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E O 12065 GDS 3/4/88 (LEKSON, J. MICHAEL) OR-P
 TAGS: PINS, PINT, ASEC, PE
 SUBJ: (U) AYACUCHO: NO NEW INCIDENTS, POLICE IN CHARGE

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1. SUMMARY. OFFICIAL GOP STATEMENTS PUT THE DEATH
 TOLL IN THE MARCH 2-3 AYACUCHO INCIDENTS, IN WHICH OVER
 300 PRISONERS ESCAPED, AT 12 OR 14. NO NEW INCIDENTS WERE
 REPORTED. CURFEW IS IN EFFECT, AND SOME CONSTITUTIONAL
 GUARANTEES WILL BE SUSPENDED DURING A 60-DAY STATE OF

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EMERGENCY. THE POLICE REMAIN IN CHARGE OF THE STEPPED-UP

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ANTI-TERRORIST EFFORT, THOUGH THEY ALREADY HAVE SOME LGIPIC SUPPORT FROM THE ARMED FORCES AND WILL PROBABLY GET MORE. WHETHER THE POLICE WILL BE ABLE TO GET THE JOB DONE WITHOUT MORE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION FROM THE MILITARY IS A VERY OPEN QUESTION. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) AS PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE "EL PERUANO" MARCH 4, THE DECREE ESTABLISHING A 60-DAY STATE OF EMERGENCY IN AYACUCHO AUTHORIZES THE SUSPENSION OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS TO INVIOABILITY OF THE HOME, FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, FREDDOM OF ASSEMBLY, AND THE 24-HOUR LIMIT ON DETENTION WITHOUT ARRAIGNMENT (IN ANY CASE, UP TO 15 DAYS' PREVENTIVE DETENTION IS CONSTITUTIONALLY AUTHORIZED FOR CASES OF TERRORISM). THE DECREE SPECIFICALLY CHARGES THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR (I.E., THE POLICE) WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY.

3. (U) IN A LIVE RADIO INTERVIEW MORNING MARCH 4, THE PREFECT OF AYACUCHO (THEE DEPARTMENT'S TOP CIVIL AUTHORITY, REPRESENTING THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT) SAID THAT HE HAD RECEIVED NO ORDERS TO PROCEED WITH SUSPENSION OF THESE GUARANTEES. HE CONFIRMED, HOWEVER, THAT A 9PM-6AM CURFEW IS IN EFFECT, AND THAT NO NEW INCIDENTS HAD OCCURRED.

4. (U) AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE OF THE INTERIOR MINISTRY LATE MARCH 3 PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

--AT 11:45 PM MARCH 2 "TERRORIST ELEMENTS IN A COORDINATED ACTION" ATTACKED THE AYACUCHO OFFICES OF THE CIVIL GUARD (GC), INVESTIGATIVE POLICE (PIP),

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AND REPUBLICAN GUARD (GR), AS WELL AS THE PRISON;
--304 PRISONERS ESCAPED (7 OF THEM WOMEN);
--"OF THE FLEEING PRISONER S AND THE ATTACKING TERRORISTS, A TOTAL OF TEN DIED";
--THE NECESSARY POLICE REINFORCEMENTS WERE SENT TO AYACUCHO, AND "THE SITUATION IS UNDER CONTROL".

5. (U) INTERIOR MINISTER GAGLIARDI SEPARATELY STATED THAT THE MOST RECENT INFORMATION PUT THE NUMBER OF

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DEAD AT 14 (COUNTING TWO ADDITIONAL ESCAPING PRISONERS). SAYING THAT "WE ARE CONFRONTING A MUCH BETTER TRAINED ENEMY" THAN BEFORE, GAGLIARDI SAID POLICE REINFORCEMENTS NUMBERED OVER 200. A JOINT COMMAND OF TH SENIOR GC, PIP, AND GR OFFICERS ON THE SCENE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED; ACCORDING TO INITIAL REPORTS, ITS CURRENT PLAN OF OPERATIONS IS TO TRY TO SEAL OFF PROBABLE ESCAPE ROUTES IN THE AYACUCHO HINTERLANDS, AND THEN PROCEED TO RECAPTURE THE PRISONERS.

6. (U) AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF AIR FORCE (FAP) HELICOPTERS ARE ALREADY AT POLICE DISPOSITION FOR THIS EFFORT, AND ADDITIONAL LOGISTIC SUPPORT FROM THE MILITARY IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO BE PROVIDED. SECOND VICE PRESIDENT ALVA ORLANDINI PUBLICLY SUGGESTED

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MARCH 3 THAT THE ARMED FORCES MIGHT ALSO HAVE TO MAKE UP THE POLICE'S SHORTFALL IN MANPOWER IN ORDER "TO ERADICATE DEFINITELY OUTBREAKS OF SUBVERSION IN THE COUNTRY."

7. [REDACTED] COMMENT: IT IS STILL NOT CLEAR HOW MANY OF THE ESCAPED PRISONERS WERE ACCUSED TERRORISTS; PRESUMABLY A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER WERE. EDITY LAGOS, ONE OF SENDERO LUMINOSO'S TOP LEADERS WAS REPORTEDLY AMONG THE EXCAPEES. PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT FIGURE--AND THE ONE ABOUT WHICH THERE IS MOST UNCERTAINTY-- IS THE NUMBER OF TERRORISTS INVOLVED IN THE JOINT

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MIDNIGHT ATTACK ON THE POLICE STATIONS AND THE PRISON. MININSTER OF JUSTICE ENRIQUE ELIAS, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PRISON SECURITY, PUT THE NUMBER OF ATTACKERS AT 150 IN SUPPOSEDLY DEFINITIVE STATEMENTS MARCH 3. OUR GUESS--AND IT IS NO MORE THAN THAT--IS THAT THIS FIGURE IS EXAGGERATED.

8. [REDACTED] NEVERTHELESS, THOSE OF THE COUNTRY TEAM WITH THE BEST APPRECIATION OF THE POLICE'S CAPABILITIES HAVE SERIOUS DOUBTS THAT THEY WILL BE EQUAL TO THE TASK OF ERADICATING THE TERRORIST THREAT IN AYACUCHO, AS OPPOSED TO ACHIEVING ANOTHER 60 DAYS OF GREATLY LESSENED ACTIVITY FOLLOWED BY A RESURGENCE, AS HAPPENED WITH THE EARLIER STATE OF EMERGENCY THERE LATE LAST YEAR. PRESSURE ON GAGLIARDI TO DEMONSTRATE CONTROL OVER LAWLESSNESS IN GENERAL--SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO THE RESIGNATION OF HIS PREDECESSOR, JOSE MARIA DE LA JARA--CAN ONLY BUILD IF THE POLICE PERFORMANCE IN THE AYACUCHO OPERATIONS FALLS SHORT.

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