

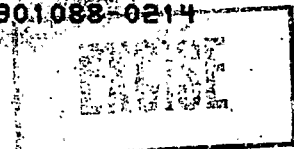
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SUMMARY

2. POLOFFS RECENTLY VISITED HUANCAYO CITY AND THE MANTARO VALLEY AND OBSERVED SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN THE REGION. BOTH SL AND MRTA ARE ATTEMPTING TO WIN CONTROL OF THE STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT MANTARO VALLEY IN JUNIN DEPARTMENT. JUNIN SUFFERED MORE TERRORIST-RELATED DEATHS LAST YEAR THAN ANY DEPARTMENT EXCEPT AYACUCHO. THE DEPARTMENT WITH THE HIGHEST TOTAL OF POLICE VICTIMS OF TERRORIST VIOLENCE WAS JUNIN. SENIOR POLICE AND MILITARY OFFICIALS IN HUANCAYO TOLD POLOFFS THAT SL ENTIRELY CONTROLS THE COUNTRYSIDE OUTSIDE OF HUANCAYO AND JAUJA CITIES, A VIEW CONFIRMED BY LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS WORKERS. NEITHER THE POLICE NOR THE ARMY LEAVE THEIR BARRACKS AFTER DARK. SL HAS COMMITTED BRAZEN ASSASSINATIONS IN BROAD DAYLIGHT FIVE MINUTES FROM DOWNTOWN HUANCAYO, THE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL.

3. SL ALSO CONTROLS THE NATIONAL CENTRAL UNIVERSITY (UNCP) IN HUANCAYO.

IN MARCH SL GRABBED A POLICEMAN

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THREE BLOCKS FROM THE UNIVERSITY AND TORTURED AND MURDERED HIM ON CAMPUS. THE CAMPUS IS ALSO THE SCENE OF A PROPAGANDA BATTLE BETWEEN SL AND MRTA. THE WAR IS PRIMARILY WAGED WITH COMPETING GRAFFITI ON WALLS THROUGHOUT THE MANTARO VALLEY. THERE ARE ALLEGATIONS THAT THE MRTA IS RESPONSIBLE FOR A DEATH LIST OF 40 KNOWN SL SYMPATHIZERS ON CAMPUS. TEN ON THE LIST HAVE BEEN KILLED SINCE IT APPEARED OCTOBER 19. WE JUDGE THAT THE GOP IS LOSING THE ANTI-TERRORISM STRUGGLE IN THE MANTARO. THAT LOSS WILL MAKE THE FIGHT EVERYWHERE ELSE IN PERU ALL THE MORE DIFFICULT TO WAGE. END SUMMARY.

THE TERRORISTS SEEK TO CONTROL THE MANTARO

4. TO PARAPHRASE THEMISTOCLES, HE WHO COMMANDS THE MANTARO VALLEY HAS COMMAND OF EVERYTHING. THE

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MANTARO VALLEY IS THE LIFE LINE OF PERU, ESPECIALLY THE CITY OF LIMA. MUCH OF LIMA'S FOOD AND MOST OF ITS ELECTRICITY COME FROM THE VALLEY. ABOUT HALF OF PERU'S LEGAL EXPORT EARNINGS ARE GENERATED FROM THE MINES IN THE EASTERN SLOPES OF THE VALLEY. WITH MORE THAN A MILLION INHABITANTS IN A 80 KILOMETER BY 30 KILOMETER VALLEY, THE MANTARO IS ALSO ONE OF THE MOST DENSELY POPULATED AREAS OF PERU. HUANCAYO CITY IS THE PERUVIAN SIERRA'S LARGEST URBAN CENTER.

5. IT IS CLEAR THAT BOTH SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) AND THE TUPAC AMARU REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MRTA) UNDERSTAND THE STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS
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HIGHLAND VALLEY. THOUGH BOTH GROUPS BASE MOST OF THEIR PERMANENT CADRE IN PERU'S EASTERN JUNGLES AND THOUGH EACH COMMITS MAJOR RESOURCES TO WAGING TERRORISM IN LIMA, HUANCAYO AND THE MANTARO HAVE BECOME PRINCIPAL THEATERS FOR SL AND MRTA TERRORISM. THERE THE WAR IS TO WIN CONTROL OF THE MANTARO VALLEY, FROM EACH OTHER AND FROM THE FORCES OF ORDER.

6. JUNIN DEPARTMENT, WITH THE MANTARO VALLEY AT ITS HEART, IS RAPIDLY CATCHING UP WITH AYACUCHO AS THE MOST VIOLENT OF PERU'S 24 DEPARTMENTS. THE FOLLOWING CHART, BASED ON DATA FROM THE SENATE COMMISSION ON VIOLENCE, SHOWS THE NUMBER OF VICTIMS OF POLITICAL

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VIOLENCE IN 1989 BY PERPETRATOR AND BY DEPARTMENT.
THE RANKING DATA EXPLAINS THE RELATIVE NUMBER OF
DEATHS IN THAT DEPARTMENT AS COMPARED TO OTHER
DEPARTMENTS. THE FINAL COLUMN SHOWS THE 1989 VICTIM
TOTALS NATIONWIDE BY PERPETRATOR.
- JUNIN (RANK) AYACUCHO NATIONWIDE

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SL	330 (2ND)	535 (LST)	1526
MRTA	77 (LST)	0 (6TH)	161
POLICE	14 (9TH)	32 (4TH)	342
MILITARY	65 (5TH)	180 (5TH)	886

NOTE: THE SENATE COMMISSION REPORTS MRTA KILLINGS IN FIVE PERUVIAN DEPARTMENTS. AYACUCHO IS ONE OF 18 DEPARTMENTS WITH NO REPORTED MRTA VICTIMS. END NOTE.

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CONFIRMED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DATA IN THIS CHART. HE TOLD POLOFFS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUNIN IS NOW THE FOCUS OF MRTA TERRORISM, AND THE SECOND-MOST IMPORTANT OPERATING THEATER FOR SL. A FURTHER ASSERTED THAT IF CURRENT TRENDS CONTINUE, JUNIN WILL SOON PASS AYACUCHO AS THE LOCUS OF SL ACTIVITY IN PERU.

8. EVERYONE POLOFFS SPOKE WITH IN HUANCAYO ASSERTED THAT OUTSIDE THE CITIES OF HUANCAYO AND JAUJA, THE TERRORISTS CONTROL THE MANTARO VALLEY.

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ADMITTED THAT THIS DISMAL REPORT IS TRUE. POLOFFS SAT IN OFFICE AT 2000 HOURS AS HIS TROOPS WERE COMING IN FROM DAYTIME PATROLS. OTHER THAN PERIMETER SECURITY AT PERMANENT POLICE AND MILITARY POSTS, NEITHER THE MILITARY NOR THE POLICE OPENLY OPERATE AFTER DARK OUTSIDE THE TWENTY SQUARE BLOCK AREA THAT IS DOWNTOWN HUANCAYO.

9. DESPITE SL CONTROL OF THE COUNTRYSIDE, IT IS THE UNIVERSAL VIEW IN THE CITY THAT CAMPESINOS ARE OPPOSED TO SL OR ARE AT MOST RELUCTANT SUPPORTERS.

OBSERVED THAT THE TRADITIONAL COMMUNITIES IN THE JUNIN SIERRA ARE "PURE DEMOCRACIES" AND THAT THE PEOPLE RESENT THE AUTOCRACY OF SL. BUT THE FARMERS HAVE SUFFERED THROUGH TWO YEARS OF SEVERE DROUGHT. THERE IS NO CREDIT THIS YEAR TO BUY SEEDS. SL HAS BLOWN THE BRIDGES SO THE CAMPESINO CAN'T GET HIS CROP

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TO MARKET. AND PRICES ARE SO LOW THAT EVEN IF THE CROP DOES REACH THE CITY, THE FARMER LOSES MONEY. SL GOES INTO THESE SUFFERING COMMUNITIES AND ASKS, "WHAT HAS THE GOVERNMENT DONE FOR YOU LATELY?" THE

STATED, "THE BEST WAY TO FIGHT SENDERO IS TO GIVE THE FARMERS LOANS SO THEY WILL STAY ON THEIR LAND. WITHOUT CREDIT TO THE FARMERS, SL WILL INEXORABLY EXTEND ITS INFLUENCE."

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TOLD POLOFFS THAT IN THE PAST 10 MONTHS 83 POLICE STATIONS HAVE BEEN CLOSED IN HIS REGION

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(JUNIN, PASCO AND HUANUCO DEPARTMENTS). EIGHTEEN OF THOSE CLOSURES WERE IN DISTRICT CAPITALS, SEVERAL WITHIN FIVE KILOMETERS OF HUANCAYO. HE STATED THAT ANY POLICE POST WITH FEWER THAN 15 MEN CANNOT HOLD OUT AGAINST THE KIND OF FORCE SL CAN ASSEMBLE AFTER DARK. FORTY-SEVEN POLICE AND 14 MILITARY WERE KILLED BY TERRORISTS IN JUNIN DEPARTMENT LAST YEAR. NO DEPARTMENT IN PERU SUFFERED MORE POLICE DEATHS. WITH APPROXIMATELY 5,000 POLICE REGIONWIDE, HE IS 2,500 MEN SHORT OF FILLING HIS MINIMUM PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS.

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11. THE POLICE ARE CONVINCED THAT SL HAS INFILTRATED

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BOTH THE POLICE AND MILITARY IN THE CITY. POLICE
TOLD US
THAT ON SEVERAL RAIDS ON SL CELLS POLICE FOUND
POTENTIAL TARGET LISTS OF POLICE SERVING IN THE
MANTARO, COMPLETE WITH NAMES, RANK AND HOME
ADDRESSES. THESE LISTS WERE
PROVIDED BY POLICE WHO REPORT TO SL.

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THAT THERE ARE NUMEROUS POLICE LIVING IN THE VALLEY WHO COOPERATE WITH THE TERRORISTS TO PROTECT THEIR FAMILIES. UNLIKE THE MILITARY WHO BRING ALL THEIR TROOPS FROM OTHER AREAS, MANY ENLISTED AND JUNIOR OFFICERS IN THE POLICE ARE HUANCAYO NATIVES.

SECURITY INSIDE HUANCAYO CITY

12. IN THE COMPANY OF _____ AND NINE HEAVILY ARMED TROOPS, POLOFFS VISITED THE HUANCAYO SUBURB OF LAS UNAS, FIVE MINUTES FROM THE DOWNTOWN TOURIST HOTEL AND FROM BOTH THE POLICE AND MILITARY HEADQUARTERS. THERE, ON NOVEMBER 2, DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS, SL CONVOYED THE ENTIRE NEIGHBORHOOD INTO THE TOWN SQUARE, HELD A "PEOPLES" TRIAL, AND EXECUTED THE TOWN'S JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. THE GRADE SCHOOL, THE CHURCH AND SURROUNDING HOUSES ARE COVERED WITH FRESHLY-PAINTED HOMAGES TO "MARKISM-LENINISM-MAOISM", AND TO SL'S LEADER-TURNED-AVATAR, "PRESIDENTE GONZALO." IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO UNDERSTAND THE FRAGILE SECURITY SITUATION IN HUANCAYO WITHOUT
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STANDING IN THE GRASSY PLAZA OF LAS UNAS AND LOOKING AT THE OFFICE TOWER OF THE HUANCAYO CITY CENTER TWENTY BLOCKS AWAY.

13. BOTH _____ CLAIMED THAT THE DOWNTOWN AREA OF HUANCAYO IS SECURE, EVEN DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS. MOST CIVILIANS WE TALKED WITH AGREED; THE STREETS OF THE CITY WERE BUSY LATE INTO THE EVENING THE SUNDAY AND MONDAY NIGHTS OF POLOFFS' VISIT. THE LONG-ENFORCED NIGHTTIME CURFEW WAS LIFTED IN SEPTEMBER. EVEN SO, NO SENIOR POLICE OR MILITARY OFFICER ASSIGNED TO HUANCAYO LIVES THERE WITH HIS FAMILY. ALL LIVE IN BACHELOR BARRACKS INSIDE WELL-FORTIFIED COMPOUNDS.

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THE TERRORISTS RUN THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

14. AS STARK AS WAS THE VISIT TO LAS UNAS, EVEN MORE

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DRAMATIC WAS THE FACT THAT THE POLICE ABSOLUTELY
REFUSED TO ACCOMPANY POLOFFS ON A VISIT TO THE
NATIONAL CENTRAL UNIVERSITY (Q) IN HUANGAYO. AS
BLUNTLY STATED: "IT IS A NO MAN'S
LAND. THE THREE TIMES WE HAVE ENTERED THE CAMPUS
THIS YEAR WE NEVER KNEW FROM WHAT DIRECTION THE
BULLETS WOULD COME."

15. HE DROVE HOME HIS POINT BY DESCRIBING THE MARCH,
1990 SL ASSASSINATION OF A POLICE CAPTAIN. THE MAN
WAS WAITING THREE BLOCKS FROM UNCP FOR HIS WIFE, WHO
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WAS TAKING CLASSES THERE. SL KIDNAPPED HIM FROM HIS
CAR, TOOK HIM ONTO THE CAMPUS, TORTURED HIM (THEY CUT
OUT HIS TONGUE, GOUGED OUT HIS EYES, AND SCALPED
HIM), AND LEFT HIS BODY LYING ON A CAMPUS WALKWAY.
DESCRIBED THE CAPTAIN AS A GOOD OFFICER WHO
TOOK EVERY PRECAUTION TO AVOID BECOMING A TERRORIST
VICTIM.

16. NEARLY EVERYONE POLOFFS SPOKE TO, FROM THE RIGHT
TO THE LEFT, STATED THAT SL OPENLY FUNCTIONS AT THE
UNCP. A LOCAL LAWYER
SAID THAT THREE YEARS AGO SL WOULD COME ON CAMPUS
MASKED. NOW, HE SAID, THE TERRORISTS ARE UNMASKED,

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REMAIN ON CAMPUS, AND EVERYONE ON CAMPUS KNOWS WHO
THEY ARE.

STATED THE SAME THING.
AT THE UNCP FOR EIGHT YEARS AND NOW
HAS A DAUGHTER ATTENDING THERE. "I REFUSE TO GO ONTO
CAMPUS NOW. THE TERRORISTS KNOW WHO I AM."

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BELIEVES THAT SL RUNS ITS REGIONAL ACTIVITIES FROM INSIDE THE UNCP. HE REPORTED THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL, IN 1989 STUDENT LEADERS WERE NOT ELECTED IN DEMOCRATIC BALLOTING. INSTEAD THEY WERE APPOINTED BY THE SL COMMITTEE ON CAMPUS. EVERY SINGLE INTERLOCUTOR IN TOWN WAS CONVINCED THAT UNCP VICE-RECTOR JAIME CERRON PALOMINO (KIDNAPPED AND KILLED IN JULY) WAS A SENDERO LEADER. POLOFFS ASKED FOR THE NAME OF ONE UNCP PROFESSOR OR ADMINISTRATOR WHOM THE GENERAL CONSIDERED NOT TO BE A TERRORIST. [REDACTED] COULD NOT GIVE A NAME.

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18. THE POLICE AND THE ARMY BELIEVE THAT [REDACTED] IS A MAJOR SL FIGURE. DURING A ONE HOUR MEETING WITH THE [REDACTED]

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HE GAVE POLOFFS A STARKLY DIFFERENT VIEW OF THINGS ON CAMPUS AND IN HUANCAYO IN GENERAL. THERE IS NO TERRORIST ACTIVITY AT THE UNCP, HE SAID. OUR WALLS HAVE NO SL OR MRTA GRAFFITI. THE ONLY POLITICS ON CAMPUS ARE CONFINED TO POLITICAL

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SCIENCE CLASSES. THE CAMPUS IS PERFECTLY SAFE.
19. ONLY WHEN PRESSED DID HE MENTION THE JUNE 1990 KIDNAPPING AND MURDER OF VICE RECTOR, JAIME CERRON. HE INSISTED THAT HUANCAYO AND [REDACTED] CAMPUS WERE "TRANQUILO" DESPITE THE FACT THAT LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS PLACE THE NUMBER OF DEAD ON CAMPUS AT 12 SINCE SEPTEMBER 1. POLOFFS DID ASK IF UNCP'S EXTENSION PROJECTS IN THE VALLEY HAD EVER BEEN ATTACKED BY THE TERRORISTS, AS HAD THE MANTARO PROJECTS OF THE NATIONAL AGRARIAN UNIVERSITY AND THE INTERNATIONAL POTATO CENTER. "NEVER," HE SAID. "SL KNOWS WE ARE WORKING FOR THE PEASANTS; THAT IS ALL THE PROTECTION WE NEED." POLOFFS ASKED IF [REDACTED] HAD TAKEN PRECAUTIONS AGAINST POSSIBLE SL VIOLENCE. "OF COURSE," HE SAID. POLOFFS BOTH READ HIS REACTION TO THE QUESTION TO SAY, "BUT I DON'T NEED TO." NOTWITHSTANDING THE POLICE AND MILITARY TENDENCY TO CHARACTERIZE ALL LEFTISTS AS TERRORISTS, DELIBERATE OBFUSCATION ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES LEFT POLOFFS WITH THE CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT [REDACTED] WAS

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EITHER SL BY CONVICTION OR A WILLING TOOL OF THE
TERRORISTS.

THE MRTA VERSUS SL

20. IN VIRTUALLY EVERY SUBURB, AND IN MANY OF THE
VILLAGES ALONG THE HIGHWAY LEADING INTO HUANCAYO,
THERE IS CLEAR EVIDENCE OF THE ON-GOING MRTA VERSUS
SL BATTLE IN JUNIN. THE VISIBLE SIGN OF THAT BATTLE
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IS THE WALL GRAFFITI. BUILDINGS AND GARDEN WALLS
WERE COVERED WITH MRTA SLOGANS PAINTED OVER SL
SLOGANS, AND VICE VERSA. THE MRTA IN HUANCAYO USES
BLACK PAINT. THE SL USES RED. THUS THE LOCAL
CHARACTERIZATION OF THE BATTLE, "THE NEGROS VERSUS
THE ROJOS."

21. TOLD POLOFFS THAT THE
MRTA IN THE MANTARO HAD BECOME RELATIVELY INACTIVE IN
MARCH 1989, FOLLOWING THE LOS MOLINOS INCIDENT IN
WHICH APPROXIMATELY 60 MRTA WERE KILLED BY THE
MILITARY IN A CLASH NEAR JAUJA. STATED
THAT THE TUPAC AMARUS WERE REBORN IN JULY 1990, WHEN

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MRTA LEADER VICTOR POLAY AND 47 MRTA DETAINEES BROKE
OUT OF LIMA'S CANTO GRANDE PRISON. POLAY'S ESCAPE
WAS PARTICULARLY USEFUL TO THE MRTA'S PROPAGANDA
DRIVE IN THE MANTARO. FOR IT WAS IN HUANCAYO'S
TOURIST HOTEL THAT POLAY WAS ARRESTED ON FEBRUARY 3,
1989. WAS DECORATED FOR HIS ROLE IN
THE POLAY ARREST. b /

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22. THERE IS A WIDELY HELD VIEW IN HUANCAYO THAT THE MRTA AND SL ARE KILLING EACH OTHER OFF IN THE UNCP AND AROUND TOWN. ON OCTOBER 19 THE MRTA REPORTEDLY POSTED A DEATH LIST OF 40 SL ADHERENTS ON CAMPUS. AS MANY AS 10 ON THIS LIST HAVE SINCE BEEN ASSASSINATED. WHILE THE MRTA PUBLICLY ADMITS ITS FEUD WITH SL IN HUANCAYO, IT DENIES THAT THE DEATH LIST IS THEIRS OR THAT THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RECENT KILLINGS. A FASCINATING AND FRANK CONVERSATION WITH THE IN HUANCAYO CONVINCED POLOFFS THAT MANY OF THE UNATTRIBUTED DEATHS IN HUANCAYO ARE NOT THE WORK OF EITHER THE SL OR THE MRTA. THAT WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF A SUBSEQUENT REPORT; THE POLICE AND MILITARY RESPONSE TO THE TERRORIST OFFENSIVE IN THE MANTARO.

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COMMENT AND CONCLUSION

23. RESIDENTS OF THE MANTARO CONSIDER THEIR VALLEY TO BE A PARADISE. IF ONE JUDGES ONLY BY THE LOVELY
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VILLAGES AND PASTORAL SETTING, IT IS. BUT UNDER THAT VENEER THE MANTARO IS A CALDRON OF SEETHING SOCIAL UNREST. THE TERRORISTS PROFIT FROM THE UNREST AND PROMOTE IT. THE DISTURBING IMPRESSION POLOFFS RECEIVED WAS THAT THE MANTARO IS RAPIDLY CATCHING UP WITH AYACUCHO AS PERU'S MOST VIOLENT AREA, AND MAY SOON SUFFER FROM THE SAME LEVEL OF TERRORIST CONTROL.

24. IN THE MANTARO, MORE SO THAN ANYWHERE ELSE IN PERU, ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ARE KEY TO THE ANTI-TERRORISM STRUGGLE. THE INFRASTRUCTURE IS IN PLACE. THERE ARE ROADS AND DEVELOPED MARKETS. THE LAND IS RICH. BUT THE STATE IS BEING SUPPLANTED BY THE TERRORISTS. AS SENDERO AND MRTA WIN THE WAR IN THE MANTARO, THE GOP'S ANTI-TERRORISM STRUGGLE EVERYWHERE ELSE IS MADE ALL THE MORE DIFFICULT.

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