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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE: CAYARA INCIDENT

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED THE FIRST OF WHAT WE BELIEVE
WILL BE MANY LETTERS FROM CONGRESS FORWARDING CONSTITUENT
CONCERNS ABOUT THE CAYARA MASSACRE. ARA/AND HAS TAKEN THE
LIBERTY OF DRAFTING A GENERIC REPLY TO "CAYARA LETTERS"
FOR THE EMBASSY'S APPROVAL. IF YOU AGREE, WE WILL SIMPLY
ANSWER SUCH INQUIRIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THE EMBASSY.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PROPOSED LETTER: BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR SENATOR/CONGRESSMAN: I AM REPLYING TO YOUR LETTER
OF [REDACTED] IN WHICH YOU INDICATE THE CONCERN OF YOUR
CONSTITUENT FOR EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE ON MAY 14, 1988 IN
THE TOWN OF CAYARA IN THE PROVINCE OF AYACUCHO, PERU. THE
PERUVIAN ARMY IS ALLEGED TO HAVE EXECUTED AT LEAST 28
VILLAGERS IN REPRISAL FOR AN EARLIER ATTACK BY THE
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TERRORIST GROUP SENDERO LUMINOSO (SHINING PATH) ON A
MILITARY PATROL.

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THE EVENTS IN CAYARA WERE VERY PROMINENT NEWS IN PERU , AND OUR EMBASSY IN LIMA HAS FOLLOWED THE SITUATION CLOSELY. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF CONFLICTING ALLEGATIONS SURROUNDING THE CAYARA INCIDENT, AND LITTLE AGREEMENT AMONG THE PERUVIANS INVOLVED AS WHAT ACTUALLY OCCURRED. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT HAVE VISITED CAYARA, AND BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE PERUVIAN CONGRESS HAVE PROMISED THAT AN INVESTIGATION WILL BE CONDUCTED. THE DEPARTMENT OF AYACUCHO IS DESIGNATED A MILITARY EMERGENCY ZONE UNDER THE COMMAND OF THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES, WHO EFFECTIVELY CONTROL ACCESS TO THE AREA. THIS MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO CONDUCT INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS, OR TO OBTAIN OBJECTIVE INFORMATION QUICKLY.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS FIGURE PROMINENTLY AMONG THE TOPICS THAT OUR EMBASSY REGULARLY RAISES WITH THE PERUVIANS. YOU MAY BE SURE THAT WE WILL FOLLOW THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO INVESTIGATE THIS MATTER, AND THAT IT WILL BE DEALT WITH IN THE DEPARTMENT'S COUNTRY REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES FOR 1988. END TEXT.

3. PLEASE REPLY WITH ANY CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS.
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