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INDICATE, ARE NOT ALWAYS RESPECTED. FOR EXAMPLE, ALTHOUGH PERSONS MAY BE HELD WITHOUT CHARGES BY THE PUBLIC SECURITY FORCES FOR UP TO 15 DAYS (INSTEAD OF 48 HOURS), TORTURE OR PHYSICAL ABUSE OF ANY KIND ARE STILL PROHIBITED.

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IN MANY CASES OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSE IN PERU IT IS EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE WHAT ACTUALLY TRANSPIRED IN A PARTICULAR CASE. FOR EXAMPLE, IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER ROSARIO CONDORI JOINED SENDERO OF HER OWN VOLITION AND THEN RETURNED TO HER HOME VILLAGE TO PERFORM ACTS OF VIOLENCE ON BEHALF OF SENDERO OR WAS ACTUALLY KIDNAPPED BY SENDERO AND THEN ESCAPED. SENDERO HAS BEEN KNOWN TO COVER THE EXTENDED ABSENCE OF CADRE FROM THEIR SMALL TOWNS BY CIRCULATING THE STORY THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WAS "KIDNAPPED" BY SENDERO, THUS PROTECTING THE FAMILY FROM POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT REPRISALS. ALTERNATIVELY, SENDERO SOMETIMES CLAIMS THAT ITS ADHERENTS HAVE BEEN "KILLED" BY THE MILITARY, THUS DISCREDITING THE GOVERNMENT IN THE EYES OF THE LOCAL PEOPLE WHILE ALLOWING THE "DEAD" INDIVIDUAL TO LEAD A CLANDESTINE LIFE WITHOUT THE GOVERNMENT ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR HIM.

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WE APPRECIATE YOUR INTEREST IN THESE MATTERS. I ASSURE YOU THAT HUMAN RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHTS OF THOSE PERSONS CONSIDERED "DISAPPEARED," IS AN IMPORTANT BILATERAL ISSUE ON OUR AGENDA HERE IN PERU. WE ENGAGE IN SERIOUS AND CANDID CONVERSATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU, INCLUDING THE PERUVIAN

DEAR CONGRESSMAN BEILENSEN:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INQUIRY REGARDING THE DETENTION OR POSSIBLE DISAPPEARANCE OF FOUR PERUVIAN CHILDREN BY ELEMENTS OF THE PERUVIAN MILITARY. THE INFORMATION YOU SUPPLIED CAME FROM AN AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL "URGENT ACTION" APPEAL NUMBER 338/89.

MILITARY, ON THE QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES INSIDE THE EMERGENCY ZONES. WE WILL DRAW THESE CASES, AND YOUR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN THEM, TO THE ATTENTION OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS. IN ADDITION TO REGISTERING OUR STRONG CONCERN, WE WILL REQUEST THAT THEY INVESTIGATE THESE CASES. THANK YOU FOR DRAWING THIS INQUIRY TO OUR ATTENTION.

ACCORDING TO LOCAL CONTACTS IN LIMA'S HUMAN RIGHTS COMMUNITY JUAN CARLOS POGGO CONTRERA (AGE 18) WAS DETAINED ON JULY 6, 1989 BY MILITARY FORCES IN APURIMAC AND LATER TRANSFERRED TO THE SANTA ROSA MILITARY BASE IN ABANCAY, AS ASSERTED BY AMNESTY. HE APPARENTLY WAS LATER TRANSFERRED TO THE ABANCAY CUARTEL, BUT HAS SINCE DISAPPEARED FROM SIGHT. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON HIS CURRENT WHEREABOUTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS HAVE BEEN FORCED TO CONCLUDE THAT HE IS MOST PROBABLY DEAD.

SINCERELY,

ROSAURA HUAMAN JARA (AGE 13) AND ELISA ALCCA LIMA (AGE 15) WERE DETAINED MAY 3 IN QUISQUPATA, A DISTRICT NEAR CIRCA, IN ABANCAY DEPARTMENT. REPORTS INDICATE THAT THEY ARE STILL BEING HELD ON CHARGES OF TERRORISM.

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ACCORDING TO INFORMATION WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS IN LIMA ROSARIO CONDORI ALZAMORA (AGE 18) WAS KIDNAPPED JUNE 16 BY ELEMENTS OF THE GUERRILLA GROUP SENDERO LUMINGSO, AND UNDERWENT TRAINING IN ONE OF SENDERO'S "POPULAR SCHOOLS" WHERE RECRUITS/DRAFTEES ARE INDOCTRINATED WITH SENDERO'S IDEOLOGY AND TRAINED IN THE TACTICS TO EMPLOY IN SPREADING SENDERO'S "REVOLUTIONARY VIOLENCE." SHE WAS LATER RELEASED (OR ESCAPED) AND RETURNED TO HER HOME. SHE WAS REPORTEDLY DETAINED AT A LATER DATE BY MILITARY FORCES ON THE GROUNDS OF BEING AFFILIATED WITH SENDERO. SHE HAS SINCE DISAPPEARED AND LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS BELIEVE SHE IS DEAD.

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ABANCAY IS CURRENTLY UNDER A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN THAT AREA. UNDER THE STATE OF EMERGENCY THE PERUVIAN CONSTITUTION THROUGH AN EXECUTIVE DECREE EMPOWERS THE MILITARY TO PERFORM MOST LAW ENFORCEMENT FUNCTIONS. THE CONSTITUTION DOES HOWEVER RESERVE CERTAIN RIGHTS TO THE INDIVIDUAL IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH, AS THESE CASES READILY

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