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 CONSEQUENCES

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1. [REDACTED] ENTIRE TEXT.

2. REGARDLESS OF PRECISE NUMBER OF TERRORISTS KILLED  
 IN SECURITY FORCE OPERATIONS JUNE 17 AND 18 TO RECOVER  
 CONTROL OF PRISONS (REF A), THIS DEVELOPMENT IS  
 ALMOST CERTAIN TO HAVE FAR-REACHING IMPLICATIONS FOR  
 COUNTRY'S POLITICAL LIFE. WE PERCEIVE MOST SIGNIFICANT  
 ASPECTS TO BE THE FOLLOWING:

- A. IMPACT ON SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL). THERE IS  
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VERY LITTLE DOUBT THAT MANY SL OPERATIONS WERE

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PREVIOUSLY COORDINATED OUT OF EL FRONTON AND LURIGANCHO PRISONS. IT WAS, IN PART, FOR THIS REASON THAT TERRORISTS RESISTED SO STRONGLY TRANSFER TO NEW PENAL FACILITY, CANTO GRANDE, WHERE AUTHORITIES COULD HAVE IMPOSED FAR MORE EFFECTIVE CONTROL. LOSS OF MANY MILITANTS AND IMPORTANT DAMAGE TO ORGANIZATION'S STRUCTURE REPRESENT AN IMPORTANT BLOW TO SL OVER MEDIUM TERM. BUT IT IS, OF COURSE, TRUE THAT SL CADRES INVOLVED IN CARRYING OUT CURRENT OPERATIONS WERE NOT INCARCERATED. THESE CAN BE EXPECTED TO ENGAGE IN RETALIATORY STRIKES AGAINST GOP AND SECURITY FORCE TARGETS. OVER LONGER TERM, JUNE 18 COULD BECOME A DATE FOR TERRORISTS TO COMMEMORATE EITHER WITH VIOLENT ACTS OR EVEN FORMATION OF NEW; DANGEROUS SPLINTER GROUPS.

- B. GOP-MILITARY RELATIONS. ALTHOUGH DETAILS REMAIN UNKNOWN, IT IS CLEAR THAT ARMY AND NAVY PLAYED KEY ROLES IN SEIZURE OF LURIGANCHO AND EL FRONTON RESPECTIVELY. THE NAVY, IN PARTICULAR, HAD BEEN WAITING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO ATTACK EL FRONTON SINCE ASSASSINATION OF ADMIRAL PONCE IN APRIL. WHAT THEY DID JUNE 17/18 WAS AUTHORIZED BY CIVILIAN LEADERSHIP, BUT THERE IS A REAL QUESTION AS TO WHETHER, HAVING UNLEASHED THE ARMED FORCES IN THIS INSTANCE, CIVILIANS WILL BE ABLE TO RESTRAIN THEM WHEN TERRORISTS NEXT ENGAGE IN A SIMILAR PROVOCATION. CIVILIANS, INDEED, HAVE BEEN WORRIED ABOUT THE DANGER OF A "CREEPING COUP" DERIVED FROM EXPANSION OF MILITARY ROLE IN ANTI-TERRORIST EFFORT SINCE EARLY IN THE BELAUNDE ADMINISTRATION. IN THE SHORT TERM, HOWEVER, MILITARY RELATIONS WITH GARCIA

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ARE LIKELY TO IMPROVE PRECISELY BECAUSE HIS ADMINISTRATION, AND PRESUMABLY HE PERSONALLY, AUTHORIZED THEM TO CARRY OUT A HIGHLY AGGRESSIVE ACTION AGAINST TERRORISTS.

- C. POLITICS WITHIN THE MARXIST LEFT. THE SECURITY FORCE ATTACKS ON THE PRISONS PLACE THE UNITED LEFT (IU) COALITION IN JEOPARDY. RELATIVE MODERATES SUCH AS LIMA MAYOR BARRANTES HAVE ADOPTED STRONG ANTI-TERRORIST STANCES IN RECENT WEEKS. BARRANTES'

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INITIAL REACTION TO PRISON INCURSIONS HAS NOT BEEN CONDEMNATORY. YET, OTHER IU LEADERS HAVE REACTED SHARPLY. THIS ISSUE WILL PROBABLY FORCE ELEMENTS OF IU TO A DEFINITION. A POSSIBLE RESULT IS RUPTURE OF THE ORGANIZATION INTO SEVERAL COMPETING ENTITIES. AT SAME TIME, RADICAL COMMUNISTS MAY BE PARTICULARLY CAREFUL TO MARK THEIR DIFFERENCES WITH TERRORISTS IN EFFORT TO FORESTALL SECURITY FORCE STRIKES AGAINST THEM FOR ALLEGED COMPLICITY IN TERRORIST ACTIVITIES.

- D. HUMAN RIGHTS. MAGNITUDE OF KILLINGS WILL INEVITABLY LEAD TO CHARGES THAT HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS WERE COMMITTED AND THAT OTHER TACTICS COULD HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED BY AUTHORITIES TO RE-ESTABLISH ORDER IN PRISONS. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT TERRORISTS MUTINIED, TOOK HOSTAGES AND FOUGHT SECURITY FORCES WITH GUNS, DYNAMITE AND OTHER WEAPONS. IT IS ALSO CLEAR THAT TERRORISTS IN EL FRONTON ESPECIALLY HAD ERECTED A VERITABLE FORTRESS IMPREGNABLE TO SECURITY FORCES FOR PAST FIVE YEARS. BUT HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS WILL BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE USE OF TACTICS LEADING TO INDISCRIMINATE DEATH, AND RADICAL COMMUNIST GROUPS WILL ATTEMPT TO PROPAGATE AND FUEL THIS CONCERN FOR POLITICAL REASONS. UNTIL NOW, GARCIA ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN MINIMIZING ACCUSATIONS OF HUMAN

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RIGHTS ABUSE. LIKELIHOOD IS THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WILL NOW HAVE THIS ADDITIONAL PROBLEM TO DEAL WITH INTERNATIONALLY. PUBLIC REACTION IN PERU, HOWEVER, IS LIKELY TO BE OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORTIVE OF GOVERNMENT'S ACTION.

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- E. GARCIA AND THE FAR LEFT. GARCIA HAS A DILEMMA. HERETOFORE HE HAS ATTEMPTED TO BUY A MEASURE OF SHORT TERM SOCIAL PEACE BY TAKING RADICAL STANDS ON CERTAIN ISSUES AND BY HELPING BARRANTES KEEP LEFT TOGETHER UNDER HIS "MODERATE" LEADERSHIP. IT IS NOT CLEAR THAT RADICAL COMMUNISTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE SUSCEPTIBLE TO HIS BLANDISHMENTS. FURTHERMORE,  
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THERE IS A GLARING LOGICAL INCONSISTENCY IN TAKING CERTAIN POSITIONS, SUCH AS SUPPORT FOR NICARAGUA, AT TIME WHEN HIS ADMINISTRATION IS ENGAGED IN BLOODY CONFLICT WITH COMMUNIST TERRORISTS. BUT GARCIA IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE TO TRY TO WORK WITH FAR LEFT DESPITE THESE CONTRADICTIONS. ONE POSSIBLE RESULT IS THAT HE WILL SEEK TO "BALANCE" SHARPER REPRESSION OF DOMESTIC TERRORISTS WITH RADICAL POLICIES IN OTHER AREAS. WE DOUBT HE WILL BACK OFF FROM HIS SUPPORT OF SANDINISTAS. JORDAN  
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