UHV).
ON JUNE 19 A COLUMN OF AS MANY AS 200 SENDERO
TERRORISTS AMBUSHED AN ARMY PATROL TRAVELING BETWEEN
TINGO MARIA (HUANUCO DEPARTMENT) AND PUCALLPA
(UCAYALI DEPARTMENT). AT LEAST 16 SOLDIERS, INCLUDING
ONE OFFICER, DIED IN THE ATTACK. ANOTHER 15 WERE
EVACUATED WITH WOUNDS. THE NUMBER OF WOUNDED OR
DEAD TERRORISTS IS NOT KNOWN.

3. (U) THE SOUNDS OF THE AMBUSH WERE HEARD BY THE
POLICE DETACHMENT IN AGUAYTIA, A TOWN ALONG THE
TINGO MARIA-PUCALLPA HIGHWAY, 50 KILOMETERS EAST
OF TINGO MARIA. THE POLICE RESPONDED, BUT WERE ALSO
ATTACKED BY TERRORISTS. TWO POLICE OFFICERS WERE
WOUNDED.

4. (C) THE MILITARY UNIT IN TINGO MARIA ALSO
RESPONDED TO THE ATTACK, DISPATCHING AT LEAST ONE
ARMORED HELICOPTER TO PROVIDE AIR COVER TO THE
BESEIGED COLUMN OF 85 MEN AND FOUR VEHICLES.
EMBASSY OFFICERS IN TINGO MARIA SAW ONE OF THE
HELICOPTERS FOLLOWING THE CLASH. ACCORDING TO
THIS WITNESS, "THE HELICOPTER GOT THE HELL SHOT OUT
OF IT." HE DESCRIBED THE DAMAGE TO THE CRAFT
AND NOTED THAT IT WAS A MIRACLE IT WAS ABLE TO
RETURN TO TINGO MARIA.

5. (C) WE DO NOT KNOW HOW SENDERO FARED IN THE
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CLASH. LEFTIST "LA REPUBLICA", WHICH LATELY HAS
ONLY OCCASIONALLY BEEN ACCURATE IN ITS REPORTING,
STATED THAT 200 TERRORISTS DIED. WE DOUBT IT,
AND INTERIOR MINISTER MANTILLA FLATLY DENIED THE
EMBELLISHMENT ON JUNE 21. WHAT IS CERTAIN IS THAT
SENDERO RISKED A MORNING, DAYLIGHT AMBUSH, AIR
MINUTES FROM TINGO MARIA, AND SUCCESSFULLY REPELLED
MILITARY AIR SUPPORT.

6. (C) THE JUNE 19 AMBUSH CAME ON THE SECOND DAY

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OF A FIVE-DAY ARMED STRIKE CALLED BY SENDERO IN HUANUCO CITY, AND ALONG THE CARRETERA FREDERICO BASADRE, INCLUDING THE TOWNS OF TINGO MARIA AND AGUATIA. ONCE AGAIN, THE FOCUS OF SENDERO EFFORTS APPEARS TO BE TO ESTABLISH ITS PREDOMINANCE IN CERTAIN ZONES, AND ITS AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE ARMED STRIKES IN THOSE ZONES. WE BELIEVE THAT THE PRINCIPAL INTENT OF THESE INCIDENTS IS IN PREPARATION FOR ARMED STRIKES THROUGHOUT PERU DURING THE NOVEMBER MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

7. (U) WHILE THE MILITARY WAS FIGHTING SENDERO, SO WAS THE POLICE. POLICE SOURCES CONFIRMED TO US PRESS REPORTS THAT THE SL ATTACKED A SMALL POLICE POST ON THE BRIDGE OVER THE HUALLAGA RIVER OUTSIDE TINGO MARIA, ALSO ON JUNE 19. THREE POLICEMEN WERE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED. "LA REPUBLICA" REPORTED THAT TERRORISTS ATTACKED A SPECIAL OPERATIONS (DOES) POLICE COLUMN OUTSIDE UCHIZA ON JUNE 20. ACCORDING TO THIS PRESS SOURCE AT LEAST 15 POLICE DIED IN THE INCIDENT, WHICH "LA REPUBLICA" ATTRIBUTED TO THE MRTA. ON JUNE 21 THE POLICE, IN AN OFFICIAL

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COMMUNIQUE, DENIED THE "LA REPUBLICA" STORY.
EMBASSY CONTACTS IN TINGO MARIA AT THE TIME OF
THE ALLEGED INCIDENT KNEW NOTHING OF IT.

8. (U) ON JUNE 21 A SENDERO COLUMN STOPPED A PUBLIC
BUS NEAR AYACUCHO CITY. AMONG THE PASSENGERS WERE
FIVE YOUNG MEN RECENTLY RELEASED FROM MILITARY
SERVICE AND RETURNING TO THEIR HOMES. THE TERRORISTS
IDENTIFIED THEM BY THE DOCUMENTS THEY WERE CARRYING.
THE FIVE WERE DEBOARDED WHILE THE BUS CONTINUED

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ITS TRIP TO HUANCAYO. POLICE RETURNED TO THE SCENE
THE NEXT MORNING AND REPORTEDLY FOUND THE FIVE

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CORPSES; EACH SHOWING SIGNS OF TORTURE.

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