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SENDERO'S GRIZZLY REPLY

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1. (C) SUMMARY: THE LIFE SENTENCE HANDED DOWN ON OCTOBER 7 AGAINST SENDERO FOUNDER ABIMAEEL GUZMAN WAS POPULARLY CHEERED BY ALL SECTORS OF PERUVIAN SOCIETY. IN HIS SENTENCE, THE ANNONYMOUS NAVY JUDGE ACCUSED GUZMAN OF, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE "SYSTEMATIC" USE OF

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"CHILD-BOMBS" AND KILLING PRIESTS, NUNS AND PEASANTS. THE MILITARY TRIBUNAL "RESERVED JUDGMENT" ON TWELVE OTHER SENIOR SENDERO LEADERS CHARGED IN ABSENTIA, INCLUDING SEVERAL SENDERO "AMBASSADORS" LIVING OVERSEAS. A GROUP OF FOREIGN PRO-SENDERO OBSERVERS, WHO CAME TO ENSURE GUZMAN'S "PHYSICAL SAFETY" AND TO WITNESS HIS TRIAL, WENT HOME EMPTY HANDED AMIDST BROAD PUBLIC CONDEMNATION AND CALLS FOR THEIR ARREST AS SENDERO APOLOGISTS OR EXPULSION FROM PERU. A SERIES OF SENDERO TERRORIST ATTACKS IN LIMA ON OCTOBER 7 WERE POSSIBLY AN EARLY BUILD-UP TO ANOTHER "PARO ARMADO." END SUMMARY.

GUZMAN VERDICT: HE GOT WHAT HE DESERVED

2. (U) THE "FACELESS" NAVAL MILITARY JUDGE WHO SENTENCED SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) FOUNDER ABIMAEL

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 GUZMAN TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT ON OCTOBER 7 (REFTEL), FOUND GUZMAN GUILTY, INTER ALIA, OF THE "SYSTEMATIC" USE OF 7 TO 10 YEAR OLDS AS "CHILD-BOMBS"; ASSASSINATING PRIESTS, NUNS, AND FOREIGNERS; USING "CRUEL METHODS" TO KILL HUMBLE CAMPESINOS AND THE SYSTEMATIC DESTRUCTION OF THEIR SCARCE PROPERTY, CROPS AND CATTLE; AND THE "COLD AND METHODICAL" USE OF EXPLOSIVES INCLUDING CAR BOMBS FOR INDISCRIMINATE TERROR IN URBAN AREAS.

3. (U) THE VERDICT WAS OVERWHELMINGLY POPULAR AMONG ALL SECTORS OF PERUVIAN SOCIETY. BROADCAST AND PRINT MEDIA HAILED THE VERDICT AND DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE PRINT SPACE AND AIRTIME TO COMMENTARIES ALMOST UNIVERSALLY SUPPORTIVE OF THE COURTS RULING. CENTER RIGHT DAILY "EXPRESO" HEADLINED "ABIMAEL'S TOMB WILL BE SAN LORENZO" (THE NAVAL STATION WHERE GUZMAN IS BEING KEPT); CENTER LEFT "LA REPUBLICA" BLARED "ABIMAEL NEVER MORE" AND SUBLINED IT WITH "AND JUSTICE WAS DONE." "EL COMERCIO" COMPARED GUZMAN TO POL POT IN AN EDITORIAL THAT TERMED LIFE SENTENCES FOR GUZMAN AND THE OTHER SL LEADERS "JUST" UNDER THE LAW AND "THE MINIMUM" POSSIBLE GIVE THE

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PUBLIC'S CLAMOR FOR THE DEATH SENTENCE.

COURT RESERVES JUDGMENT ON 12 OTHER SL LEADERS

4. (U) THE NAVAL MILITARY JUDGE ALSO "RESERVED
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JUDGMENT" ON TWELVE OTHER SENIOR SENDERO LEADERS
WHO WERE CHARGED IN ABSENTIA, ALONGSIDE GUZMAN,
WITH TREASON AGAINST THE STATE. THE TWELVE
INCLUDE: OSCAR RAMIREZ DURAN (AKA COMRADE
FELICIANO), SENDERO CHIEF FOR AYACUCHO AND THE
SOUTH CENTRAL SIERRA REGION; MARTHA HUATAY (AKA
ROSA OR MARY), HEAD OF THE LIMA BASED SOCORRO
POPULAR (A SENDERO SUPPORT/OPERATIONAL FRONT
ORGANIZATION); TERESA DURAND ARAUJO (AKA DORIS),
CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER. SEVERAL SENDERO
"AMBASSADORS" LIVING OVERSEAS WERE ALSO
INCLUDED: BELGIUM-BASED LUIS ARCE BORJA, HEAD
OF SENDERO'S INTERNATIONAL MOUTHPIECE "EL
DIARIO"; ADOLFO OLEACHEA CAHUAS, BASED IN
LONDON; AND MAXIMILIANO DURAN ARAUJO IN PARIS.

FOREIGN GUZMAN TRIAL "OBSERVERS" HEAD HOME
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5. (U) A GROUP OF FOREIGN PRO-SENDERO OBSERVERS FROM THE U.S., GERMANY, FRANCE AND ENGLAND, THAT HAD ARRIVED LAST WEEK TO ENSURE GUZMAN'S "PHYSICAL SAFETY" AND TO WITNESS THE TRIAL PROCEEDINGS HAVE STARTED TRICKLING BACK HOME. THE TEAM, HEADED BY THE LOS ANGELES-BASED COORDINATOR OF THE COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT THE REVOLUTION IN PERU, ERIBERTO OCASIO, HAD BEEN BOMBARDED BY AN INTENSE PUBLIC OUTCRY DEMANDING THAT THEY BE TRIED AS SENDERO APOLOGISTS OR DEPORTED. PRESIDENT FUJIMORI MAGNANIMOUSLY ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE DEPORTED NOR ARRESTED BECAUSE PERU WAS A FREE COUNTRY AND THEY HAD A RIGHT TO THEIR OWN (ERRONEOUS) VIEWS. HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, ALLOW THEM TO ATTEND THE TRIAL OR SEE GUZMAN, CLAIMING THE GROUP HAD NO RIGHT TO INTERVENE IN DOMESTIC PERUVIAN MATTERS.

SENDERO CONTINUES VIOLENCE

6. (U) SENDERO HAS CONTINUED ITS CAMPAIGN OF VIOLENCE. EARLY ON OCTOBER 7, IN POSSIBLE

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RESPONSE TO THE GUZMAN SENTENCING, AN ESTIMATED
15 SENDERISTAS AMBUSHED AIR FORCE PERSONNEL
BUYING SUPPLIES AT A WHOLE SALE FOOD MARKET IN

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LIMA'S LA VICTORIA SECTOR, KILLING AN OFFICER
AND THREE OTHERS. A POLICEMAN RESPONDING TO THE
ATTACK WAS ALSO GUNNED DOWN. AN AIRMAN AND ONE
CIVILIAN WERE WOUNDED. AT THE SAME TIME,
ANOTHER SL HIT SQUAD ASSASSINATED A POLICE
CAPTAIN IN LIMA'S COMAS DISTRICT AS HE WAS
DROPPING OFF HIS DAUGHTER AT SCHOOL. AT 10:00,
THREE STICKS OF DYNAMITE EXPLODED IN CENTRAL
LIMA AND THERE WERE UNCONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS OF
AT LEAST THREE OTHER SMALL EXPLOSIONS IN CENTRAL
LIMA DURING THE MORNING, LEAVING AT LEAST ONE
PERSON INJURED. AT 22:30 HOMEMADE TIME-DELAYED
FIREBOMBS CAUSED CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO A BINGO
HALL AND A DEPARTMENT STORE IN LIMA'S EXCLUSIVE
"CAMINO REAL" SHOPPING MALL, IN THE UP-SCALE SAN
ISIDRO NEIGHBORHOOD. AT 09:00 ON OCTOBER 8
THERE WERE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT A POLICE
MAJOR HAD BEEN ASSASSINATED IN LA VICTORIA.

7. (C) COMMENT: PERUVIANS ARE GOVERNED NOW BY
TWO THOUGHTS: ELATION AT GUZMAN'S SPEEDY
SENTENCING AND WAITING FOR THE OTHER SHOE TO
DROP. THE "WAVE" OF VIOLENCE NOW OCCURRING IS
NOT MUCH ABOVE THE NORMAL RATE OF SENDERO
KILLING. AT WORST, IT LOOKS LIKE THE EARLY
BUILD-UP TO A "PARO ARMADO." IT IS NOT A
RESPONSE WORTHY OF THE CAPTURE OF THE "FOURTH
SWORD OF THE REVOLUTION." BRAYSHAW##

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