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INNOVATIONS IN THE MANTARO VALLEY

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1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. SUMMARY. CONTACTS SURROUNDING THE AMBASSADOR'S APRIL 5 VISIT TO HUANCAYO REVEALED TERRORIST INNOVATIONS IN THE MONTARO VALLEY, BUT THE GOP IS

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BEGINNING TO RESPOND. MRTA TERRORISTS ATTACKED AN ARMY BARRACKS IN DOWNTOWN HUANCAYO THREE DAYS BEFORE THE AMBASSADOR'S ARRIVAL. FOR THE FIRST TIME THE TERRORISTS USED A MOUNTED MACHINE GUN, TRACER ROUNDS, AND HOLLOW POINT AMMUNITION. SENDERO LUMINOSO BLACKED OUT THE MANTARO VALLEY ON APRIL 4 AND ATTACKED A NUMBER OF LOCATIONS. THE VALLEY HAS ILLUMINATED BY A BURNING HAMMER AND SICKLE ON THE MOUNTAIN SIDE. [] REPORTS THAT MRTA IS BETTER ARMED AND TRAINED THAN SL. [] SHOWED POLOFF WEAPONS RECENTLY SEIZED IN CLASHES WITH TERRORISTS. THE SL WEAPONS ARE CRUDE AND LARGELY ANTIQUATED. CHURCH LEADERS TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT SL IS CONTINUING ITS ATTACKS ON CHURCH-SPONSORED WELFARE PROJECTS. BUT MAYOR MORALES REPORTED THAT CIVIC PRIDE IS UP AND THIS YEAR'S EASTER PROCESSIONS WERE THE BEST ATTENDED SINCE TERRORISM CAME IN FORCE TO THE MANTARO VALLEY IN 1988. END SUMMARY.

3. DURING THE PAST 10 DAYS THE MANTARO VALLEY HAS SEEN SIGNIFICANT TERRORISM ACTIVITY BY BOTH SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) AND THE TUPAC AMARU REVOLUTIONARY

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MOVEMENT (MRTA). LOCAL RESIDENTS AND SENIOR POLICE AND MILITARY OFFICIALS TOLD POLOFF, APRIL 3-5 IN THE CONTEXT OF THE AMBASSADOR'S TRIP TO THE VALLEY, THAT THERE HAD BEEN LITTLE TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN HUANCAYO SINCE NEW YEARS DAY. THE RELATIVE QUIET ENDED APRIL 2.

THE MRTA SHOWS SOME NEW WEAPONRY

4. AT APPROXIMATELY 2000 HOURS, APRIL 2, MRTA SIMULTANEOUSLY ATTACKED SEVERAL LOCATIONS IN HUANCAYO CITY. EXPLOSIVE DEVICES WERE PLACED AT THE CENTRAL POWER STATION AND SEVERAL PRIVATE BUSINESSES. ARMED GUERRILLAS ATTACKED A POLICE STATION IN TAMBO DISTRICT AND AN ARMY BASE IN CHILCA DISTRICT. BOTH ARE IN METROPOLITAN HUANCAYO; THE ARMY BARRACKS IS APPROXIMATELY 15 BLOCKS FROM THE CENTRAL PLAZA ON THE CITY'S PRINCIPLE AVENUE.

5. THERE WERE INJURIES BUT NO DEATHS IN THESE

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ATTACKS. THE POLICE STATION AT TAMBO SUFFERED MODERATE DAMAGE. THE NINTH OF DECEMBER BARRACKS SUFFERED ONLY MINOR DAMAGE, THOUGH ONE SOLDIER HAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED. BUT THE ATTACK ON THE BARRACKS PRODUCED SEVERAL HERETOFORE UNSEEN MRTA TACTICS.

6. TWO OF THE ON-DUTY SOLDIERS WHO RETURNED FIRE INSIST THAT THE ATTACKERS WERE USING A VEHICLE-MOUNTED HEAVY CALIBER MACHINE GUN. THE PICK-UP WITH THE GUN ENGAGED THE TROOPS FOR ONLY TWO

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OR THREE MINUTES. ALL OF THE SOLDIERS AT THE BASE INSIST THAT HOSTILE FIRE FROM BOTH FLANKS OF THE MRTA ATTACK INCLUDED TRACER ROUNDS.

[REDACTED] THIS IS THE FIRST TIME TERRORISTS HAVE USED TRACER ROUNDS IN A NIGHTTIME ATTACK ON THE ARMY. WE HAVE NO RECORD IN OUR FILES OF SUCH USE AGAINST ANY PERUVIAN SECURITY FORCE.

7. [REDACTED] SHOWED POLOFF THE WEAPONS AND MUNITIONS SEIZED IN RECENT CONFRONTATIONS WITH SL AND MRTA. INCLUDED HAS A FAL RIFLE AND TWO MAGAZINES ABANDONED BY A WOUNDED TERRORIST DURING THE APRIL 2 ATTACK ON THE CUARTEL. ALL OF THE AMMUNITION FROM

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THE MAGAZINES HAS STANDARD 7.62 CALIBER, PERUVIAN
 ARMY MANUFACTURED (F.A.M.E.) AMMUNITION. POLOFF
 NOTICED THAT TWO OF THE ROUNDS APPEARED TO BE HOLLOW
 POINT. [REDACTED] MEN HAD NOT NOTED THE ALTERATION.
 BOTH ROUNDS WERE FILED DOWN TO A FLAT POINT, AND THEN
 SLIGHTLY HOLLOWED OUT BY HAND. THERE WERE ONLY TWO
 SUCH ROUNDS FROM THE TWO MAGAZINES. THE G-2 OFFICER
 DID NOT KNOW WHERE IN THE MAGAZINE THE TWO DUM DUMS
 WERE PLACED, NOT HAVING NOTICED THE ALTERATION WHEN
 THE MAGAZINES WERE EMPTIED.

 SL GREETTS THE AMBASSADOR

8. ON APRIL 4, THE SECOND NIGHT OF POLOFF'S RECENT VISIT (REFTEL) AND THE NIGHT PRIOR TO THE AMBASSADOR'S ARRIVAL FOR A SINGLE DAY VISIT, SL INFILTRATORS SABOTAGED THE CENTRAL ELECTRIC PLANT, PLUNGING THE ENTIRE MANTARO VALLEY INTO DARKNESS. NOTWITHSTANDING THE BLACK-OUT, SENIOR ARMY AND POLICE OFFICIALS ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO DINNER WITH THE ARSO AND POLOFF.

9. THIRTY MINUTES INTO THE DINNER, AT ABOUT 2030 HOURS, THE BOMBS BEGAN TO GO OFF. ONE AT A TIME AS THE RADIO CALLS CAME IN, THE PERUVIAN GUESTS EXCUSED THEMSELVES AND LEFT IN RESPONSE TO TERRORIST INCIDENTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY. AN INITIAL DINNER PARTY OF 15 WAS QUICKLY REDUCED TO FOUR, ARMY GENERAL

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PEREZ AND HIS DEPUTY, AND TWO JUNIOR POLICE OFFICERS.

10. NONE OF THE SL ATTACKS IN HUANCAYO HAS SERIOUS. MOST WERE SMALL EXPLOSIVE CHARGES PLACED IN FRONT OF BANKS, GOVERNMENT OFFICES, BUSINESSES, AND THE RESIDENCES OF POLITICAL FIGURES. OTHER THAN THE FEW BUSINESSES WITH GENERATORS (INCLUDING THE HOTEL WHERE THE EMBASSY TEAM WAS LODGED), THE ONLY LIGHT IN THE CITY WAS THE LARGE HAMMER AND SICKLE BURNING ON THE MOUNTAINSIDE OVER-LOOKING HUANCAYO. SL ALSO ATTACKED A TOURIST HOTEL OUTSIDE JAUJA AND, AFTER EVACUATING THE GUESTS, BURNED THE HOTEL TO THE GROUND.

11. [] VOLUNTEERED THAT THE EVENING'S ATTACKS WERE PROBABLY A REACTION TO THE AMBASSADOR'S PLANNED ARRIVAL THE NEXT DAY. ONLY A FEW PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW OF AN EVENT BEFORE THE SL KNOWS OF IT, STATED PEREZ. (NOTE: ONLY THE PERSON TO KNOW OF THE VISIT IN ADVANCE, WAS [] BUT CALLS ON THE MAYOR AND OTHER PUBLIC OFFICIALS NECESSARILY INVOLVE AT LEAST 24 HOUR ADVANCE PROGRAMMING, APPARENTLY SUFFICIENT TIME FOR SL TO PLAN A RATHER UNSOPHISTICATED PYROTECHNIQUES DISPLAY.)

12. DESPITE THE NIGHTTIME INCIDENTS, THE AMBASSADOR'S VISIT WAS UNEVENTFUL. BOTH THE MILITARY AND POLICE WERE THOROUGHLY PROFESSIONAL IN THEIR

SECURITY SUPPORT, INCLUDING PICKETS EVERY KILOMETER OR SO ALONG THE JAUJA TO HUANCAYO ROAD DURING BOTH THE AMBASSADOR'S ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE.

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THE GENERAL'S ASSESSMENT OF TERRORIST NUMBERS

13. [] TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE ESTIMATES THERE ARE 300 ARMED GUERRILLAS IN THE ENE RIVER BASIN. HE DOES NOT KNOW HOW MANY SL OR MRTA ARE IN THE MANTARO VALLEY BUT NOTED THAT MOST TERRORIST ACTIONS IN THE UPPER VALLEY ARE LARGELY STAFFED BY TRAINED CADRE FROM THE LOWER VALLEY.

14. HE STATED THAT HE ACTUALLY FEARS MRTA MORE THAN SL. WHEN MRTA DEPLOYS 100 MEN, SAID [] ALL ARE WELL TRAINED, WELL EQUIPPED, AND WELL ARMED. IN CONTRAST, WHEN SL DEPLOYS 100 MEN, PERHAPS FIVE OR

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TEN ARE WELL ARMED MILITANTS. THE REST ARE UNTRAINED PEASANTS, INCLUDING WOMEN AND CHILDREN, WHICH SL WILL OFTEN SEND IN ADVANCE OF AN ATTACK TO DRAW FIRE.

15. THE CONTRAST BETWEEN THE ARMS SEIZED FROM MRTA AND THOSE SEIZED FROM SL HAS STARK. ALL MRTA WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION WERE CURRENT-USE ITEMS, MOST APPARENTLY STOLEN FROM THE POLICE OR MILITARY. MOST SL WEAPONS (GRENADES, RUSSIAN CHEESE, SINGLE SHOT RIFLES), ON THE OTHER HAND, WERE HOME MADE, ANTIQUATED, OR IN TERRIBLE CONDITION. (NOTE: THIS CONTRAST IN WEAPONS MATCHES EVERY POLICE AND MILITARY STOCKPILE OF SEIZED WEAPONS WE HAVE SEEN IN THE PAST THREE YEARS. SL WILL USE NEW AND SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS DURING ATTACKS ON HIGH PROFILE TARGETS, BUT WHEN SL DEPLOYS IN LARGE NUMBERS WE AGREE [THAT MOST OF THE CADRE ARE NOT HIGHLY

TRAINED, AND FEW HAVE DECENT WEAPONS.)

16. [] THE RECENT LULL IN TERRORIST ACTS DID NOT MEAN THAT THE TERRORIST THREAT IN THE MANTARO HAD BEEN ELIMINATED. "THEY ARE AS STRONG AS EVER," HE SAID. HOW DOES HE EXPLAIN THE RECENT PEACE? MILITARY DETERRENCE. MY SOLDIERS ARE NOW OUT AND ABOUT. WE HAVEN'T DEFEATED THE TERRORISTS BUT WE ARE KEEPING THEM OFF THE STREETS.

SL AND THE CHURCH

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17. THE AMBASSADOR HEARD FROM MEMBERS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'S SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE OF CONTINUING SL VIOLENCE AGAINST CHURCH PROJECTS, ESPECIALLY SOUP KITCHENS AND WOMEN'S CLUBS. POLOFF VISITED THE PARISH THAT HAS SUFFERED THE GREATEST NUMBER OF CLOSURES. [] REPORTED THAT 12 WOMEN'S CLUBS AND SOUP KITCHENS HAVE BEEN CLOSED DIRECTLY AS A RESULT OF SL THREATS.

18. OFTEN, BUT NOT ALWAYS, THE PROJECTS ARE THREATENED BECAUSE THEY RECEIVE FOOD DONATIONS FROM CARITAS. TERRORISTS STATE THAT THE U.S. IS DISTRIBUTING FOOD TO PERU'S POOR VIA CARITAS (ONE OF FOUR MAJOR PVO DISTRIBUTORS IN PERU) TO KEEP THEM FED AND TO PREVENT THE GROWTH OF REVOLUTIONARY FEVER. SL HAS ALSO INITIATED A DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN WHICH ALLEGES THAT U.S. PROVIDED FOOD STUFFS ARE DELIBERATELY POISONED TO PRODUCE STERILITY AMONG THIRD WORLD CONSUMERS.

19. COMMENT: JUNIN AND PUNO APPEAR TO BE THE TWO DEPARTMENTS WHERE SL AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH APPEAR TO BE IN THE GREATEST CONFLICT. IN BOTH CASES THE CONFLICT IS THE RESULT OF THE EXCELLENT SOCIAL AND WELFARE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CHURCH. IN AREAS WITH AN ACTIVE ARCHBISHOP AND SOCIAL ACTION PROGRAM, SL IS MORE LIKELY TO DIRECTLY ATTACK INSTITUTIONS WHICH IT VIEWS AS ATTEMPTING TO SATISFY THOSE SOCIAL ILLS WHICH THE TERRORISTS WANT TO EXPLOIT. END

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THE MAYOR HANGS TOUGH

20. [

]TOLD POLOFF
OF ANOTHER RECENT ATTEMPT ON HIS LIFE WHILE VISITING
THE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY OF CHUPACA. A MODERATE
SIZED DYNAMITE CHARGE WAS THROWN ONTO THE ROOF OF THE
MUNICIPALITY. THE BUILDING HAS BADLY DAMAGED BUT [
] WAS NOT INJURED. DESPITE THE EVER PRESENT
DEATH THREAT [] IS IN CONSTANT MOTION AND WILL
NOT BE DETERRED FROM EXERCISING []

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21. [] SPONSORED A WELL ATTENDED AND FESTIVE PUBLIC CEREMONY TO HONOR THE AMBASSADOR'S VISIT TO HUANCAYO. THE PERHAPS 150 GUESTS IN THE SMALL [] AUDITORIUM WERE COMPLEMENTED BY THE THOUSANDS OF HUANCAINOS WHO LINED THE CITY'S MAIN AVENUE FOR A GLIMPSE OF THE AMBASSADOR AS HE DROVE FROM THE CATHEDRAL TO THE MUNICIPALITY.

22. [] LOCAL BUSINESS LEADERS BOASTED THAT THE PEOPLE OF HUANCAYO ARE REDISCOVERING A SENSE OF CIVIC PRIDE THAT IS AS MUCH AS ANYTHING ELSE A REACTION AGAINST TERRORIST VIOLENCE. [] NOTED THAT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT THIS YEAR'S EASTER WEEK PROCESSIONS AND CEREMONIES WAS THE HIGHEST IT HAS BEEN SINCE TERRORISM CAME IN FORCE TO THE VALLEY IN 1988. HUANCAYO'S CIVILIAN LEADERS BELIEVE THAT PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRACY IS THE FIRST STEP IN DEFEATING SL IN THE VALLEY.

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