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TAGS: PHUM, PTER, PGOV, MILI, PE
SUBJECT: MILITARY ACKNOWLEDGES EXECUTIONS AT
POMATAMBO AND PARCCO

REF: LIMA 13938

1. (U) PERU'S ARMED FORCES JOINT COMMAND ACKNOWLEDGED
IN A DECEMBER 4 COMMUNIQUE THAT SECURITY FORCES HAD
VIOLATED ORDERS AND CARRIED OUT EXECUTIONS OF PRISONERS
IN OCTOBER IN POMATAMBO/PARCCO (AYACUCHO) (REFTEL).
THE COMMUNIQUE SAID A MILITARY INVESTIGATION REVEALED
THAT:

-- AN ARMY PATROL KILLED SL LEADER CLAUDIO BELLIDO
("CAMARADA CASZELLY") IN POMATAMBO ON OCTOBER 22, WHILE
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TRYING TO ESCAPE;

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-- SEVEN OTHER ALLEGED TERRORISTS WERE DETAINED IN POMATAMBO OCTOBER 22, AND TAKEN BY A PATROL TO PARCCO WHERE THEY WERE "ELIMINATED;"

-- IN PARCCO THE PATROL CLAIMED TO HAVE FOUND "SUBVERSIVES" PLANNING OPERATIONS, AND FIVE TERRORISTS WERE KILLED;

-- THE 12 CADAVERS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY BURNED. THE ARMY HAS FILED A COMPLAINT AGAINST THE TWO OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF THE PATROL WITH THE MILITARY JUDICIAL SYSTEM, AND ALL OTHER PERSONNEL WHO MAY BE "RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INCOMPLIANCE OF ESTABLISHED NORMS."

2. (U) RELATIVES OF THE VICTIMS HAVE BEEN PRESSING THEIR CASE IN LIMA, CLAIMING THAT THOSE KILLED WERE NOT TERRORISTS, AND IN FACT INCLUDED VILLAGE AUTHORITIES AND THE ELDERLY. THEIR LIST OF VICTIMS IS:
(POMATAMBO) MANUEL RAMON SEA (50 YEARS OLD), VILLAGE COUNCIL SECRETARY; ANTONIO NAJARRO SOTO (50), PRESIDENT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OF THE COMMUNITY; JOSE FERNANDEZ BELLIDO (48), MAYOR; EUSEBIO NAJARRO ALARCON (34), TREASURER OF THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION OF THE LOCAL SCHOOL; TIMOTEO BAUTISTA BELLIDO (21), FARMER; JACINTO GUTIERREZ GOMEZ (22), MUNICIPAL AGENT; (PARCCO) DONATO RAMIREZ RIVERA (84), CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR/LAYPERSON; HIS WIFE, HILDA BUITRON GUTIERREZ DE RAMIREZ (84); REYNALDO RAMIREZ BUITRON (55), PRESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION, HIS CHILDREN, EUGENIA (12) AND DANTE (4) RAMIREZ CASTILLO; AND NICANOR GARCIA BUITRON (40;

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MENTALLY INCOMPETENT). WE CANNOT CONFIRM ABOVE INFORMATION; MILITARY COMMUNIQUE DID NOT IDENTIFY VICTIMS.

3. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE SENATE MAY NOT CARRY OUT ITS OWN INVESTIGATION NOW ON GROUNDS THAT COURT ACTION HAS BEGUN THANKS TO MILITARY REVIEW. NEXT STEP FOR MILITARY JUDICIAL SYSTEM IS TO INVESTIGATE AND CHARGE DEFENDANTS. SINCE THERE IS NO PROVISION FOR HOMICIDE IN THE MILITARY JUSTICE CODE,

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DEFENDANTS LIKELY WILL BE TRIED FOR "NEGLIGENCE" AND "ABUSE OF AUTHORITY." VICTIMS' RELATIVES CLAIM THAT 12, NOT FIVE, EXECUTIONS OCCURRED, AND PROBABLY WILL PRESS THEIR CASE IN LIMA. LOCAL CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES IN AYACUCHO MAY INVESTIGATE AND BRING CHARGES, SETTING THE STAGE FOR THE SUPREME COURT TO RULE ON A CIVILIAN VERSUS MILITARY COURT TRIAL. POMATAMBO EXECUTIONS BEAR SUPERFICIAL SIMILARITY, ON A REDUCED SCALE, TO THOSE IN ACCOMARCA IN AUGUST 1985. WE DO NOT EXPECT LATEST EXCESSES TO PRODUCE CIVILIAN-MILITARY TENSIONS AS OCCURRED IN ACCOMARCA; THEY DO INDICATE, HOWEVER, THAT THE MILITARY STILL HAS PROBLEMS IN CONDUCTING COUNTERGUERRILLA OPERATIONS LEGALLY.
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