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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON SL ABUSE OF INDIANS

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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. REFTELS ARE A SERIES OF LIMA DATT REPORTS ON SENDERO LUMINOSO BRUTALITIES AGAINST THE ASHANINKA INDIANS OF EASTERN JUNIN DEPARTMENT. THESE REPORTS, BASED ON EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS FROM A VARIETY OF RELIABLE AND MUTUALLY CORROBORATIVE SOURCES, INDICATE THAT SENDERO IS SLAUGHTERING HUNDREDS OF INDIANS AND IS IMPRISONING OTHERS IN FORCED LABOR CAMPS, ALL AS A PART OF THE TERRORISTS' NEW OFFENSIVE ALONG THE TAMBO AND ENE RIVER VALLEYS. AT LEAST ON THE UPPER ENE, THE CONFLICT IS IN AN AREA OF ALREADY SIGNIFICANT COCA PRODUCTION WHICH SENDERO IS TRYING TO CONTROL.
3. THE ASHANINKA ARE CURRENTLY ONLY ABLE TO DEFEND THEMSELVES WITH BOWS, SPEARS, AND OTHER PRIMITIVE WEAPONS. THEY ARE ASKING FOR SHOTGUNS AND AMMUNITION FROM THE GOP, AND HAVE OFFERED TO ACCOMPANY POLICE OR MILITARY UNITS ENGAGED IN ANTI-SUBVERSIVE OPERATIONS. TO DATE, THE GOP HAS BEEN UNABLE TO MOUNT ANY KIND OF RESCUE OR SUPPORT EFFORT FOR THESE INDIAN TRIBES.
4. WE ARE PRESENTLY COORDINATING AMONG ALL CONCERNED MISSION ELEMENTS THE DRAFTING OF A DEMARCHE TO THE GOP ON THIS ISSUE. WE HOPE TO DRAW SHARP ATTENTION TO THE PLIGHT OF THE ASHANINKA, WHOSE PROBLEMS MIGHT OTHERWISE NOT RECEIVE HIGH-LEVEL ATTENTION HERE, WITH VIEW TO ENCOURAGING THE GOP TO TAKE MORE VIGOROUS ACTION TO DEFEND THESE FOREST INDIANS.

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