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SUBJECT: UPDATE RE: HOSTILE FIRE INCIDENT AT SANTA
- LUCIA FORWARD OPERATING BASE

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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. (C) SUMMARY

NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES NOR SIGNIFICANT PROPERTY DAMAGE TO THE SANTA LUCIA FORWARD OPERATING BASE (FOB) OR TO USG SUPPLIED AIRCRAFT WAS SUSTAINED AS A RESULT OF THE 7 APRIL 1990 ATTACK DESCRIBED IN REFTEL. THERE ARE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT THE ATTACKERS, BELIEVED TO BE SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) INSURGENTS, TOOK MULTIPLE CASUALTIES. BASED ON THE TACTICS EMPLOYED BY THE ATTACKERS, THE TIMEFRAME OF THE ATTACK IN RELATION TO THE PERUVIAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS, AND OTHER ACTS OF VIOLENCE IN THE UPPER HUALLAGA VALLEY (UHV) DURING THE SAME PERIOD, IT IS LIKELY THAT THE MOTIVE OF THE ATTACK WAS HARASSMENT VERSUS A DEDICATED EFFORT TO OVER-RUN THE CAMP. HOWEVER, THE POSSIBILITY THAT AGGRESSIVE PATROLLING AND SECURITY MEASURES MAY HAVE FORCED THE ATTACKERS TO ALTER OTHERWISE MORE CONCERTED EFFORT TO OVERRUN SANTA LUCIA CANNOT BE DISCOUNTED. BASE DEFENSE MEASURES WERE VERY EFFECTIVE, AND IT IS HOPED THAT

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THEIR SUCCESSFUL EMPLOYMENT WILL DISCOURAGE FUTURE HARASSMENT FIRE BY SMALL GROUPS. (END SUMMARY)

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AT
APPROXIMATELY 2200 HRS ON THE EVENING OF 6 APRIL 1990,
A PNP PATROL AT PUERTO SANTA LUCIA, JUST OUTSIDE THE
SANTA LUCIA FOB, NOTED SEVERAL ARMED INDIVIDUALS ON THE

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EAST SIDE OF THE HUALLAGA RIVER. A PARACHUTE FLARE WAS LAUNCHED FROM SANTA LUCIA FOB TO ILLUMINATE THE EAST BANK OF THE RIVER. A WARNING SHOT WAS FIRED BY THE GC PATROL BUT NO GQNFIRE WAS EXCHANGED AT THIS TIME.

4. (C) SUBSEQUENTLY, AT APPROXIMATELY 0130 HRS ON 7 APRIL 1990, THE FIREFIGHT BEGAN IN EARNEST WITH AN ESTIMATED 35-50 ATTACKERS SPREAD OUT OVER AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 800 METERS ON THE EAST BANK OF THE HUALLAGA RIVER FIRING INTO FOB SANTA LUCIA. THE INITIAL VOLLEY LASTED APPROXIMATELY TWENTY MINUTES, WITH THE ATTACKERS FIRING SMALL ARMS AND RIFLE LAUNCHED GRENADES AT THE CAMP.

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6. (C) FOLLOWING THE ATTACK, AND FOR THE NEXT 72 HOURS, FOB SANTA LUCIA MAINTAINED HEIGHTENED LEVELS OF SECURITY. PATROLS TO THE EAST BANK OF THE HUALLAGA RIVER RECOVERED APPROXIMATELY 300-400 SPENT CARTRIDGES FOR AK ASSAULT RIFLE AND FAL/FN AS WELL AS ONE DISCARDED INSTALAZA/SPANISH MFG RIFLE LAUNCHED GRENADE AND A PERUVIAN IDENTITY DOCUMENT. THE PATROLS ALSO CONFIRMED THAT THE ATTACKERS WERE SPREAD OUT OVER APPROXIMATELY 800 METERS OF THE EAST BANK OF THE HUALLAGA RIVER.

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7. (C) ON THE EVENING OF 7 APRIL 1990, IN RESPONSE TO
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INFORMATION THAT SENDERO LUMINOSO INSURGENTS WERE GROUPING IN THE AREA OF PUEBLO LIBRE (LOCATED ON THE WEST BANK OF THE HUALLAGA RIVER APPROXIMATELY SEVEN

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THE GROUP DISENGAGED, FLEEING THE AREA.

8. (C) DURING THE 6-10 APRIL 1990 TIME FRAME, THERE

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WERE A SERIES OF HOSTILE ACTIONS STAGED IN THE UPPER HUALLAGA VALLEY (UHV) TO INCLUDE ROAD BLOCKAGES, ATTACKS ON GOVERNMENT INSTALLATIONS, ASSASSINATIONS AND KIDNAPPING/DETENTION. IN ADDITION TO THE INCIDENTS AT FOB SANTA LUCIA AND PUEBLO LIBRE NOTED ABOVE, THE PERUVIAN POLICE REPORT THE FOLLOWING:

- 6 APRIL 1990 - PERUVIAN ARMY BARRACKS AT TANANTA ATTACKED. NO FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

- 6 APRIL 1990 - TOWN OF PACAYACU ATTACKED, THREE INDIVIDUALS ASSASSINATED INCLUDING POLITICAL FIGURE (SUB-PREFECTO TOCACHE DISTRICT).

- 8 APRIL 1990 - POLICE BARRACKS NUEVO PROGRESO ATTACKED, ONE PNP TROOP AND ONE PERUVIAN ARMY TROOP INJURED.

- 9-10 APRIL 1990 - POLICE PATROL AND POLICE BARRACKS AT NUEVO PROGRESO ATTACKED, ONE PNP TROOP INJURED.

ANALYST'S NOTE: PERUVIAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS WERE

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HELD ON 8 APRIL 1990. SENDERO LUMINGSO HAS STATED ITS
OBJECTIVE AS DISRUPTING THE ELECTIONS THROUGH
INTIMIDATION OR EXECUTION OF BOTH CANDIDATES AND
VOTERS.

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10. (C/NF) LESSONS LEARNED:

IN ADDITION TO SENDING A CLEAR MESSAGE TO OUR WOULD BE
ATTACKERS, WE MUST ALSO CANDIDLY EVALUATE OUR RESPONSE.

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11. (C) WE WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE DETAILS REGARDING
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AND ELSEWHERE.

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