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SUBJ: (U) PERUVIAN ARMY CONTINUES "PREPARATIONS" IN AYACUCHO

REF: A) LIMA 13097; B) LIMA 13104

1. [REDACTED] AS PART OF ITS BUILDUP OF FORCES IN THE AYACUCHO AREA, THE GOP SENT ANOTHER 120-150 ARMY TROOPS TO THAT CITY ON DECEMBER 27. THE UNITS ARE REPORTEDLY LOGISTICAL, COMMUNICATIONS, AND INTELLIGENCE SPECIALISTS. THIS BRINGS THE TOTAL NEW TROOPS IN THE AREA TO APPROXIMATELY 550. LIMA DAILY "EL OBSERVADOR" REPORTED ON DECEMBER 28 THAT THE TOTAL MILITARY STRENGTH IN AYACUCHO (INCLUDING THE LOS CABITOS GARRISON) IS NOW AT 1,500. REPORTS FROM AYACUCHO ASSERT THAT ARMY TROOPS LEFT THE CITY ON [REDACTED]
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DECEMBER 27, BOUND FOR CANGALLO AND VICTOR FAJARDO

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/PROVINCES TO THE SOUTH. THESE TWO PROVINCES ARE CONSIDERED CENTERS OF SENDERO LUMINOSO CONTROL.

2. [REDACTED] EMBASSY DAO IS FORWARDING SEPARATELY A COPY OF THE PERUVIAN ARMY'S "DOCTRINE ON INTERNAL DEFENSE" (DIT) WHICH IS TAUGHT TO SECOND-YEAR WAR COLLEGE STUDENTS. THE ACTIONS OF THE GOP, INCLUDING THE CURRENT TROOP MOVEMENTS, TRACK VERY CLOSELY WITH THIS DOCTRINE. ACCORDING TO THE DIT, THE FIRST PHASE OF DEFENSE AGAINST CIVIL INSURRECTION IS PREVENTATIVE AND IS UNDER THE CONTROL OF POLICE AUTHORITIES. IF THE PREVENTATIVE FAILS TO RESTORE ORDER IN THE AFFECTED AREA, THE PLAN CALLS FOR A "REPRESSIVE" PHASE UNDER A STATE OF EMERGENCY OR STATE OF SIEGE. IN THE REPRESSIVE STAGE THE MILITARY ASSUMES POLITICAL-MILITARY CONTROL OF THE AREA AND TAKES "DECISIVE, FORCEFUL ACTION" TO RESTORE ORDER.

3. [REDACTED] THE NEWS OF THE ARMY BUILDUP IN AYACUCHO WAS WELL-RECEIVED BY VIRTUALLY ALL PUBLIC FIGURES OUTSIDE OF THE MARXIST LEFT. MARXIST LIMA DAILY "DIARIO DE MARKA" EDITORIALIZED ON DECEMBER 28 THAT ARMY INTERVENTION IN THE ANTI-TERRORIST CAMPAIGN WOULD LEAD TO THE DEATHS OF INNOCENT CIVILIANS AND THAT THE "PEOPLE" WOULD BE THE VICTIMS OF THE INTERVENTION. "DIARIO" ALSO RAN AN "EXCLUSIVE" CLAIMING THAT SL HAD SPURNED PRESIDENT BELAUNDE'S CALL FOR A SURRENDER (REF B) AND VOWED TO MEET "REPRESSION" WITH "MORE GUERRILLA ACTIONS."

4. (U) TERRORIST UPDATE: ON DECEMBER 27, AT 7:15 PM, THREE MEN ARMED WITH A SUBMACHINEGUN ATTACKED AND KILLED THE CIVIL GUARD POSTED AT THE MONTERICO RESIDENCE OF INTERIOR VICE MINISTER HECTOR LOPEZ
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MARTINEZ. AFTER KILLING THE POLICE OFFICER, THE ATTACKERS TOOK HIS SUBMACHINEGUN AND PISTOL AND FLED FROM THE LIMA SUBURB IN TWO CARS. POLICE CALLED THE KILLING THE WORK OF COMMON CRIMINALS BUT DID NOT DISCOUNT THE POSSIBILITY THAT IT WAS A TERRORIST ATTACK. SOME LIMA DAILIES REPORTED IT AS SUCH.

5. (U) OUTSIDE OF LIMA, ARMED MEN ATTACKED THE MACHENTE BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL BANK (BANCO DE LA NACION), IN

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THE EARLY HOURS OF THE 27TH, AND SET FIRE TO ITS CONTENTS. THE MAYOR OF THE SAME TOWN (150 KILOMETERS FROM AYACUCHO CITY) WAS KILLED BY TERRORISTS ON DECEMBER 25. ALSO ON DECEMBER 27, IN LA MAR PROVINCE'S SAN MIGUEL, TERRORISTS DYNAMITED A WATER CONDUIT FOR THE LOCAL HYDRO-ELECTRIC PLANT, KNOCKING OUT THE AREA'S ELECTRICAL SUPPLY. THE CIVIL GUARD (CG) IN AYACUCHO REPORTED AN ATTACK ON ITS POST AT HUANCABI IN VICTOR FAJARDO ON THE MORNING OF THE 27TH, PRIOR TO THE TROOP MOVEMENTS AND CLAIMED ONLY ONE GC WAS WOUNDED IN THE SUCCESSFUL DEFENSE OF THE POST. TRAVELERS FROM AYACUCHO, INTERVIEWED AT LIMA'S AIRPORT, SAID THAT THE CITY ITSELF WAS CALM AND ONE NOTED THAT THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY WERE HEAVILY GUARDED BY ARMY AIRBORNE (AERO-TRANSPORTADA) TROOPS.
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