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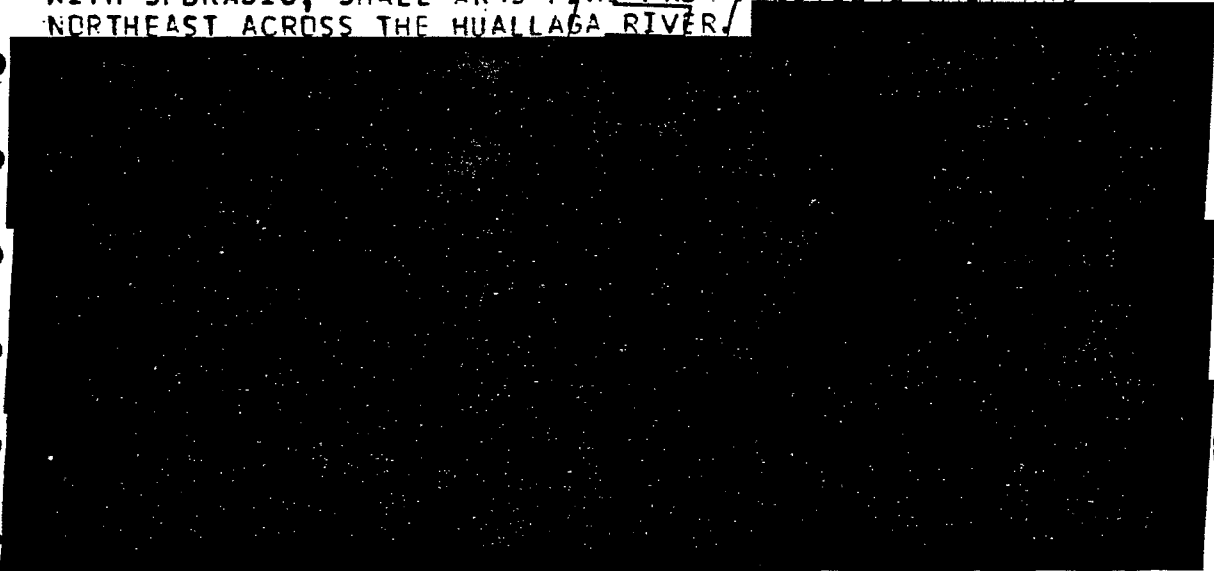
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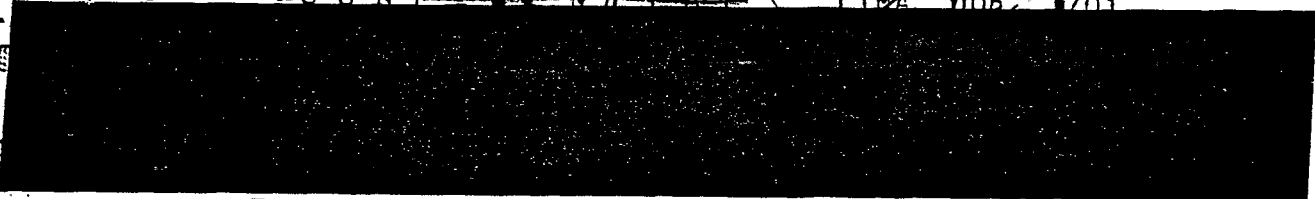
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E.O. 12356: DECL: DADR
TAGS: SNAR, PE, PTER, ASEC
SUBJECT: HOSTILE FIRE INCIDENT AT SANTA LUCIA BASE

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 0130 HRS APRIL 7, THE PERUVIAN NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) BASE AT SANTA LUCIA WAS ATTACKED WITH SPORADIC, SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM POSITIONS EAST AND NORTHEAST ACROSS THE HUALLAGA RIVER. [REDACTED]





3. AS OF 1130 HRS THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPORTS OF PNP OR USG INJURIES. WE WILL RECEIVE A MORE DETAILED REPORT LATER THIS DATE ON ANY DAMAGE TO PNP OR USG PROPERTY BUT AS OF NOW NONE HAS BEEN REPORTED TO US.

4. THE PNP IS SENDING ABOUT 20 REINFORCEMENT TROUPS TO THE BASE ALONG WITH REPLENISHMENT AMMO. DEA IS SENDING FOUR MORE AGENTS TO THE BASE IN ADDITION TO ILLUMINARY ROUNDS AND OTHER REPLENISHMENT ITEMS. ALL ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE AT THE BASE BY LATE THIS AFTERNOON.

5. DEA/TAT COMMENT: AT THIS POINT IT IS DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE THE SIZE OF THE ATTACKING FORCE. WE ARE GOING ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT SENDERO LUMINGO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACK. PNP IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING PATROLS TO DETERMINE AMOUNT AND CALIBER OF SPENT AMMO, SIGNS OF DEAD OR WOUNDED, AND OTHER INDICATIONS THAT WOULD HELP US IN ANALYZING THE MAKE UP OF THE ATTACKING FORCE. WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WAS THE INTENT OF THE ATTACKERS TO 'TAKE OVER THE FORT'. ON SPECULATION WE WONDER WHY THE ATTACKERS DID NOT USE ANY HEAVIER STAND OFF WEAPONS (I.E. MORTARS) IF THEY WERE AVAILABLE. ONE POINT SUGGESTS THAT THIS WAS AN ATTACK GAUGED TO DETERMINE THE PNP/USG RESPONSE AND CAPABILITIES. ANOTHER VIEW IS THAT THIS WAS THE BEST SL COULD DO AND INTENT WAS TO MAKE A STATEMENT PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR 4/8/90. IT COULD VERY WELL BE A COMBINATION OF THOSE TWO POSSIBILITIES. IN EITHER CASE, WE BELIEVE SL WAS TAKEN BY SURPRISE BY THE RAPID RESPONSE OF THE TWO CHOPPERS. WE ARE CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO ANALYZE [REDACTED] TO SEE WHAT CLUES THEY MAY ALSO PROVIDE. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO ANALYZE COLLATERAL INFO TO SEE WHAT IT ALSO MAY PROVIDE. END DEA/TAT COMMENT.

6. GENERAL ZARATE SPECULATES, BASED ON AS YET UNEVALUATED [REDACTED] INFORMATION, THAT THIS ATTACK ALTHOUGH CARRIED OUT BY SL WAS INSTIGATED BY UCHIZA-BASED TRAFFICKERS. [REDACTED]

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HE ARGUES THE ATTACK MAY BE AN ATTEMPT TO 'TIE UP' PNP AND USG RESOURCES AND DISTRACT THEM FROM THE UCHIZA AREA.

7. THE PNP RESPONSE TO THE ATTACK WAS EXECUTED VERY EFFECTIVELY. DEA SVD/PCP PERSONNEL WITH THE UDV COORDINATOR PROVIDED CRITICAL ASSISTANCE IN ORGANIZING THE PNP RESPONSE. ALL DEFENSIVE POSITIONS WERE COVERED. PNP RETURNED FIRE FROM FIXED POSITIONS AT THE BASE. DEA-PROVIDED ILLUMINARY ROUNDS WERE FIRED TO ASSIST THE PILOTS IN DETERMINING THE SL FIRE POSITIONS.

WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS. WE WOULD ASK THAT YOU ENSURE DEA HQS GETS IMMEDIATE RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE (SEE DISTRIBUTION ABOVE.)
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