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SUBJECT: SENDERO KILLS FORMER SOCIAL SECURITY CHIEF

1. (C) SUMMARY. ON APRIL 17 SIX SUSPECTED SENDERO LUMINOSO TERRORISTS ASSASSINATED FELIPE SALAVERRY, FORMER APRA CONGRESSMAN AND EX-PRESIDENT OF THE PERUVIAN SOCIAL SECURITY INSTITUTE (IPSS). SALAVERRY IS PROBABLY THE HIGHEST RANKING CIVILIAN FIGURE KILLED BY SL. THE KILLING WAS UNIVERSALLY CONDEMNED, THOUGH SALAVERRY RESIGNED HIS POSITION IN THE IPSS WHILE UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR GRAFT. END SUMMARY.  
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2. (U) FELIPE SALAVERRY, FORMER APRA CONGRESSMAN AND

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PRESIDENT OF THE PERUVIAN SOCIAL SECURITY INSTITUTE, WAS ASSASSINATED APRIL 17 BY SUSPECTED SENDERO LUMINOSO TERRORISTS. SIX UNMASKED MEN SURPRISED SALAVERRY NEAR MIDDAY AS HE WAS WORKING ON HIS SMALL FARM SOUTH OF LIMA ALONG THE PAN AMERICAN HIGHWAY. ACCORDING TO WITNESSES AND PRESS WHO VIEWED THE BODY, HE WAS SHOT SEVERAL TIMES, THEN BRUTALLY BEATEN.

3. (U) THE SIX SUSPECTS ESCAPED IN SALAVERRY'S VEHICLE AND THE CAR THEY HAD USED TO REACH THE SITE 15 MILES SOUTH OF LIMA. SALAVERRY'S PICK-UP WAS LATER FOUND ABANDONED. POLICE HAVE NO SUSPECTS OR LEADS. SALAVERRY HAD NO BODYGUARDS AND WAS UNARMED AT THE TIME.

4. (U) THE KILLING WAS THE LEAD HEADLINE IN ALL NEWSPAPERS BUT CONSERVATIVE "COMERCIO". POLITICIANS OF THE MAJOR PARTIES HAVE CONDEMNED THE KILLING. WITH THE JANUARY AMBUSH/ASSASSINATION OF FORMER DEFENSE MINISTER LOPEZ ALBUJAR BY THE MRTA, SALAVERRY'S IS THE HIGHEST RANKING GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL KILLED BY SL.

5. (C) SALAVERRY WAS NOT A POPULAR FIGURE. HE WAS FORCED TO RESIGN AS IPSS DIRECTOR IN NOVEMBER, 1989 IN THE MIDST OF A PARLIAMENTARY INVESTIGATION INTO SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS OF MISUSE OF FUNDS, CORRUPTION AND MISMANAGEMENT IN PERU'S LARGEST BUREAUCRACY. THE IPSS IS ROUGHLY EQUIVALENT TO THE U.S. SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION AND U.S. STATE WELFARE AGENCIES. THERE ARE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT, IN  
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ADDITION ITS USUAL PROPAGANDA, THE SL KILLERS LEFT A HAND-WRITTEN SIGN ACCUSING SALAVERRY OF STEALING FROM THE MOTHERS AND CHILDREN OF PERU.

6. (C) THERE WAS A TIME (1981-87) WHEN SL WAS CAREFUL IN GENERALLY CHOOSING TARGETS WHOSE PUBLIC REPUTATIONS WERE SO TAINTED THAT THEIR DEATHS CAUSED LESS PUBLIC FUROR. NOT SO OF LATE. NO ONE WOULD HAVE APPLAUDED SALAVERRY'S DEATH IN ANY CASE. BUT SENDERO'S REPUTATION FOR INDISCRIMINATE BRUTALITY HAS BECOME SO PERVASIVE THAT EVEN SALAVERRY'S MOST

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VIRULENT DETRACTORS IN THE LEFT AND APRA WERE AMONG THE FIRST TO LOUDLY DENOUNCE THE KILLING.

7. (U) SENDERO HAS ALSO BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN THE INTERIOR. ON APRIL 17 TERRORISTS KILLED A FORMER APRA MAYOR IN A TOWN NEAR HUARAZ. ON APRIL 16 THE MAYOR, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, AND GOVERNOR OF A TOWN FIFTY MILES SOUTH OF CUSCO WERE ASSASSINATED. BETWEEN APRIL 14 AND 17 SL ATTACKED A NUMBER OF LOCATIONS IN HUANUCO DEPARTMENT, DESTROYING BRIDGES AND BOMBING GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS. AND REPORTS OF MASS KILLINGS IN EASTERN JUNIN CONTINUE TO REACH LIMA. A REPORTED SL COLUMN OF 200 ATTACKED A VILLAGE IN SATIPO PROVINCE AND KILLED 50, INCLUDING THE AGED, WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

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