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USCINCSO ALSO FOR POLAD JOHN YOULE

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PTER, PHUM, ASEC, PE
SUBJECT: TWO CAYARA WITNESSES KILLED

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1. (U) THE MAYOR OF CAYARA AND HIS FEMALE SECRETARY, BOTH SURVIVORS AND WITNESSES OF THE MASSACRE OF AT LEAST 28 CAYARA RESIDENTS ON MAY 14, WERE KILLED BY UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS ON DECEMBER 15. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS THE MAYOR, HIS SECRETARY, AND A BUS DRIVER WERE SHOT TO DEATH, AFTER A GROUP OF MASKED

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GUNMEN STOPPED THE PUBLIC BUS THEY WERE RIDING

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APPROXIMATELY 35 KILOMETERS OUTSIDE AYACUCHO. THE GUNMEN EXAMINED THE IDENTITY DOCUMENTS OF ALL THE PASSENGERS, AND SINGLED OUT THE MAYOR AND HIS AIDE FOR DEATH.

2. [REDACTED] SOME CITY PAPERS ARE CALLING THE INCIDENT THE WORK OF THE SL. OTHER PAPERS REFER TO THE ASSAILANTS AS "UNKNOWN GUNMEN." NOT SURPRISINGLY, OUR HUMAN RIGHTS CONTACTS UNANIMOUSLY AGREE THAT THE TWO WERE KILLED BY SECURITY FORCES TO SILENCE THESE TWO VOICES WHO HAD OPENLY ACCUSED THE MILITARY IN THE MAY MASSACRE OF THEIR FELLOW VILLAGERS. UNLIKE THE DEATH OF REPORTER HUGO BUSTIOS, ALSO LAID TO SECURITY FORCES BLAME, THE DEATHS OF THE CAYARA RESIDENTS HAS GENERATED LITTLE PUBLIC COMMENT, AND VIRTUALLY NO ADDITIONAL PRESS COVERAGE AFTER THE INITIAL DECEMBER 16 REPORTS. WE ARE AWARE OF NO OTHER DETAILS THAT WOULD HELP IDENTIFY THOSE RESPONSIBLE.

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