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SUBJECT: DISCOVERY OF BODIES RENEWS INTEREST IN CAYARA

1. SUMMARY: THE DISCOVERY OF 3-5 BODIES
AUGUST 10 NEAR CAYARA THREE MONTHS AFTER THE
ALLEGED MASSACRE HAS RENEWED PUBLIC INTEREST IN
THE CASE AND PROMPTED PRESIDENT GARCIA TO ANNOUNCE
THAT THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR IN AYACUCHO SHOULD
RECEIVE ALL THE NECESSARY SUPPORT TO COMPLETE A
THOROUGH INVESTIGATION. THE MILITARY IS
PROVIDING NO ASSISTANCE TO THE INVESTIGATION,
HOWEVER, AND CLAIMS THAT ONE OF THE BODIES IS
THAT OF AN INFORMANT WHO PROBABLY WAS KILLED
BY SENDERO LUMINOSO.

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BODY MAY BE ONE OF THE WITNESSES TO THE MAY 14 INCIDENT, WHO DISAPPEARED AT THE END OF JUNE.
END SUMMARY.

2. (U) AFTER A NOTICEABLE ABSENCE OF NEWS COVERAGE ON CAYARA DURING THE PAST MONTH, THE AUGUST 10 DISCOVERY OF A GRAVE WITH 3-5 BODIES NEAR CAYARA HAS PRODUCED RENEWED INTEREST IN THE CASE. THE FACTS REMAIN FUZZY BUT AT LEAST THREE BODIES AND AS MANY AS FIVE HAVE BEEN FOUND. AN AUTOPSY IN CANGALLO OF ONE OF THE BODIES, A WOMAN, REVEALED GUNSHOT AND PROBABLY BAYONET WOUNDS. SHE ALSO HAD A BROKEN ARM. "LA REPUBLICA" HAS PUBLISHED FRONT PAGE HEADLINES ON THE DISCOVERY FOR FOUR CONSECUTIVE DAYS BEGINNING ON AUGUST 13, WHEN IT BROKE THE STORY. IT CLAIMS THAT FIVE BODIES WERE FOUND, BUT OTHER SOURCES SAY ONLY THREE. INITIALLY, NAMES OF THE DECEASED AND LOCATION OF THE CITE WERE NOT PUBLISHED TO PROTECT THE INVESTIGATION, PRESUMABLY FROM THE MILITARY COMMAND. THE WOMAN HAS BEEN THE ONLY PERSON THUS FAR IDENTIFIED; HER NAME IS JOVITA GARCIA SUAREZ AND REPORTEDLY WAS DISCOVERED IN AYACUCHO'S HUANCAPI PROVINCE.

THE MILITARY COMMAND IN AYACUCHO AUGUST 14 ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE STATING THAT ONLY ONE BODY WAS EXHUMED. THE MILITARY AGREES THAT THE PERSON IS JOVITA GARCIA AND CLAIM THAT SHE IS A MILITARY INFORMANT (THE FIRST PERSON TO INFORM THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES OF SENDERO LUMINOSO'S [REDACTED]
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MAY 13 CONVOY AMBUSH), NOT ONE OF THE CAYARA DEAD OR DISAPPEARED. THE UPSHOT OF THE MILITARY COMMUNIQUE IS TO SUGGEST THAT SL KILLED MS. GARCIA.

3. (U) PRESIDENT GARCIA AUGUST 14 RESPONDED TO THE NEWS BY DECLARING THAT THE AYACUCHO SPECIAL PROSECUTOR, DR. CARLOS ESCOBAR, SHOULD RECEIVE ALL THE NECESSARY SUPPORT FOR THE INVESTIGATION

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OF THE CAYARA MASSACRE, AND THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO OBSTACLES. HE SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO HIDE WHAT HAPPENED IN THE AYACUCHO COMMUNITY.

APRA SENATOR CARLOS ENRIQUE MELGAR, HEAD OF THE INVESTIGATIVE CONGRESSIONAL COMMISSION ON CAYARA, HAS BEEN CRITICIZED IN THE PRESS, AND INA TV SHOW INTERVIEW AUGUST 14, HE DENIED EVER SAYING THAT THERE HAD NOT BEEN ANY DEATHS IN CAYARA. HE DID INDICATE, HOWEVER, THAT SOME 18 PEOPLE HAD DIED, BUT INSINUATED THAT THEY HAD BEEN SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS WHO DIED IN A MILITARY CONFRONTATION. HE SAID THE DISCOVERED BODIES MIGHT BE SOME OF THE MISSING 18. (COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE HAVE HEARD OF THIS FIGURE.)

UNITED LEFT REPRESENTATIVE CESAR BARRERA BAZAN AUGUST 15 STATED THAT MELGAR SHOULD RESIGN AS HEAD OF THE CONGRESSIONAL COMMISSION BECAUSE HIS "PRESENCE SERVES ONLY TO OBSTRUCT THE INVESTIGATIONS."

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TOLD US THAT HE BELIEVES THE WOMAN FOUND IS NOT ONE OF THE ESTIMATED 28 MISSING CAYARA VICTIMS, BUT RATHER MIGHT BE ONE OF THE DISAPPEARED WITNESSES. HER STATE OF DECOMPOSITION IS LESS THAN THAT OF THREE MONTHS, THE TIME SINCE THE MASSACRE. HE BELIEVES THAT GARCIA'S STATEMENT IS PURELY FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION AND WILL NOT AMOUNT TO ANY SIGNIFICANT

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EFFORT TO SUPPORT ESCOBAR'S INVESTIGATION. WE SPOKE TO DR. ESCOBAR AUGUST 15 BY PHONE AND HE SAID THE MILITARY COMMAND THERE HAS NOT PROVIDED ANY ASSISTANCE WHATSOEVER.

5. (U) THERE HAS ALSO BEEN CONCERN FOR THE SAFETY OF SPECIAL PROSECUTOR ESCOBAR. THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES APRA SENATOR HECTOR VARGAS HAYA ON AUGUST 15 STATED THAT THERE SHOULD BE SECURITY GUARANTEES FOR THE WITNESSES AND FOR DR. ESCOBAR. THE RODRIGO FRANCO DEMOCRATIC COMMAND IS REPORTED AUGUST 15 TO HAVE THREATENED ESCOBAR BY LETTER, STATING THAT HE SHOULD CEASE THE INVESTIGATION AND LEAVE IT "JUST AS IT IS."

6. (U) SENATOR MELGAR IS MEETING WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE CAYARA INVESTIGATIVE COMMISSION AUGUST 16 TO DISCUSS THE RECENT REVELATIONS. COMMISSION MEMBERS OF THE UNITED LEFT PARTY

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HAVE SAID THAT THEY WILL TRAVEL TO CAYARA
EVEN IF THE WHOLE COMMISSION DOES NOT GO
BACK TO INVESTIGATE THE RECENT DISCOVERY OF
A MASS GRAVE. IU DEPUTY TANY VALER CLAIMS THAT
IU COMMISSION MEMBERS KNEW ABOUT THE RECENTLY
DISCOVERED GRAVE, BUT WERE ASKED TO REMAIN
SILENT BY SPECIAL PROSECUTOR ESCOBAR UNTIL
THE OPPORTUNE MOMENT.

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