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 1. SUMMARY: IN MEETINGS WITH STATE  
 DEPARTMENT AND NSC OFFICIALS, HUMAN RIGHTS  
 ACTIVISTS EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN OVER  
 PARAMILITARY ACTIVITIES IN GENERAL AND THE  
 BARRIOS ALTOS MASSACRE IN PARTICULAR. THEY  
 BELIEVED THAT THE PARAMILITARIES WERE "SENDING A  
 MESSAGE" BY STAGING SUCH A HIGH-PROFILE,  
 HIGH-RISK OPERATION, ALLEGEDLY USING A STOLEN  
 USG-DONATED VEHICLE ASSIGNED TO THE  
 VICE-MINISTER OF INTERIOR. ONE MEMBER ALLEGED

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ATTEMPTS BY SOME COMMANDERS TO REGULATE UNIMPEDED VISITS BY PUBLIC PROSECUTORS TO MONITOR PRISONER CONDITIONS AT MILITARY BARRACKS, BUT SUCH PROBLEMS WERE SPORADIC. A SERIES OF NEW LEGISLATIVE DECREES WERE DENOUNCED AS POSSIBLY AFFECTING FREEDOM OF THE PRESS, EXTENDING THE GOP'S POWERS OF EMINENT DOMAIN IN ITS COUNTER-TERRORISM EFFORTS AND GIVING THE PRESIDENT MORE POWER OVER THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE. END SUMMARY.

2. [REDACTED] ARA/AND DIRECTOR PATTERSON, NSC INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM DIRECTOR CANAS, DCM, POLCOUNS AND POLOFF MET RECENTLY WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF PERU'S HUMAN RIGHTS UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION, THE NATIONAL COORDINATOR FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (COORDINADORA). COORDINADORA MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE MEETING WERE: COORDINADORA PRESIDENT PILAR COLL; COORDINADORA LEGAL ADVISOR CARLOS CHIPOCO; COORDINADORA STAFFER JAVIER CEURILIZZA; CENTER FOR STUDIES AND ACTION FOR [REDACTED]  
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PEACE (CEAPAZ) PRESIDENT JOSE BURNEO; PRO-HUMAN RIGHTS ASSOCIATION (APRODEH) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FRANCISCO SOBERON; HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (COMISDEH) PRESIDENT PABLO ROJAS; LEGAL DEFENSE INSTITUTE (ILD) HEAD MIGUEL TALAVERA; AND FORMER AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATE OSCAR PENA.

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CONCERN OVER PARAMILITARY THREAT  
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3. [REDACTED] COORDINADORA MEMBERS EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN OVER THE GROWTH OF PARAMILITARY ACTIVITIES. THEY POINTED TO THE SPATE OF LETTER BOMBINGS OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS AND TO THE BARRIOS ALTOS MASSACRE AS EXAMPLES OF THIS PHENOMENON. SOME SUGGESTED THAT THE INCREASE IN PARAMILITARY ACTIVITY WAS AN INDIRECT RESULT OF GOP EFFORTS TO PREVENT HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES. THE OLD HEAVY HANDED METHODS WERE NO LONGER TOLERATED. ROGUE ELEMENTS WITHIN THE MILITARY

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AND POLICE NOW RESORTED INSTEAD TO TACTICS WHERE DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY COULD BE OBSCURED.

4. [REDACTED] THE NOVEMBER 3 BARRIOS ALTOS MASSACRE (REF D) IN DOWNTOWN LIMA DOMINATED MUCH OF THE MEETING. SEVERAL COORDINADORA MEMBERS STATED THE MASSACRE WAS CARRIED OUT BY PARAMILITARIES LINKED TO THE SECURITY FORCES AND POINTED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO BACK UP THEIR CLAIMS:

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- POLICE OR MILITARY INTELLIGENCE HAD BEEN
- SURVEILLING THE SITE NOT LONG BEFORE THE
- ATTACK. THE SITE WAS A SUSPECTED SENDERO
- LUMINOSO (SL) MEETING PLACE;
  
- TWO OF THE VEHICLES USED IN THE ATTACK HAD
- BEEN STOLEN FROM SANTIAGO FUJIMORI (BROTHER
- OF PRESIDENT ALBERTO FUJIMORI) AND VICE-
- MINISTER OF INTERIOR DAVID MEJIA;
  
- SEVERAL POLICE INSTALLATIONS ARE VERY CLOSE
- TO THE SITE. YET THIS DID NOT DETER THE
- ASSAILANTS. DESPITE THEIR PROXIMITY, THE

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- POLICE TOOK OVER 20 MINUTES TO RESPOND;  
  
-- THE USE OF SILENCERS POINTS TO SECURITY  
- FORCE MEMBERS. SUBVERSIVE GROUPS ARE NOT  
- KNOW TO USE SILENCERS.

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5. [REDACTED] COORDINADORA MEMBERS ALSO REVEALED THAT ONE OF THE VEHICLES USED IN THE ATTACK HAD BEEN DONATED BY THE USG TO THE GOP. LEGAL ADVISOR CHIPOCO SAID THAT ONLY "OFFICIAL GROUPS" WOULD BE ABLE TO STEAL VEHICLES USED BY THE PRESIDENT'S BROTHER AND THE VICE-MINISTER OF INTERIOR. COMMENT: SUBSEQUENTLY THE EMBASSY CONFIRMED THAT A USG-DONATED JEEP CHEROKEE FITTING THE DESCRIPTION OF ONE OF THE VEHICLES AT THE SITE AND ON LOAN TO VICE-MINISTER MEJIA HAD BEEN STOLEN. END COMMENT.

6. [REDACTED] THE COORDINADORA MEMBERS SPECULATED THAT THE PARAMILITARIES MEANT TO SEND THE GOP AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY A DEFIANT MESSAGE BY STRIKING VERY CLOSE TO THE PERUVIAN CONGRESS AND BY USING VEHICLES STOLEN FROM VIPS. THE ATTACKERS SHOWED THAT THEY COULD OPERATE WITH VIRTUAL IMPUNITY BY SELECTING A SITE NEARLY SURROUNDED BY POLICE INSTALLATIONS. BURNEO THOUGHT THE MASSACRE SHOWED THE "POLITICAL WILL" OF SOME MILITARY OFFICERS TO ACT AGAINST THE GOP'S GROWING HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITMENT. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE MASSACRE

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OCCURRED WITHIN DAYS OF CHARGES BEING PUBLICLY  
PREFERRED IN MILITARY COURT AGAINST AN ARMY  
LIEUTENANT AND FIVE NCO'S FOR THE JULY 4 SANTA  
BARBARA KILLINGS -- AN UNPRECEDENTED ACT ON THE  
PART OF THE PERUVIAN MILITARY JUSTICE SYSTEM  
PROVOKING A COMPARABLE RESPONSE FROM THE  
PARAMILITARIES.

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7. [REDACTED] APRODEH'S SOBERON ADDED MORE DETAILS  
TO THE CONFUSION STILL SURROUNDING BARRIOS  
ALTOS. SOBERON STATED THAT THE DEATH COUNT NOW  
STOOD AT 17, WITH ONE MORE OF THOSE WOUNDED  
HAVING DIED IN THE HOSPITAL. AT LEAST TWO OF  
THE VICTIMS APPARENTLY WERE SL ACTIVISTS, ONE OF  
WHOM HAD A PREVIOUS SL CONVICTION. HE ADDED  
THAT MOST OF THE VICTIMS WERE MEMBERS OF AN  
INFORMAL ICE CREAM VENDORS' ASSOCIATION THOUGHT  
TO HAVE SL TIES.

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FISCALES' ACCESS TO PRISONERS  
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8. [REDACTED] ILD HEAD TALAVERA SAID THAT ICRC  
ACCESS TO DETAINEES WAS APPARENTLY GOING WELL.  
HOWEVER, HE LAMENTED THAT THE ICRC PROGRAM WAS  
CONFIDENTIAL AND THEREFORE PROVIDED LITTLE  
PUBLIC INFORMATION. TALAVERA THOUGHT THAT  
PUBLIC PROSECUTOR (FISCAL) ACCESS WAS HAVING  
PROBLEMS. HE SAID THERE WERE SOME ATTEMPTS BY  
THE MILITARY TO "ORGANIZE" FISCAL VISITS INSTEAD  
OF ALLOWING THE PREFERRED SURPRISE INSPECTIONS.  
NEVERTHELESS, TALAVERA ADDED THAT THE CHRONIC  
LACK OF RESOURCES BY THE FISCAL'S OFFICE (NO  
TRANSPORTATION, RADIOS, ETC.) MEANT THE FISCALES  
IN RURAL AREAS HAD TO RELY ON MILITARY ASSETS TO  
MAKE THE VISITS. TALAVERA MENTIONED THAT THE  
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE STILL NEEDED TO WRITE

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A DIRECTIVE TO THE FISCALES ON WHAT PROCEDURES  
TO FOLLOW DURING THEIR VISITS TO MILITARY  
INSTALLATIONS.

9. [REDACTED] COMISDEH PRESIDENT ROJAS SAID THAT  
ACCESS PROBLEMS BY THE FISCALES WERE OF A RANDOM  
NATURE AND "NOT UNIFORM." THE MILITARY  
COMMANDER IN AYACUCHO HAD ALLOWED THE FISCAL  
INTO AT LEAST TWO MILITARY FACILITIES DESPITE  
THE FACT THAT AYACUCHO TECHNICALLY WAS NOT EVEN  
AN EMERGENCY ZONE. HE DID, HOWEVER, ECHO  
TALAVERA'S OBSERVATIONS THAT THE FISCALES NEED,  
AMONG MANY OTHER THINGS, RADIOS AND VEHICLES IN  
ORDER TO DO THEIR JOBS.

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CONCERN OVER RECENT LEGISLATIVE DECREES  
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10. [REDACTED] THE COORDINADORA BROADLY EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER SOME OF THE MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED [REDACTED]  
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LEGISLATIVE DECREES RECENTLY ANNOUNCED BY PRESIDENT FUJIMORI. TALAVERA SAID THAT THE DECREES INVOLVING NATIONAL PACIFICATION HAD BEEN WRITTEN FROM A DANGEROUS "INTERNAL WAR" POINT OF VIEW. SEVERAL COORDINADORA MEMBERS DARKLY JOKED THAT SHADOWY PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS WAS BEHIND THE MORE OBJECTIONABLE LEGISLATIVE DECREES. THE DECREES THOUGHT MOST THREATENING TO PERSONAL FREEDOMS DEALT WITH THE REORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE TO MAKE IT MORE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO THE PRESIDENT AND LESS DEPENDENT ON THE MILITARY; A DECREE CONCERNING "NATIONAL MOBILIZATION" WHICH EXPANDS ON PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT POWERS OF EMINENT DOMAIN AND STATES OF EMERGENCIES; AND A DECREE POTENTIALLY INFRINGING ON FREEDOM OF THE PRESS.

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PROTEST AGAINST GOP HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS BASHING  
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11. [REDACTED] COORDINADORA PRESIDENT COLL WAS OUTRAGED BY SEVERAL STATEMENTS MADE BY PRESIDENT FUJIMORI THAT COMPLAINED THAT HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS WERE BIASED AGAINST THE GOP OR USEFUL TOOLS OF THE SUBVERSIVES. COLL SAID THE "HIGHLY UNJUST" STATEMENTS "TYPIFIED" THE SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS NGOS IN PERU. BURNEO JOINED COLL IN A SPIRITED DEFENSE OF THE COORDINADORA'S EFFORTS TO BE EVEN-HANDED IN DENOUNCING HUMAN [REDACTED]  
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RIGHTS VIOLATIONS REGARDLESS OF PERPETRATOR.

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12. [REDACTED] CHIPOCO REGRETTED LACK OF MOVEMENT ON PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S SEPTEMBER 13 HUMAN RIGHTS DIRECTIVE (REF E), STATING THAT 95 PERCENT OF IT WAS STILL TO BE DONE. FOR EXAMPLE THERE HAD BEEN NO GOP ACTION TO CREATE A SPECIAL HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICE NOR HAD THE GOP APPROACHED THE UN FOR HELP IN PROMOTING HUMAN RIGHTS AS HAD BEEN PROMISED IN THE DIRECTIVE.

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TROUBLE AT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR PEACE  
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13. [REDACTED] COLL EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION OVER THE OUTCOME OF THE NOVEMBER 12 ELECTIONS OF THE FIRST PRESIDENT FOR THE RECENTLY CONSTITUTED NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR PEACE. COLL COMPLAINED THAT FRANCISCO DIEZ CANSECO TAVARA WAS ELECTED IN A "RIDICULOUS MANNER" AND AMID CERTAIN "IRREGULARITIES" WHICH SHE INSISTED MUST BE CLEARED UP OR THE COORDINADORA MIGHT HAVE TO WITHDRAW FROM THE COUNCIL. COLL MAINTAINED THAT MONSIGNOR JOSE DAMMERT BELLIDO WOULD HAVE BEEN THE MOST APPROPRIATE LEADER FOR THE COUNCIL. (COMMENT: FOR GOOD OR ILL THE CHURCH REFUSED TO LET DAMMERT ASSUME THAT ROLE. DIEZ CANSECO WON THE VOTE BY A 36 TO 35 MARGIN AND COLL EVIDENTLY WAS NOT AMONG HIS ADMIRERS. END COMMENT.)

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COMMENT  
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14. [REDACTED] THE MEETING BROUGHT OUT THE BELEAGUERED TONE ONE OFTEN ENCOUNTERS WITH THE COORDINADORA. BARRIOS ALTOS AND FUJIMORI'S INTEMPERATE REMARKS HAVE HEIGHTENED THEIR TENDENCY TO FOCUS ON A GLASS HALF EMPTY. PROGRESS IN ICRC AND EVEN FISCALES ACCESS, THE MILITARY REGISTER OF DETAINEES, THE DIP IN DISAPPEARANCES FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS AND THE UNPRECEDENTED COURT-MARTIALING IN THE SANTA

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