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SUBJECT: AS LEVITSKY'S COMMENTS ON MILITARY  
INVOLVEMENT WITH DRUG TRAFFICKERS IN UHV

1. GIVEN THE AMOUNT OF ATTENTION DEVOTED BY THE PERUVIAN PRESS TO ALLEGED ATTACKS BY AS LEVITSKY ON GENERAL ARCINIEGA, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR EMBASSY TO PROVIDE TO POLITICAL AND MILITARY CONTACTS EXACTLY WHAT AS LEVITSKY HAS SAID ON THE QUESTION OF PERUVIAN MILITARY INVOLVEMENT WITH THE TRAFFICKERS. ARCINIEGA AND OTHERS SEEM TO HAVE RELIED ON MIAMI HERALD AND OTHER SENSATIONALIZED ACCOUNTS AS THE BASIS FOR THEIR REMARKS. IN FACT, LEVITSKY MADE IT CLEAR THAT WHILE WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT REPORTS OF MILITARY-TRAFFICKER COOPERATION, WE RECOGNIZE THE NEED TO PROVIDE MILITARY ASSISTANCE SO THAT PERUVIAN MILITARY CAN TAKE ON THE SL IN THE UHV. EXCERPTS BELOW ARE FROM AS LEVITSKY'S TESTIMONY SEPTEMBER 29 BEFORE THE SENATE PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS (NUNN SUBCOMMITTEE).

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EMBASSY MAY WISH TO MAKE THESE WIDELY AVAILABLE.

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2. EXCERPTS:

A) "SENATOR NUNN. WELL, THE TESTIMONY WE HAVE HEARD INDICATES THAT UNLESS YOU HAVE SOME CROP SUBSTITUTION PROGRAM THAT BASICALLY--PARTICULARLY IN THE INSTANCE OF PERU--IF YOU DON'T HAVE CROP SUBSTITUTION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GOING AT THE SAME TIME, IF YOU START SUCCEEDING ON THE NARCOTICS, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO IS INCREASE THE SHINING PATH'S POWER BY DRIVING THE PEASANTS RIGHT INTO THE COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS.

DO YOU WANT TO REBUT THAT?

MR. LEVITSKY. WELL, I WOULDN'T WANT TO REBUT THAT, BECAUSE THERE IS A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF VALIDITY TO THAT. ON THE OTHER HAND, WHATEVER WE DO AGAINST DRUGS, IF WE REDUCE DEMAND IN THIS COUNTRY SO WE DON'T NEED THE PRODUCT ANY MORE, THE EFFECT OF THAT WILL DRIVE THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE GROWING THE DRUGS INTO THE HANDS OF, OR TOWARDS, SOMETHING ELSE AND MAYBE IT WILL BE INTO THE HANDS OF GUERRILLAS.

ONE OF THE REASONS WHY OUR FIRST YEAR IS BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT WE NEED TO HELP THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES GAIN CONTROL IS FOR JUST THAT REASON. WE NEED, FOR EXAMPLE, A STRATEGY WHICH LOOKS AT BOTH THE INSURGENCY IN THE UPPER HUALLAGA VALLEY WHERE 60 PERCENT OF THE COCA ALLEGEDLY IS GROWN, AS WELL AS THE DRUG TRAFFICKING PROBLEM, ITSELF. THERE IS NO WAY THAT YOU CAN HAVE A GOOD INTERDICTION PROGRAM, LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM, WITHIN THAT VALLEY UNLESS THE PROBLEM OF THE SENDERO  
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LUMINOSO IS ALSO BEING DEALT WITH EFFECTIVELY.

SENATOR NUNN. WHICH IS COMING FIRST? ARE YOU TRYING TO DO BOTH PARALLEL AND SIMULTANEOUSLY? ARE YOU TRYING TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO GO AFTER NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS AND THE GUERRILLA MOVEMENT AT THE SAME TIME, OR ARE YOU SAYING GO AFTER THE SHINING PATH FIRST, ESTABLISH CIVIL ORDER, AND THEN DEVOTE YOUR RESOURCES MORE TO THE POLICY ASPECTS OF COCA GROWTH?

MR. LEVITSKY. WE BELIEVE BOTH HAVE TO BE DONE TOGETHER.

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WE DON'T BELIEVE THAT YOU BUY OFF THE COCA GROWERS BY IGNORING WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA AND THEN STRICTLY GO AFTER THE SENDERO LUMINOSO.

THAT WOULDN'T WORK, IT WOULD ONLY INCREASE THE PROBLEM. AND LET'S REMEMBER THAT THE SENDERO ITSELF GAINS A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF RESOURCES THROUGH WHAT WAS MENTIONED EARLIER THIS MORNING--TAXING, PROTECTING THE TRAFFICKERS.

THERE IS A KIND OF, IN MANY CASES, AN UNHOLY ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE 2, NOT THAT THEY HAVE THE SAME OBJECTIVES, BUT A MARRIAGE OF CONVENIENCE. YOU HAVE TO GO AFTER BOTH OF THEM, I BELIEVE, AND WE HAVE TO UP THE CAPABILITY BOTH TO HIT THE SENDERO, TO PROVIDE A SECURITY COVER FOR THE OPERATIONS BY THE POLICE AND THE MILITARY AGAINST THE DRUG TRAFFICKERS."

B) "SENATOR NUNN. RIGHT. MR. LEVITSKY, RECENT NEWS REPORTS, AS WELL AS INFORMATION PROVIDED OUR STAFF, INDICATES THAT THE PERUVIAN MILITARY IN THE VALLEY MAY HAVE BASICALLY GONE TOWARDS WORKING WITH THE PEASANTS, EVEN THOSE GROWING COCA, AGAINST THE SENDERO. IS THE STATE DEPARTMENT TAKING AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THIS ON A POLICY BASIS? ARE YOU TRYING TO ENCOURAGE THAT NOT TO HAPPEN?

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MR. LEVITSKY. YES, AND WE ARE CONCERNED--FRANKLY, WE ARE NOT SURE ABSOLUTELY OF THE ACCURACY. I MEAN, REPORTS HAVE RANGED FROM TAKING PAYOFFS FROM THE TRAFFICKERS SO THAT THEY COULD GO AFTER THE SENDERO, THAT IS TO LET THE FLIGHTS IN, TO OTHER KINDS OF COLLUSION.

WE ARE VERY CONCERNED. WE HAVE TALKED WITH THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT ABOUT THIS. WE HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT WE CANNOT ACCEPT THIS. THE MOTIVATION HERE IS A PARTICULAR GENERAL WANTS TO FEED HIS TROOPS AND HE DOESN'T GET ENOUGH SUPPLIES TO DO THAT. ONE OF THE THINGS WE HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH WITH THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE IS TO GIVE THE PERUVIAN MILITARY BETTER CAPABILITY TO WORK IN THAT VALLEY. AND REMEMBER, THE PROBLEM IN THE VALLEY IS NOT JUST DRUGS, IT IS DRUGS AND INSURGENCY. YOU CANNOT DEAL WITH ONE WITHOUT THE OTHER. BUT IT IS NOT SOMETHING THAT

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OUR GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS AT ALL, JUST AS WE CANNOT ACCEPT HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES, CORRUPTION, OR ANYTHING ELSE.

REALISTICALLY, SOME OF THIS HAPPENS. THERE IS CORRUPTION GOING ON IN A LOT OF PLACES, BUT WE CANNOT GIVE IT UP BECAUSE THAT EXISTS, WE JUST HAVE TO WORK AGAINST IT. SO WE HAVE MADE OUR OWN POSITION CLEAR. I HOPE IT WILL CHANGE.

I WOULD POINT OUT AGAIN, THOUGH, THAT I DON'T KNOW TO WHAT EXTENT THIS EXISTS. APPARENTLY IT DOES EXIST TO A CERTAIN EXTENT." EAGLEBURGER

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