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SUBJECT: AYACUCHO MAYOR ON HUAYLLAO MASSACRE

1. SUMMARY: THE MAYOR OF TAMBO, AYACUCHO,

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SAID SENDERO ATTACKED HUAYLLAO -- KILLING 48
CAMPESEINOS ON OCTOBER 10 -- BECAUSE IT WAS ON
THE EXPOSED EDGE OF THE LOCAL RONDA NETWORK,
WITH NO MEANS OF EVEN CALLING HELP, MUCH LESS
RECEIVING IT. MUNOZ DESCRIBED SECURITY IN THE
AREA AS POOR, WITH LITTLE COOPERATION BETWEEN
THE SMALL MILITARY DETACHMENT AND THE SMALLER,
DRUG-CORRUPTED POLICE POST. END SUMMARY.

SL MASSACRE: HUAYLLAO WAS VULNERABLE

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2. (U) FELIX MUNOZ CONDORI, MAYOR OF TAMBO, IN LA MAR PROVINCE, AYACUCHO DEPARTMENT, VISITED POLOFF ON OCTOBER 16. TAMBO IS IN ONE OF THE MOST HEAVILY CONTESTED AREAS OF THE PERUVIAN HIGHLANDS, SOME FIVE KILOMETERS AWAY FROM HUAYLLAO, WHERE A SENDERO COLUMN KILLED AT LEAST 48 PEASANTS ON OCTOBER 10. MUNOZ, A FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE LOCAL RONDA ORGANIZATION (COMITE DE AUTO-DEFENSA CIVIL) SAID THAT SENDERO HAD TARGETED HUAYLLAO BECAUSE IT WAS ON THE EDGE OF THE LOCAL RONDA NETWORK, AND SL KNEW HUAYLLAO HAD NO MEANS OF CALLING FOR OUTSIDE HELP. MUNOZ ADDED THAT HE HAD IRONICALLY COME TO LIMA A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE MASSACRE SPECIFICALLY TO LOBBY THE GOVERNMENT FOR MORE ASSISTANCE FOR THE RONDAS, INCLUDING RADIOS AND SHOTGUNS.

3. (U) UPON LEARNING OF THE ATTACK, MUNOZ IMMEDIATELY SET ABOUT VISITING NEWSPAPERS AND

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TELEVISION STATIONS TO DENOUNCE THE MASSACRE AND HIGHLIGHT THE RONDEROS' NEED FOR MORE RESOURCES. DESPITE THE MASSACRE, MUNOZ WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT RECEIVING ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT AID FOR THE RONDAS, ADDING WITH A RESIGNED SHRUG THAT IF HUAYLLAO HAD HAD A RADIO AT LEAST THEY COULD HAVE CALLED FOR HELP. MUNOZ WAS GRATEFUL FOR ICRC HELP FOR THE VICTIMS OF HUAYLLAO.

TAMBO: PRECARIOUS SAFETY

4. [REDACTED] MUNOZ DESCRIBED TAMBO AS A TOWN OF SOME 6,000 PERSONS, 75 PERCENT OF WHOM ARE "DISPLACED PERSONS." THE REFUGEES CAME TO TAMBO SEEKING THE RELATIVE SAFETY OF TAMBO'S 20 MAN POLICE POST AND 40 MAN MILITARY DETACHMENT. HOWEVER, THE SECURITY WAS "LESS THAN IT APPEARED." MUNOZ SAID THE POLICE AND THE MILITARY DO NOT COOPERATE WITH EACH OTHER AND NEITHER OF THEM ARE WELL EQUIPPED. THE MILITARY AND POLICE HAVE

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ONE VEHICLE EACH AND THESE OFTEN DO NOT WORK. AT LEAST, MUNOZ SAID, THE RONDAS ARE ACTIVE AND PATROL OCCASSIONALLY WITH THE ARMY.

DRUG TRAFFICKING IN TAMBO

5. [REDACTED] TAMBO SURVIVES PRIMARILY THROUGH SUBSISTENCE AGRICULTURE, BUT ALSO SITS ASTRIDE THE MAIN ROAD INTO THE "SELVA" FROM AYACUCHO AND [REDACTED]

PAGE 04 LIMA 13760 01 OF 02 202135Z WAS THE STRATEGIC CROSS-ROADS BETWEEN THE MAJOR DISTRICTS IN THAT PART OF LA MAR AND HUANTA PROVINCES. MUCH OF THE COMMERCE PASSING THROUGH TAMBO TO THE SELVA CONSISTED OF PRECURSOR CHEMICALS FOR COCA PASTE PRODUCTION. FOR MUNOZ, MOST OF THE POLICE IN TAMBO MADE THEIR LIVING OFF BRIBES FROM THE PRECURSOR CHEMICAL TRAFFIC, WITH ONLY A FEW "GOOD OFFICERS" AS EXCEPTIONS.

6. [REDACTED] ASKED FURTHER ABOUT DRUG TRAFFICKING, MUNOZ OPINED THAT LITTLE COCA PRODUCT, IF ANY, WENT BACK TOWARDS THE COAST BY ROAD -- IT WAS FASTER AND SAFER TO FLY IT OUT OF THE JUNGLE. THE TAMBO TO AYACUCHO ROAD WAS DANGEROUS, WITH FREQUENT SENDERO ROADBLOCKS AND AMBUSHES. THE SAFEST TIMES TO TRAVEL WERE BETWEEN 9 AM AND 2 [REDACTED]

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PM, WHEN SENDERO "RESTED" AND USUALLY AVOIDED

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POSSIBLE MILITARY PATROLS. AFTER 2 PM, THE ARMY
WENT BACK TO ITS BARRACKS AND SENDERO CAME OUT.
NORMALLY, THE SENDERISTAS ONLY STOLE THINGS FROM
TRAVELERS BUT WOULD RESORT TO VIOLENCE IF
TRAVELERS TRIED TO EVADE THE ROAD BLOCKS OR
RESISTED SENDERO'S REQUISITIONS. FOOD AND SALT
WERE ESPECIALLY PRIZED BY SENDERO.

WHY MUNOZ CAME IN FROM TAMBO

7. (U) MUNOZ ASKED POLOFF FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE
FOR A NEW THERMAL ELECTRICAL PLANT FOR TAMBO.
SENDERO HAD DESTROYED A HYDRO-ELECTRIC PLANT
THAT HAD SERVICED TAMBO AND THE DISTRICT CAPITAL
OF SAN MIGUEL IN FEBRUARY, 1990. THE HYDRO
PLANT HAD BEEN 6 KILOMETERS OUTSIDE OF TAMBO,
TOWARDS SAN MIGUEL, AND WAS INDEFENSIBLE AGAINST
FURTHER ATTACKS. MUNOZ WANTS TO PUT THE THERMAL
PLANT NEAR THE MILITARY BARRACKS IN TAMBO IN
ORDER TO PROTECT IT. POLOFF TOLD MUNOZ IT WAS

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