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A VIEW FROM HUANCAYO

1. [REDACTED] - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. SUMMARY: SENDERO ATTACKS HAVE DROPPED IN THE CENTRAL MOUNTAINS NEAR LIMA, A "RED ZONE" SINCE 1988. MILITARY AND POLICE ATTRIBUTE THIS TO ARMY USE OF CIVIL DEFENSE GROUPS, CIVIC ACTION, AND GUERRILLAS' PREFERENCE FOR THE NEW COCA-GROWING AREAS NEAR THE ENE RIVER. GOP

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PROSECUTORS AND HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS ATTRIBUTE THE DROP IN PART TO A RECENT ARMY/POLICE OFFENSIVE AGAINST SENDERISTAS IN HUANCAYO'S UNIVERSITY, IN WHICH 30 STUDENTS HAVE DISAPPEARED; 20 BODIES TURNED UP WITH SIGNS OF TORTURE. THE ARMY AND POLICE BLAME THE DEATHS (UNCONVINCINGLY) ON FEUDS BETWEEN SENDERO AND THE MRTA. WE SAW LITTLE EVIDENCE THAT HUANCAYO RESIDENTS ARE INTERESTED IN THE CCD ELECTIONS; THE ECONOMY AND SECURITY ATTRACT MUCH MORE ATTENTION, BUT THESE ISSUES ARE DICTATED BY LIMA, THE ARMY, OR THE GUERRILLAS. END SUMMARY.

HUANCAYO--RISE IN VIOLENCE SINCE 1988

3. THE POST-1988 INCREASE IN GUERRILLA ACTIVITY IN HUANCAYO HAS BEEN AN IMPORTANT PART OF SL'S ENCIRCLEMENT OF LIMA. DUE EAST OF LIMA, HUANCAYO IS CAPITAL OF THE CACERES REGION (EX

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PAGE 03 LIMA 14056 01 OF 04 272136Z DEPARTMENTS OF JUNIN, PASCO, AND MOST OF HUANUCO) THAT PROVIDES LIMA SOME OF ITS FOOD (THE MANTARO RIVER VALLEY) AND ITS MINERAL EXPORTS, AND MORE RECENTLY, COCA PASTE. SIX HOURS AWAY ON A TWISTING MOUNTAIN ROAD, HUANCAYO IS HOME TO THE ARMY 31ST INFANTRY DIVISION, THE POLICE'S EIGHTH REGION, AND TO PART OF SL'S CENTRAL REGION. AS PART OF EMBASSY'S EFFORT TO GET PERSPECTIVES FROM OUTSIDE THE CAPITAL, POLCOUNS AND CONSOFF TRAVELLED BY LAND TO HUANCAYO ON OCTOBER 22-24. THEY SPOKE WITH MEMBERS OF THE ARMY, POLICE, HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS, GOVERNMENT PROSECUTORS, AND THE MAYOR OF HUANCAYO.

ARMY BELIEVES SL IS WEAKER

4. GEN. RODRIGUEZ, WHO COMMANDS THE ARMY'S 31ST INFANTRY DIVISION AND WHO IS THE REGION'S POLITICAL-MILITARY COMMANDER, SAID SL MAIN FORCE

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STRENGTH IN THE MOUNTAINOUS AREAS OF THE CACERES REGION HAD DROPPED TO ABOUT 80 PERSONS, DIVIDED INTO SEVERAL GROUPS. (HE OFFERED NO ESTIMATE ON SL LOCAL FORCE STRENGTH AND PARTY CADRE.) SL STILL HAD 200-300 PERSONS IN THE LOWER JUNGLE AREAS SOUTH OF SATIPO; THE MRTA HAD A SIMILAR NUMBER IN THE JUNGLE NORTH OF SATIPO. IT WAS NO COINCIDENCE, HE SAID, THAT FARMERS IN THE JUNGLE HAD GREATLY INCREASED COCA GROWING IN THESE AREAS. RODRIGUEZ SAID HE SENT HIS BEST OFFICERS

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TO THE JUNGLE. (A COMMANDO OFFICER TOLD US SEPARATELY THAT THE ARMY USES LONG RANGE PATROLS AGAINST THE GUERRILLAS IN THE JUNGLE. PATROLS LAST ONE-TWO WEEKS, AND CONSIST USUALLY OF TWO OFFICERS, SIX NCOS, AND FOUR ENLISTED PERSONNEL.)

ROLE OF THE RONDAS

5. RODRIGUEZ SAID THAT SL WAS STILL ACTIVE IN THE MOUNTAINS--THE GROUP HAD KILLED SOME 16 MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES IN 1992--BUT THAT RONDAS CAMPESINAS (PEASANT SELF-DEFENSE PATROLS) HAD BLUNTED SL'S INITIATIVE. WHEN HE HAD ASSUMED COMMAND IN JANUARY 1992 FROM GEN. PEREZ, THERE WERE 21,000 RONDEROS (RONDA MEMBERS); NOW THERE

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 WERE 43,000 RONDEROS IN SOME 200 RONDAS.
 UNFORTUNATELY, THERE WERE ONLY 1,900 SHOTGUNS
 FOR THE RONDAS, AND NO RADIOS--THE RONDAS USED
 MESSENGERS TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE NEAREST ARMY
 BASE. THERE WAS LIMITED HELICOPTER SUPPORT
 AVAILABLE IN THE JUNGLE, BUT APPARENTLY NONE IN
 THE MOUNTAINS. ANOTHER ARMY OFFICER TOLD US
 SEPARATELY THAT THE ARMY USED THE RONDAS AS
 SCOUTS, AND OFTEN CARRIED OUT JOINT PATROLS WITH
 THE RONDAS. (THE HUMAN RIGHTS FISCAL TOLD US
 LATER THAT COMPLAINTS OF RONDA HUMAN RIGHTS
 VIOLATIONS HAD DROPPED TO NEARLY ZERO IN 1992.)
 SWEEPS IN THE CITY

6. THE ARMY COMPLEMENTED THIS WITH SWEEPS OF
 THE POORER SECTIONS OF HUANCAYO. AFTER TAKING A
 CENSUS OF EACH NEIGHBORHOOD, THE ARMY WOULD
 DISTRIBUTE FOOD PROVIDED BY THE GOP'S PRONAA
 OFFICE.

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CONTROLLING SL IN THE UNIVERSITY

7. RODRIGUEZ POINTED PROUDLY TO HIS CONTROL OF THE PERUVIAN CENTRAL UNIVERSITY (UNCP) IN HUANCAYO. IN JANUARY THE ARMY HAD BEGUN A CENSUS OF THE UNCP, ISSUING IDENTIFICATION CARDS TO ALL 15,000 STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS. IT ALSO STATIONED TROOPS AT THE UNCP'S ENTRANCES. SUBSEQUENTLY RODRIGUEZ CAJOLED THE MAYOR AND

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BUSINESSMEN TO DONATE PAINT TO COVER ALL THE SL AND MRTA GRAFFITI AT THE UNIVERSITY. RODRIGUEZ CLAIMED THESE MEASURES HAD DEPRIVED SL AND THE MRTA OF ITS SANCTUARY AND ACCESS TO RECRUITS. (MANY UNCP'S STUDENTS COME FROM VILLAGES IN THE CACERES REGION AND FROM HUANCVELICA AND AYACUCHO.)

ALLEGATIONS OF ARMY VIOLATIONS

8. ACCORDING TO HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS, THE ARMY AND POLICE HAVE DONE MORE, RESORTING TO DISAPPEARANCES AND EXECUTIONS. WHILE THERE HAD LONG BEEN A DISAPPEARANCE/EXECUTION PROBLEM, IT HAD INCREASED RECENTLY, ACCORDING TO

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BETWEEN AUGUST 11 AND SEPTEMBER 29, 20 UNCP STUDENTS WERE ABDUCTED BY ARMED, MASKED PERSONS IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE CITY. MOST OF THE STUDENTS WERE STUDENT FEDERATION AUTHORITIES, AND THE GENERAL SENSE OF OUR CONTACTS WAS THAT THESE STUDENTS WERE SENDERISTAS. ANOTHER 10 STUDENTS REPORTEDLY HAVE BEEN ABDUCTED SINCE THEN. ELEVEN OF THE 20 STUDENTS TURNED UP DEAD, THEIR BODIES BEARING SIGNS OF BURNS AND ELECTRIC SHOCKS. ON OCTOBER 19, EIGHT BODIES APPEARED NEAR JAUJA (ONE HOUR FROM HUANCAYO); THE VICTIMS WERE HUANCAYO PEDDLERS, SOME OF WHOM HAD CRIMINAL RECORDS. (NOTE: THESE FACTS HAVE BEEN

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ARMY BLAMES VIOLENCE ON SL-MRTA STRUGGLE

9. [REDACTED] SPECULATED THAT THE
DISAPPEARANCES WERE AN ARMY RESPONSE TO THE JULY
7 ASSASSINATIONS BY S# OF A SOLDIER GUARDING THE
UNCP, AND OF ANOTHER SOLDIER NEAR THE ARMY BASE
IN HUANCAYO. POLICE GEN. VASQUEZ Y RIOS
INSISTED TO US (IN FACT, HE RAISED THE ISSUE)
THAT THE KILLINGS WERE THE RESULT OF AN SL-MRTA
FEUD, AND SHOWED A PURPORTED SL DOCUMENT BLAMING
THE MRTA FOR THE KILLINGS. WHEN POLCOUNS
COMMENTED THAT THERE WAS ALMOST NO PRECEDENT FOR
SL-MRTA STRIFE OUTSIDE THE UPPER HUALLAGA, THE
GENERAL SPECULATED THAT SL COULD HAVE KILLED

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STUDENTS ABOUT TO DEFECT. HUANCAYO'S SENIOR
FISCAL ALSO SUPPORTED THE IDEA OF AN SL-MRTA
FEUD, BUT [REDACTED] (WHO WAS IN THE SAME MEETING)
POINTEDLY DID NOT BACK HIM UP. [REDACTED]
WHO WORKS IN THE HUAMANCCACA PRISON, TOLD US
THAT TENSION BETWEEN SL AND MRTA PRISONERS HAD
NOT RISEN RECENTLY; IF SL AND MRTA WERE KILLING
EACH OTHER, SHE SAID THE PRISONERS WOULD HAVE
FOLLOWED SUIT. (COMMENT: AND SO WOULD SL AND
THE MRTA OUTSIDE HUANCAYO.)

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10. POLCOUNS ASKED COL. SANCHEZ, GEN.
RODRIGUEZ' DEPUTY, WHAT THE IMPACT OF THE
DISAPPEARANCES AND DEATHS WOULD HAVE ON SL.
SANCHEZ PAUSED, SAID THE QUESTION WAS EXCELLENT,
AND THEN SAID HE PREFERRED TO ANSWER THIS WAY:
THAT STUDENTS HAD TOLD JOURNALISTS THAT IT WAS A
TRAGEDY THAT THEIR FELLOW STUDENTS HAD DIED, BUT
THAT THE LATTER HAD CHOSEN THE WRONG PATH.
POLICE ANTI-TERRORISM CHIEF COMMANDER ENRIQUEZ
SAID THAT THE DEATHS WOULD HURT SL, ESPECIALLY
IN THE CITY.

11. [REDACTED] SAID THE DISAPPEARANCES HAD
INCREASED THE AVERAGE CITIZEN'S FEAR OF THE
GOVERNMENT. NOT SO, SAID MAYOR PEDRO MORALES
MANSILLA (ACCION POPULAR). HUANCAYO RESIDENTS
HAD BECOME INURED TO EACH STEP OF THE WAR--THE
BOMBINGS, THEN THE BLACKOUTS, NOW THE
DISAPPEARANCES. THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE, OTHER
THAN PERSONAL SECURITY, WAS THE ECONOMY.

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MORALES (WHO AS A GOOD AP MEMBER IS FIERCELY
OPPOSED TO FUJIMORI AND THE POST-COUP SITUATION)
BLAMED THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT FOR NEGLECTING THE
PROVINCES. HUANCAYO PRODUCED LIMA'S
ELECTRICITY, BUT SUFFERED MORE SEVERE POWER
RATIONING THAN LIMA DID.

LITTLE INTEREST IN CCD CAMPAIGN

12. MORALES SAID THAT GOP CCD CANDIDATE JAIME
YOSHIYAMA WOULD ATTRACT VOTES IN THE REGION AS
HE CAME FROM HUANCAYO. HE HAD, HOWEVER, DONE
NOTHING FOR THE REGION WHILE IN THE GOP.
MORALES SAID THAT ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, YOSHIYAMA
COULD GET A LARGE CHUNK OF THE 250,000 VOTES IN
HUANCAYO, AND THE REMAINING 500,000 IN THE REST
OF THE REGION. THERE WAS, HOWEVER, LITTLE
PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE CCD ELECTIONS.
MEANINGFUL DAY-TO-DAY DECISIONS WERE CARRIED OUT
EITHER BY THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OR BY THE
POLITICAL-MILITARY COMMAND. MORALES ARGUED THAT
THE USG SHOULD PROVIDE MORE OF ITS BILATERAL
ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE MUNICIPALITIES, SINCE
THEY WERE CLOSER TO THE PEOPLE AND ALSO THE ONLY
TRULY DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED AUTHORITIES IN THE
COUNTRY.

13. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE IT IS LIKELY THAT
ARMY, POSSIBLY WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE
POLICE, CARRIED OUT THE DISAPPEARANCES AND
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EXECUTIONS OF THE MISSING STUDENTS. IT IS HARD
TO BELIEVE, HAVING VISITED HUANCAYO, THAT
TERRORISTS WOULD DARE CARRY OUT SUCH ACTIONS
NIGHT AFTER NIGHT UNDER THE NOSES OF THE ARMY.
SL IS CAPABLE OF KILLING ITS OWN MEMBERS TO
ENSURE DISCIPLINE, BUT THE SHEER NUMBERS, AS
WELL AS THE FACT THAT THE VICTIMS WERE ABDUCTED,
NOT JUST EXECUTED, ARGUES AGAINST THAT THEORY.

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THE VERSION THAT SL AND MRTA ARE FIGHTING IT OUT DOES NOT HOLD WATER EITHER. A FIGHT OF THIS PROPORTION HAS NOT BEEN SEEN OUTSIDE THE UPPER HUALLAGA. FURTHERMORE, THE MAJORITY IF NOT ALL OF THE DISAPPEARED BELONGED TO SL, NOTWITHSTANDING SL'S STRENGTH IN THE CITY AND THE UNCP RELATIVE TO THE MRTA. AN SL-MRTA FEUD OF THESE PROPORTIONS WOULD SPREAD BEYOND HUANCAYO; THERE IS NO EVIDENCE IT HAS DONE SO.

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