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1. (C) SUMMARY. ON MAY 17 SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) KILLED A CANADIAN NATIONAL OFFICIAL OF A PROTESTANT CHURCH GROUP WHO WAS VISITING IN LIMA. "WORLD VISION" HAD RECEIVED PRIOR THREATS FROM SL. THE KILLING HAS STARTLED OTHER PROTESTANTS IN PERU WITH FOREIGN CONNECTIONS WHO HAVE ALSO RECEIVED TERRORIST THREATS. OTHER THAN THIS KILLING, SL'S ELEVENTH ANNIVERSARY PASSED WITH FEW LIMA INCIDENTS, BUT CONSIDERABLE VIOLENCE IN THE INTERIOR. THERE WERE 26 DEATHS NATIONWIDE, BUT AN ARMED STRIKE CALLED BY SL IN ITS BIRTHPLACE, AYACUCHO, WAS APPARENTLY NOT SUCCESSFUL. THE NINE POLICE KIDNAPPED BY MRTA ON MAY 18 REMAIN HOSTAGES. THE ARMY DOES NOT WANT THE ICRC TO MEDIATE. END SUMMARY.

SL KILLS A FOREIGN MISSIONARY

2. (U) SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) IS BELIEVED RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAY 17 KILLING OF A CANADIAN NATIONAL VISITING IN PERU. NORMAN TATTERSALL HAS AN OFFICIAL WITH THE PROTESTANT SOCIAL SERVICES AND EVANGELIZATION ORGANIZATION, "WORLD VISION." HE WAS SHOT DOWN IN FRONT OF WORLD VISION'S LIMA OFFICE. A COMPANION, A COLOMBIAN NATIONAL ALSO VISITING IN PERU, WAS GRAVELY WOUNDED. JOSE CHUQUIN REPORTEDLY WAS SHOT 20 TIMES.

3. (C) WORLD VISION HAS OFFICES IN A NUMBER OF

INTERIOR LOCATIONS. ACCORDING TO OTHER PROTESTANT MISSIONARIES HERE, THE GROUP HAS HAD SEVERAL WARNINGS IN THE INTERIOR FOR ITS BENEVOLENCE TOWARD PERU'S RURAL POOR. A CANADIAN EMBASSY OFFICIAL TOLD POLOFF THAT THE GROUP'S PUNO LOCATION HAD RECENTLY BEEN PAINTED WITH SL GRAFFITI. THE GROUP MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN TARGETED DUE TO AN UNOFFICIAL CONNECTION TO THE EVANGELICAL FACTION OF PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S CAMBIO 90 PARTY. TATTERSALL ARRIVED IN PERU THE WEEK PRIOR TO

THE KILLING.

4. (C) TATTERSALL'S DEATH MARKS THE 17TH FOREIGNER KILLED BY SENDERO LUMINOSO SINCE THE FIRST SUCH DEATH IN JUNE 1986. THREE OTHER FOREIGNERS HAVE DIED IN VIOLENT INCIDENTS FOR WHICH CERTAIN ATTRIBUTION IS NOT POSSIBLE.

5. (C) COMMENT: THIS KILLING HAS CAUSED GREAT CONCERN AMONG OTHER CHURCH GROUPS WORKING IN PERU WITH FOREIGN FUNDING OR LEADERSHIP CONNECTIONS. AMICIT BAPTIST MISSIONARIES WORKING IN NORTHERN LIMA DEPARTMENT TOLD POLOFFS IN JANUARY OF SL THREATS AGAINST THEIR MISSION THERE. THESE FOLKS ARE NOW REASSESSING THEIR SITUATION. THE MORMONS HAVE HAD TWO MORE CHAPELS BOMBED IN HUANCAYO IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS. BOTH INCIDENTS APPEAR TO BE THE WORK OF MRTA. IN ONE INCIDENT THE TERRORISTS FIRED SHOTS AT A PERUVIAN MORMON MISSIONARY. THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY CONFERENCE CONTINUES TO WORRY ABOUT SL VIOLENCE AROUND THEIR CHURCH ACTIVITIES IN SATIPO, JUNIN DEPARTMENT. IT IS NOT ONLY THE TRAGEDY OF

TATTERSALL'S DEATH, BUT ALSO THE FACT THAT SL WAS APPARENTLY ABLE TO PLAN AND EXECUTE THE ATTACK ON THIS VISITOR IN THE WEEK BETWEEN HIS ARRIVAL AND KILLING. UNLESS SL HAD A SOURCE INSIDE WORLD VISION WHICH ALERTED THE TERRORISTS TO THE VISIT, THE KILLING WAS SET UP (FROM THE POLITICAL DECISION TO THE EXECUTION PHASE) IN A PERIOD MUCH SHORTER THAN WOULD NORMALLY BE EXPECTED OF AN SL OPERATION. END COMMENT.

SENDERO LUMINOSO'S ANNIVERSARY

6. (U) OTHER THAN THE TATTERSALL ASSASSINATION, THE ELEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INITIATION OF SL'S ARMED STRUGGLE PASSED LARGELY WITHOUT INCIDENT IN LIMA. THERE WERE A NUMBER OF NOTABLE TERRORIST INCIDENTS IN THE INTERIOR. ON MAY 12 SL BLACKED OUT THE CITY OF HUANCAYO AND DYNAMITED SEVERAL LOCATIONS IN TOWN, INCLUDING THE TOURIST HOTEL. ON MAY 13 SL ASSASSINATED A REGIONAL DEPUTY IN JULIACA, PUNO DEPARTMENT. PORFIRIO SUNI HAS ALSO A NOTED HUMAN RIGHTS LEADER IN THE AREA. ON MAY 15 SL ATTEMPTED TO KILL THE FUJIMORI-APPOINTED GOVERNOR OF LIMA'S MOST POPULOUS SLUM, VILLA EL SALVADOR. MAGNO GOMEZ SURVIVED THE ATTEMPT IN FRONT OF HIS HOME. A MAY 16 ATTACK ON A POLICE OUTPOST IN THE UPPER HUALLAGA

VALLEY NEAR TOGACHE NUEVO LEFT TWO POLICE DEAD. TWO POLICE WERE ALSO KILLED ON MAY 20 IN A SMALL TOWN 120 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF CUZCO.

7. (U) SL CALLED AN "ARMED STRIKE" FOR AYACUCHO CITY ON MAY 16-17. SOURCES IN THE CITY TOLD POLOFF THAT THE STRIKE WAS PARTIALLY OBSERVED MAY 16, BUT COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY HAD RETURNED TO NORMAL FOR THE ANNIVERSARY DATE, MAY 17. AYACUCHO DEPARTMENT IS WIDELY CONSIDERED THE BIRTHPLACE OF SENDERO LUMINOSO. THE FIRST VIOLENT ACT (MAY 17, 1980) AND THE FIRST KILLING (DECEMBER 24, 1980) OCCURRED IN SMALL TOWNS IN RURAL AYACUCHO. PRESS SOURCES CONCLUDED THAT THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 26 DEATHS FROM MAY 15-18.

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