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SUBJECT: (U) PERUVIAN TERRORISM: VIOLENCE CONTINUES

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1. TERRORISTS BOMBINGS THROUGHOUT PERU IN THE MARCH 19-25 PERIOD TARGETTED, INTER ALIA, HIGH-TENSION TOWARS IN THE MOUNTAINS EAST OF LIMA AND TWO SEPARATE PLACES ON THE CUSCO-SICUANI RAILROAD. POLICE CLAIMED THEIR FIRST SUCCESS IN RECAPTURING TERRORISTS FROM THE MARCH 2 AYACUCHO JAILBREAK, FOLLOWING A FIREFIGHT MARCH 22 IN RUGGED APURIMAC, NEAR THE BORDER WITH AYACUCHO.

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WITHOUT SUFFERING ANY CASUALTIES THEMSELVES, THE CIVIL GUARD (GC) REPORTED ONE TERRORIST KILLED, THREE

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CAPTURED, AND SEVERAL (INCLUDING EDITO HAGOS)  
WOUNDED BUT STILL AT LARGE.

2. MARCH 21, A BAND OF TWELVE ARMED MEN TOOK OVER  
A HACIENDA IN ANDAHUAYLAS (ALSO IN APURIMAC), STOLE  
FOOD AND SUPPLIES, AND KILLED OWNER ALFREDO ECHEGARAY  
WHEN HE RESISTED THEM. THE VICTIM WAS ALSO A JUSTICE  
OF THE PEACE. THE ATTACKERS REPORTEDLY RAISED A  
RED FLAG AND PAINTED "VIVA GUERRILLA WAR" ON THE WALLS.

3. IN AN INCIDENT WITH NO APPARENT TIES TO ORGANIZED  
TERRORISM, MARCH 21, GC ATTEMPTING TO REMOVE A ROAD-  
BLOCK ON THE CENTRAL HIGHWAY AT TARAPOTO (IN THE  
HIGH JUNGLE NORTHEAST OF LIMA) WERE SET UPON BY A  
GREATLY SUPERIOR NUMBER OF CAMPESINOS, ARMED WITH  
STONES AND MACHETES. THE GC RESPONDED WITH GUNFIRE;  
IN THE ENSUING BATTLE, ACCORDING TO A GOP COMMUNIQUE,  
4 CAMPESINOS WERE KILLED AND 15 WERE WOUNDED, AS WERE  
22 GC. THE FARMERS SET UP THE ROADBLOCK TO DRAMATIZE THEIR  
DEMAND FOR A HIGHER PRICE FOR CORN THEY PRODUCE FOR SALE  
TO A GOVERNMENT BUYING SYSTEM (THE GOP ACCEDED  
IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE INCIDENT).

4. IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT THE PARTICIPANTS HAD  
NO TIES TO TERRORISTS, GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN INCLUDED  
REFERENCES TO "SUBVERSIVE OUTSIDE AGITATORS" IN THEIR  
ACCOUNTS OF IT. LEADING DAILY "EL COMERCIO" SPECIFICALLY  
LINKED THE ECHEGARAY KILLING AND THE TARAPOTO  
CONFRONTATION IN A DISCUSSION OF THE "TERRORIST  
ARMED STRUGGLE AGAINST THE COUNTRY." MEANWHILE,  
OPPOSITION APRA PARTY SECGEN FERNANDO LEON DE VIVERO  
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ATTACKED THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE TARAPOTO DEATHS,  
RECALLING THE APPARENT POLICE KILLING OF THREE  
WOUNDED TERRORISTS IN THE AYACUCHO HOSPITAL (LIMA 2414).

5. PRIME MINISTER ULLOA ENLIVENED PUBLIC DISCLOSURE  
ON THE THREAT TO PERUVIAN STABILITY WHEN IN A MARCH  
19 PRESS CONFERENCE HE SPECULATED WITHOUT SPECIFICS  
ON THE ROLE OF MILITARY OFFICERS IDENTIFIED WITH  
THE FIRST PHASE OF THE 1968-80 MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
WHO "CONSTANTLY TRAVEL TO COUNTRIES IDENTIFIED WITH

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THE SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENT." MARCH 20, MINISTER OF WAR CISNEROS SAID THAT THE ARMED FORCES "HAVE THEIR MOTORS RUNNING," IN ANTICIPATION OF A PRESIDENTIAL ORDER TO TAKE ON THE TERRORISTS, ADDING THAT "FOR NOW, THE MILITARY SHARES THE PRESIDENT'S VIEW" THAT MILITARY PARTICIPATION IS NOT APPROPRIATE.

6. IN WHAT COULD PROVE AN IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT, JUSTICE MINISTER ELIAS ANNOUNCED MARCH 23 THAT SPECIAL "AD HOC" COURTS WOULD BE ESTABLISHED TO EXPEDITE PROCESSING OF TERRORISTS CASES, AND THAT, RATHER THAN LEAVING ACCUSED TERRORISTS SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, THEY WOULD ALL BE BROUGHT TO A SINGLE DETENTION CENTER IN LIMA--POSSIBLY THE "EL FRONTON" ISLAND PRISON.

7. COMMENT. OUR EXPERIENCE WITH AD HOC COURTS FOR AMERICAN PRISONERS IS POSITIVE, IN THAT PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS ARE PRESERVED, WHILE AN APPRECIABLE SPEEDING-UP OCCURS IN THE GLACIAL PACE OF PERUVIAN JUSTICE. ADDITIONALLY, JUDGES IN LIMA SHOULD BE LESS SUBJECT TO INTIMIDATING THREATS. PUTTING ALL THE TERRORISTS IN ONE PLACE, AND PRESUMABLY UNDER APPROPRIATELY HEAVY GUARD, MAY BE A SHORTTERM SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF HOW TO PREVENT FURTHER TERRORIST JAILBREAKS. END COMMENT.

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