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TAGS: PTER, PHUM, ASEC, ALON, PE
 SUBJECT: SENDERO ASSASSINATES VILLA EL SALVADOR
 VICE-MAYOR
 REF: 92 LIMA 16373

1. (U) SUMMARY: SENDERO LUMINOSO SUBVERSIVES ASSASSINATED THE VICE-MAYOR OF LIMA'S VILLA EL SALVADOR SHALTY TORO, WHO WAS ALSO THE EXTREME DEMOCRATIC LEFT'S MAYORAL CANDIDATE FOR VILLA IN UPCOMING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS. THE ASSASSINATION IS YET ANOTHER TERRORIST ATTACK AIMED AT THE JANUARY ELECTIONS. E.O. SUMMARY.
 SL ASSASSINATES VILLA VICE-MAYOR

2. (U) EARLY IN THE MORNING OF JANUARY 11, SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) TERRORISTS ASSASSINATED ROLANDO GALINDO MECANIQUE, VICE M-YOR OF LIMA'S SHOWCASE PUEBLO JUVEN OF VILLA EL SALVADOR. GALINDO WAS THE UNITED LEFT'S MAYORAL CANDIDATE FOR VILLA EL SALVADOR IN THE UPCOMING JANUARY 29 NATION-WIDE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS. HE WAS SHOT TO DEATH OUTSIDE HIS HOME IN VILLA.

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3. (C) AN AIDE TO FORMER VILLA EL SALVADOR MAYOR MICHEL AZCUETA (A CURRENT CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR OF METROPOLITAN LIMA), IN CONFIRMING THE

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ASSASSINATION, REPORTED THAT GALINDO DID NOT HAVE ANY POLICE PROTECTION ASSIGNED TO HIM AT THE TIME, DESPITE EARLIER APPEALS FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE PROTECTION TO MAYORAL CANDIDATES. IN VILLA, NONE OF THE CANDIDATES HAS ANY STATE-PROVIDED PROTECTION. AZCUETA HAS A SQUAD CAR ASSIGNED TO HIM THANKS TO HIS INTERNATIONAL STANDING, BUT MUST PAY FOR THIS PROTECTION OUT OF HIS OWN POCKET. THE AIDE SAID AZCUETA'S INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM (PD) MOVEMENT HAD DECIDED TO FORGO A PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN IN ORDER TO PAY FOR ADDITIONAL SECURITY FOLLOWING GALINDO'S ASSASSINATION.
MORE SL ATTACKS EXPECTED IN LEAD UP TO ELECTIONS

4. (C) AZCUETA'S AIDE ECHOED A GRASS ROOTS LEADER FROM AN EASTERN LIMA SHANTY TOWN IN EXPRESSING THE FEAR OF LOCAL LEADERS THAT MORE SL ASSASSINATIONS COULD BE EXPECTED AS SENDERO TRIES TO SABOTAGE THE JANUARY 29 ELECTIONS. THE EDITORIAL IN SENDERO'S DECEMBER/JANUARY EDITION OF THEIR CLANDESTINE NEWSPAPER "EL DIARIO" IS ENTITLED "NO VOTE, CONQUER POWER," AND CALLS ON THE MASSES TO BOYCOTT THE ELECTIONS AND WARMS THE "GENOCIDAL" GOVERNMENT THAT THE BOYCOTT IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF SL'S "PEOPLE'S WAR."

5. (U) SL'S MURDER OF GALINDO FOLLOWS THE DECEMBER 18 ASSASSINATION OF POPULIST LABOR

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LEADER PEDRO HUILLOCA. IN FEBRUARY 1992, SL MURDERED MARIA ELENA ROYANO, ANOTHER POPULAR GRASS-ROOTS LEADER OF VILLA EL SALVADOR.

6. (C) COMMENT: THE GALINDO ASSASSINATION IS THE SECOND SL ATTACK (PEPTEL) CLEARLY TIED TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS. IT IS THE MORE SIGNIFICANT OF THE TWO BECAUSE GALINDO WAS A SITTING OFFICIAL FROM POLITICALLY SYMBOLIC VILLA EL SALVADOR. SL-WATCHERS BELIEVE SL IS LIKELY TO TRY TO DISRUPT THE ELECTIONS IF THE PUEBLOS JOVENES, THROUGH ASSASSINATIONS, PROPAGANDA, AND STRIKES. THE UNPROTECTED MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES

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