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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR

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SUBJECT: EAC MEETING, 9/14

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MISSION IN LIGHT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CAPTURE OF SENDERO LUMINOSO LEADER ABIMAEL GUZMAN.

# THREAT ASSESSMENT:

3. POLOFF BRIEFED EAC ON GUZMAN CAPTURE, NOTING EXTENSIVE SURVEILLANCE OPERATION THAT COUNTERTERRORISM POLICE (DINCOTE) HAD MOUNTED OVER TIME TO ACHIEVE THIS SIGNIFICANT SUCCESS. REGARDING IMPLICATIONS FOR MISSION, POLOFF EXPRESSED VIEW THAT CAPTURE CONSTITUTED A MAJOR SETBACK FOR SLITHAT WOULD DISORIENT TO SOME EXTENT THE GROUP'S ABILITY TO MOUNT COORDINATED TERRORIST ACTIONS. POLOFF NOTED THAT SL'S NUMBER TWO WAS CAPTURED ALONG WITH GUZMAN. FOUR OF FIVE SL POLITICAL BUREAU MEMBERS WERE CAPTURED IN THE OPERATION. THE NUMBER THREE LEADER, FELICIANO RAMIREZ DURAN, IS BASED IN AYACUCHO AND IT IS NOT



PAGE 03 LIMA 12179 01 OF 02 141925Z CERTAIN THAT HE CAN EXERCISE COMMAND OVER ELEMENTS IN THE LIMA AREA. DINCOTE HAD ALSO RECENTLY CAPTURED SL'S NATIONAL COORDINATOR IN LIMA.

- 4. POLOFF SAID THAT THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT SENDERO HAD PUT IN PLACE RESOURCES FOR IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO A GUZMAN CAPTURE. GIVEN GUZMAN'S STRICT, CENTRALIZED CONTROL OVER THE SENDERO, POLOFF CONSIDERED IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT HE WOULD HAVE FORMULATED A CONTINGENCY REACTION PLAN TO HIS CAPTURE. POLOFF BELIEVED THAT SLELEMENTS MAY SEEK TO RESPOND, BUT THERE IS NO BASIS FOR PREDICTING HOW THAT RESPONSE WILL EVOLVE. POLOFF NOTED THAT SENDERO HAD BEEN EXPECTED TO HOLD A SENIOR POLICY MEETING TO LAY FINAL PLANS FOR ITS ANTICIPATED UPSURGE IN TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER, BUT THIS MEETING WAS NEVER HELD. MOST OF ITS ANTICIPATED PARTICIPANTS ARE NOW BEHIND BARS.
- 5. POLCOUNS REVIEWED POSSIBLE SL REACTIONS TO GUZMAN CAPTURE, SUGGESTING THE GROUP MAY PURSUE ANY OR SOME OF THE FOLLOWING STRATEGIES:

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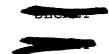
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-- CONTINUATION OF ITS TERROR AND INTIMIDATION CAMPAIGN IN POOR AREAS AROUND LIMA,

-- DIRECT REPRISALS IN THE FORM OF CAR BOMBS AGAINST GOP TARGETS,



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-- ATTACKS ON SENIOR GOP OFFICIALS, SUCH AS PRESIDENT FUJIMORI OR CABINET MINISTERS,

- -- SPECIFIC ACTIONS TO COUNTER PUBLIC EUPHORIA OVER GUZMAN CAPTURE, SUCH AS HIGHLY DESTRUCTIVE CAR BOMBS IN CROWDED AREAS,
- -- KIDNAPPINGS OF PERUVIANS OR FOREIGNERS TO USE AS BARGAINING CHIPS FOR GUZMAN'S RELEASE.
- 6. EAC REVIEWED THESE POSSIBLE SL COURSES OF ACTION. IT CONSIDERED LEAST LIKELY DIRECT ATTACKS ON SENIOR GOP OFFICIALS OR ATTEMPTS TO KIDNAP HIGH RANKING PERSONALITIES. GOP

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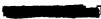
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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR ASEC, AMGT, CASC, PTER, PE TAGS: SUBJECT: EAC MEETING, 9/14 PROTECTION OF ITS SENIOR OFFICIALS IS NOT HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL, BUT, IN THE OPINION OF EAC, STILL CONSTITUTES A MAJOR DETERRENT FOR SL. KIDNAPPING HAS NEVER BEEN PART OF SL'S M.O., INDICATING THAT THE GROUP DOES NOT HAVE PROCEDURAL BASIS OR INFRASTRUCTURE TO CARRY OUT SUCH ACTIONS AT THIS TIME. EAC CONSIDERED LIKELIEST RESPONSE WILL BE IN CONTINUATION OF BASIC LINES OF SENDERO TACTICS OVER PAST YEAR, WITH SOME INCREASED LACK OF COORDINATION DUE TO THE REMOVAL OF GROUP'S TOP LEADERSHIP.

7. CONSIDERING HIGH DEGREE OF PUBLIC IDENTIFICATION OF DINCOTE ACTION WITH GUZMAN CAPTURE, AND ABSENSE OF ANY PUBLIC CONNECTION TO USG, EAC BELIEVED THAT THE OUTLOOK FOR U.S. INTERESTS IN PERU HAD NOT BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGED. U.S. INTERESTS HAVE NOT BEEN HIGH AMONG SENDERO'S TARGET PRIORITIES, ALTHOUGH ATTACKS (SUCH AS THE FEBRUARY 11 BOMBING OF THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE) HAVE BEEN STAGED. GUZMAN CAPTURE COULD, IN EAC VIEW, INCREASE LEVEL OF THREAT TO U.S. INTERESTS, BUT, AT THIS

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TIME, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT SUCH A



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8. STATE OF ALERT: EAC AGREED THAT MISSION IS NOT LIKELY TO BE TARGET OF IMMEDIATE SENDERO REACTION, BUT POSSIBILITY CANNOT BE RULED OUT. EAC RECOMMENDED THAT ALERT NOTICE BE GIVEN THROUGH COMMUNITY, COUNSELING AMERICANS TO EXERCISE LEVEL OF CAUTION WE HAVE INDICATED THROUGH THIS YEAR. DRAFT TEXT FOLLOWS; DEPARTMENT VIEWS ARE REQUESTED:

BEGIN QUOTE: AS A RESULT OF THE SEPTEMBER 12
ARREST OF SENDERO LUMINOSO LEADER, ABIMAEL \*\*
GUZMAN, THE ORGANIZATION MAY ATTEMPT TO CARRY
OUT REPRISAL ATTACKS WITHIN LIMA AND ELSEWHERE
IN PERU. AMERICAN CITIZENS ARE URGED TO REVIEW
THE LATEST STATE DEPARTMENT TRAVEL WARNING
CONCERNING PERU. PERSONNEL SHOULD NOT FREQUENT
AREAS NEAR POLICE, ARMED FORCES, AND PERUVIAN
GOVERNMENT INSTALLATIONS. IN ADDITION, AREAS OF
HIGH COMMERCIAL CONCENTRATION SHOULD BE AVOIDED,
PARTICULARLY DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS. END QUOTE

9. UPCOMING EVENTS: EAC REVIEWED UPCOMING EVENTS WHICH COULD BE TARGET OF SENDERO ACTION. IT NOTED ARRIVAL OF CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS ADMIRAL KELSO AND PARTY SEPTEMBER 20 FOR REGIONAL NAVAL CONFERENCE. EAC BELIEVED THAT



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10. FULL EAC: MEETING OF ALL MEMBERS OF EAC WILL BE HELD SEPTEMBER 16 TO FURTHER REVIEW SITUATION AND ASSESS MOOD WITHIN AMERICAN

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