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 TAGS: ASEC, PTER, PGOV, ELAB, PE
 SUBJECT: TERRORISTS KILL MINERS FEDERATION LEADER

1. [REDACTED] SUMMARY. UNKNOWN ASSASSINS MURDERED MINERS
 FEDERATION SECRETARY GENERAL SAUL CANTORAL FEBRUARY
 13. PRESS ACCOUNTS OF THE MURDER ARE CONFUSING AND
 CONTRADICTORY, AS IS INFORMATION FROM GOVERNMENT
 SOURCES. THERE IS EVIDENCE POINTING BOTH TO
 SENDERO AND RODRIGO FRANCO COMMAND RESPONSIBILITY.
 THE KILLING HAS DRAWN CRIES OF OUTRAGE FROM THE
 LEFT AND EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN FROM THE RIGHT.

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2. (U) UNKNOWN ASSASSINS ON FEBRUARY 13 KIDNAPPED AND MURDERED MINERS FEDERATION SECRETARY GENERAL SAUL CANTORAL AND A FEMALE COMPANION. ACCORDING TO WITNESSES, CANTORAL WAS LAST SEEN BETWEEN 1900 AND 2000 HOURS. POLICE ESTIMATE THE TWO WERE KILLED AROUND 2130. THEIR BODIES WERE DISCOVERED SHORTLY BEFORE MIDNIGHT. CANTORAL HAD BEEN SHOT AT LEAST FOUR TIMES (SOME PRESS ACCOUNTS SAY SIX, OTHER SAY 12). THE WOMAN, CONSUELO GARCIA, HAD BEEN SHOT AND RUN-OVER BY A VEHICLE, APPARENTLY THE KIDNAPPERS.

3. (U) IT IS NOT KNOWN IF THE TWO WERE VICTIMS OF SENDERO OR THE RODRIGO FRANCO COMMAND (CRF). TWO NOTES WERE LEFT ON THE CORPSES CALLING THEM "INFORMANTS" AND DISPLAYING THE HAMMER AND SICKLE. BUT ACCORDING TO ONE PRESS ACCOUNT, SHORTLY AFTER THE BODIES WERE DISCOVERED, AN ANONYMOUS CALLER CLAIMED THE TWO HAD BEEN KILLED BY THE CRF.

4. [REDACTED] BOTH GROUPS MAY HAVE HAD REASON TO KILL CANTORAL. HE WAS THE CHIEF OF ONE OF PERU'S MOST POWERFUL LABOR FEDERATIONS. HE HAD LED THE MINERS IN TWO CRIPPLING STRIKES IN 1988 WHICH COST THE GOP MILLIONS IN LOST EXPORT EARNINGS. DURING THE STRIKES THERE WERE REPEATED, RELIABLE REPORTS OF SENDERO INFLUENCE AMONG UNION LEADERSHIP. THE CRF WOULD HAVE HAD GOOD REASON TO MAKE CANTORAL AN EXAMPLE.

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5. [REDACTED] AT THE SAME TIME CANTORAL WAS ACCUSED BY THE MORE RADICAL ELEMENTS IN THE FEDERATION OF CAPITULATING TO THE GOVERNMENT IN ENDING THE STRIKE IN DECEMBER. CANTORAL ARGUED THAT THE MAJORITY OF WORKERS WANTED TO GO BACK TO WORK. (MANY HAD ALREADY BEGUN TO CROSS PICKET LINES.) HE STATED CORRECTLY THAT MOST OF THE RANK AND FILE COULD NOT AFFORD TO STAY OUT ANY LONGER. AND IN ANY CASE, THE GOP

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HAD CAVED-IN ON THE CENTRAL DEMAND OF THE STRIKERS. BUT FEDERATION MILITANTS, INCLUDING THE SENDERO, WHO WERE USING THE STRIKE TO BATTER THE GOP, ACCUSED CANTORAL OF BETRAYING THEM. INTERIOR MINISTER SORIA TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT THE KILLING WAS SL.

6. [REDACTED] SINCE DECEMBER CANTORAL HAD LIVED WITH REPEATED THREATS ON HIS LIFE. WE LEARNED FROM A SOURCE IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMUNITY WHO IS CLOSE TO THE FAMILY THAT CANTORAL BELIEVED THE THREATS WERE COMING FROM THE CRF. WE HEARD FROM ANOTHER SOURCE WITH TIES IN THE MINING INDUSTRY THAT CANTORAL WAS ON THE RUN FROM SENDERO. BOTH SOURCES TOLD US THE MAN WAS AFRAID TO APPEAR IN PUBLIC.

7. [REDACTED] THE CRIME BEARS SOME OF THE MODUS OPERANDI OF THE CRF. THE VICTIM WAS KIDNAPPED, TAKEN TO ANOTHER SITE AND KILLED, THEN TRANSPORTED TO A THIRD SITE WHERE THE CORPSE WAS DUMPED. THERE ARE ALSO UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT HIS BODY SHOWED SIGNS OF TORTURE. BUT IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, AND UNTIL THE POLICE HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO COMPLETE BALLISTICS AND THE CORONER TO DETERMINE IF THERE WAS TORTURE, IT IS

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NOT POSSIBLE TO JUDGE WITH CERTAINTY THE STRIPE OF
THE PERPETRATORS.

8. [REDACTED] THE KILLINGS ELICITED CRIES OF OUTRAGE FROM
POLITICIANS FROM THE CENTER TO THE LEFT. PRESIDENT
GARCIA DECRIED THE DEATH "OF A MAN OF GREAT COURAGE".
THE IU NATIONAL BOARD DEMANDED A NATIONAL INVESTIGA-
TION TO IDENTIFY AND PUNISH THE CULPRITS. POLITICIANS
ON THE RIGHT WERE SOMEWHAT MORE CONSERVATIVE IN THEIR

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REACTIONS, LAMENTING THE INCIDENT IN THE CONTEXT OF
PERU'S CONTINUING WAVE OF TERRORIST VIOLENCE.
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