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1. (U) SUMMARY/OVERVIEW: WITHOUT DOUBT THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TERRORIST-RELATED EVENT IN PERU IN 1992 WAS THE SEPTEMBER 12 ARREST IN LIMA OF SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) FOUNDER AND LEADER ABIMAEI

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GUZMAN AND SEVERAL OTHER TOP ECHELON MEMBERS OF THE GROUP. THE ARRESTS, CONDUCTED BY THE PERUVIAN NATIONAL POLICE COUNTERTERRORISM DIRECTORATE (DINCOTE), WERE THE MOST SERIOUS SINGLE BLOW AGAINST SENDERO SINCE THE MAOIST GROUP BEGAN ITS BLOODY INSURGENCY OVER 12 YEARS AGO. PERU'S OTHER LEFTWING TERRORIST GROUP, THE CASTROITE TUPAC AMARU REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MRTA), WAS CONSIDERABLY LESS ACTIVE THAN SL. ITS LEADER, VICTOR POLAY, WAS ALSO ARRESTED IN 1992. DESPITE SCORING SOME SPORADIC SUCCESSES, MRTA WAS RIVEN BY INTERNAL STRIFE.

2. (U) THE LOSS OF GUZMAN DEPRIVED SL OF ITS CHIEF IDEOLOGUE AND STRATEGIST, WHILE THE SIMULTANEOUS APPREHENSION OF OTHER SENIOR SENDERO LEADERS EXACERBATED THE GROUP'S LEADERSHIP CRISIS. DINCOTE, WITH THE AID OF SL DOCUMENTS SEIZED FROM GUZMAN'S SAFEHOUSE, CONTINUED TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT ARRESTS. IN

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OCTOBER AUTHORITIES CAPTURED THE LEADER OF "SOCORRO POPULAR" (PEOPLES' AID), A KEY SL ORGANIZATION IN LIMA. THE ARRESTS OF LEADING SENDERISTAS PROVIDED A MUCH-NEEDED PSYCHOLOGICAL BOOST TO MANY PERUVIANS WHO HAD COME TO SEE SL AS NEARLY INVINCIBLE.

3. (U) THE DECAPITATION OF SL, HOWEVER, WAS NOT A PANACEA. VIOLENCE CONTINUED AT SIGNIFICANT LEVELS AS THE GROUP RETAINED FORMIDABLE CAPABILITIES AND A STEADY INCOME FROM ITS EXPLOITATION OF THE ILLICIT COCA TRADE. STILL, THE REMOVAL OF GUZMAN PROBABLY PREVENTED SL FROM IMPLEMENTING PLANS FOR A DRAMATIC ESCALATION OF TERRORISM, PARTICULARLY IN LIMA, IN LATE 1992. IN CONTRAST TO A SUCCESSFUL ARMED STRIKE (PARO ARMADO) IN JULY -- IN WHICH SL VIOLENCE AND INTIMIDATION VIRTUALLY BROUGHT LIMA TO A TEMPORARY STANDSTILL -- A SIMILAR ATTEMPT IN LATE NOVEMBER HAD MUCH LESS IMPACT.

4. (U) WHETHER SL CAN FULLY RECOVER IN THE

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LONG RUN FROM ITS LEADERSHIP LOSS DEPENDS ON A HOST OF FACTORS: THE GROUP'S COHESION; THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO SUSTAIN A COORDINATED POLITICAL-MILITARY STRATEGY AGAINST SL IN THE CITIES AND THE COUNTRYSIDE; AND ITS ABILITY TO ADDRESS ISSUES SUCH AS GRINDING POVERTY AND RACIAL TENSIONS, WHICH AIDED THE DEVELOPMENT OF SL.

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5. (U) DESPITE THE GUZMAN ARREST, 1992 WILL ALSO BE REMEMBERED AS A YEAR IN WHICH SL WAS EXTREMELY ACTIVE IN THE CAPITAL, ESPECIALLY WITH THE USE OF POWERFUL CARBOMBS IN MORE AFFLUENT NEIGHBORHOODS.

-- ON MAY 22 A VAN BOMB CONTAINING 300-500 KILOGRAMS OF DYNAMITE EXPLODED AT A COMMERCIAL CENTER IN SAN ISIDRO, KILLING ONE AND WOUNDING 13.

-- ON JUNE 5 A TRUCKBOMB CONTAINING 600 KILOGRAMS OF EXPLOSIVES DEMOLISHED A TELEVISION STATION IN SAN JESUS, KILLING FIVE AND WOUNDING NEARLY 30.

-- ON JULY 16 A CARBOMB ALSO CARRYING 600 KILOGRAMS OF EXPLOSIVES BLEW UP IN MIRAFLORES,

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KILLING 18 AND WOUNDING MORE THAN 100.

-- ON JULY 22 A 250-KILOGRAM CARBOMB DESTROYED THE BOLIVIAN EMBASSY IN SAN ISIDRO, INJURING 15.

-- ON NOVEMBER 17 A CARBOMB CARRYING 250 KILOGRAMS OF EXPLOSIVES WENT OFF IN MIRAFLORES KILLING THREE AND INJURING ROUGHLY 20.

6. (U) SL CARBOMB "SPECTACULARS" IN UP-SCALE LIMA DISTRICTS GARNERED EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY IN PERU AND ABROAD AND STRENGTHENED SL'S CREDENTIALS AS SOUTH AMERICA'S MOST RUTHLESS TERRORIST GROUP. BUT THE ORGANIZATION ALSO CONTINUED TO USE SELECTIVE ASSASSINATIONS TO INTIMIDATE LIMA'S POORER NEIGHBORHOODS (PUEBLOS

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JOVENES) THAT SURROUND MOST OF THE CAPITAL. ON FEBRUARY 15 IN THE SHANTYTOWN OF VILLA EL SALVADOR, AN SL ASSASSINATION SQUAD SHOT A POPULAR MODERATE LEADER IN THE PRESENCE OF HER CHILDREN. THE TERRORISTS THEN PLACED DYNAMITE ON HER CHEST AND BLEW HER CORPSE TO PIECES, FOR SHOCK EFFECT. TERRORISM ALSO REMAINED A FREQUENT SL TACTIC IN THE COUNTRYSIDE AS WELL. ON OCTOBER 10, SL MASSACRED NEARLY 50 PEASANTS IN HUAYLLAO IN AYACUCHO DEPARTMENT. THE VICTIMS

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PAGE 03 LIMA 15257 02 OF 06 272337Z INCLUDED THE ELDERLY, WOMEN AND CHILDREN. IT WAS THE WORST SL ATROCITY AGAINST A RURAL VILLAGE SINCE 1983.

7. (U) WHILE SL IS BY FAR PERU'S LEADING HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSER, SOME OF PERU'S COUNTERTERRORISM GAINS IN 1992 CAME AT THE EXPENSE OF VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS, ESPECIALLY IN RURAL AREAS, BUT ALSO IN LIMA. THE CONTINUING PATTERN OF MILITARY AND POLICE ABUSES SUGGESTS THAT THEY ARE TACITLY ENCOURAGED BY SOME SENIOR LEADERS OF THOSE ORGANIZATIONS. PRESIDENT ALBERTO FUJIMORI PUBLICLY STRESSED THE NEED FOR SECURITY FORCES TO IMPROVE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN 1992, BUT HE ALSO AT TIMES SHARPLY CRITICIZED INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS AS APOLOGISTS FOR TERRORISM.

8. (U) AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, THE VAST MAJORITY OF TERRORIST ATTACKS WERE DIRECTED AGAINST PERUVIAN TARGETS. THROUGH OCTOBER, AN ESTIMATED 1,242 TERRORIST ATTACKS OF VARIOUS ORIGINS HAD CLAIMED 1,270 CIVILIAN LIVES, ACCORDING TO THE RESPECTED PERUVIAN ORGANIZATION, "INSTITUTE FOR THE CONSTITUTION AND SOCIETY." SL WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LION'S SHARE OF THESE GRIM STATISTICS.

9. (U) SL AND MRTA ASSAULTS AGAINST FOREIGN TARGETS (I.E. INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST ATTACKS) DECLINED IN 1992 FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR. THERE

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 WERE SIGNIFICANTLY FEWER ANTI-US ATTACKS THIS  
 YEAR AS COMPARED TO 1991, WHEN THE PERSIAN GULF  
 WAR ACTED AS A CATALYST FOR "ANTI-IMPERIALIST"  
 SENTIMENT. ADDITIONALLY, MRTA, WHICH  
 TRADITIONALLY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MOST ANTI-US  
 ATTACKS WAS IN DISARRAY. NO AMERICANS DIED AS A  
 RESULT OF TERRORISM IN PERU IN 1992.  
 NEVERTHELESS, NEITHER GROUP IGNORED US TARGETS  
 THIS YEAR. FOR EXAMPLE, ON FEBRUARY 11, SL  
 CARRIED OUT ITS BOLDEST ANTI-US ATTACK TO DATE  
 WITH THE CARBOMBING OF THE US AMBASSADOR'S  
 RESIDENCE IN LIMA. THREE PERUVIAN POLICE DIED  
 AND ONE WAS WOUNDED. ON 10 OCTOBER, MRTA  
 MEMBERS FIRED MORTARS AT THE U.S. AMBASSADOR'S  
 RESIDENCE. IN LATE NOVEMBER, MRTA BOMBED A US  
 EMBASSY WAREHOUSE, BUT THERE WERE NO INJURIES.  
 END SUMMARY/OVERVIEW.

10. (U) THE FOLLOWING RESPONSES ARE KEYED TO  
 DEPARTMENT TASKER, REFTEL A.

A: SIGNIFICANT PROSECUTIONS  
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11. (U) IN 1992 THE GOP DID NOT CONDUCT ANY PROSECUTIONS OF NON-PERUVIANS WHO HAD CARRIED OUT ACTS OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.

12. (U) THE PAST YEAR, HOWEVER, WITNESSED A NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT ARRESTS AND PROSECUTIONS OF PERUVIAN TERRORISTS -- MANY OF WHOM WERE FROM THE TOP RANKS OF SL AND MRTA.

13. (U) THE MOST IMPORTANT PROSECUTION WAS THE LIFE SENTENCE HANDED DOWN ON OCTOBER 7 BY AN ANONYMOUS NAVAL JUDGE AGAINST SL'S GUZMAN. IN A SECRET TRIAL, GUZMAN WAS CONVICTED OF A LONG LIST OF CHARGES INCLUDING TREASON AGAINST THE STATE AND THE "COLD AND METHODICAL" USE OF EXPLOSIVES, INCLUDING CARBOMBS, FOR INDISCRIMINATE TERROR IN URBAN AREAS. GUZMAN, WHO REPORTEDLY NEVER DENIED HIS OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR SENDERO'S VIOLENCE, SHOWED NO SIGNS OF PHYSICAL ABUSE AT THE HANDS OF AUTHORITIES. THE SELF-PROCLAIMED "FOURTH SWORD OF MARXISM" -- A REFERENCE TO GUZMAN'S EQUAL

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STANDING WITH MARX, LENIN AND MAO -- IS  
PRESENTLY INCARCERATED UNDER MAXIMUM SECURITY  
CONDITIONS AT A PERUVIAN NAVAL FACILITY ON THE  
ISLAND OF SAN LORENZO, JUST OFF THE COAST NEAR  
LIMA. MILITARY JUDGES ALSO GAVE LIFE SENTENCES  
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TO SEVERAL OF THE TOP SL LEADERS ARRESTED WITH  
GUZMAN, INCLUDING ELENA IPARRAGUIRRE, LAURA  
ZAMBRANO, AND MARIA PANTOJA. IN NOVEMBER, MARTA  
HUATAY, LEADER OF SENDERO'S SOCORRO POPULAR,  
RECEIVED A LIFE SENTENCE AND WAS SENT TO A JAIL  
IN PUNO DEPARTMENT.

14. (U) FOLLOWING HIS RECAPTURE IN JUNE 1992  
-- HE HAD ESCAPED FROM JAIL IN JULY 1990 -- MRTA  
LEADER VICTOR POLAY WAS TRIED FOR TERRORISM  
UNDER A CIVILIAN COURT AND RECEIVED A LIFE  
SENTENCE, WHICH HE IS CURRENTLY SERVING IN PUNO  
DEPARTMENT. MRTA'S OPERATIONS CHIEF FOR LIMA,  
PETER CARDENAS, ALSO RECEIVED A SIMILAR LIFE  
SENTENCE.

B: EXTRADITIONS  
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15. (U) THE GOP DID NOT EXTRADITE ANY  
TERRORISTS DURING 1992.

16. (U) THE GOP, HOWEVER, FOCUSED INCREASED  
ATTENTION ON SL SYMPATHIZERS AND SO-CALLED  
"ENVOYS" ABROAD, WHOSE ACTIVITIES PRIMARILY  
INCLUDE DISSEMINATION OF PROPAGANDA, POLITICAL  
DEMONSTRATIONS AND FUND RAISING. IN A SEPTEMBER  
16 PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE PERUVIAN MILITARY  
SUPREME COURT, PRESIDENT ALBERTO FUJIMORI ISSUED  
A LENGTHY PUBLIC LIST OF ALLEGED SYMPATHIZERS  
AND THEIR LOCATIONS OVERSEAS. HE ACCUSED THEM  
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OF WORKING ON BEHALF OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION

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AND FLOATED THE IDEA OF REVOKING THE CITIZENSHIP OF THE SL SYMPATHIZERS.

17. (U) ON OCTOBER 15 THE MILITARY SUPREME COURT ORDERED COMMENCEMENT OF LAW PROCEEDINGS AGAINST A NUMBER OF SL "ENVOYS" IN ABSENTIA. THE PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY REPORTED THAT AS OF LATE NOVEMBER NO FORMAL EXTRADITION REQUESTS HAD YET BEEN MADE, BUT THAT UNDER DECREE LAW 25728, ISSUED THIS YEAR, LEGAL PREPARATIONS WERE UNDERWAY WITHIN THE PERUVIAN JUDICIAL SYSTEM TO FILE REQUESTS AGAINST INDIVIDUALS ABROAD WHO CONDUCT ACTIVITIES IN FAVOR OF PERUVIAN TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS. ACCORDING TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, EXTRADITION REQUESTS ARE IN TRAIN FOR SL SYMPATHIZERS IN NINE WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, CANADA, THE US AND BOLIVIA. UNFORTUNATELY, THE LIST OF SL ENVOYS APPARENTLY INCLUDES PEOPLE WHO DO NOT BELONG TO SL AND WHO INDEED OPPOSE SL.

C-D: IMPEDIMENTS/NON-PROSECUTORIAL RESPONSES

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18. (U) WITH THE COUP D'ETAT OF APRIL 5 AND THE END OF 12 YEARS OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT IN PERU, PRESIDENT FUJIMORI BEGAN TO OVERHAUL THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM. HIS MAIN GOAL WAS TO IMPROVE ITS COUNTERTERRORISM RECORD. THE PRESIDENT'S CRITICS DENOUNCED HIS REVAMPING OF THE JUDICIARY, BUT THE INITIATIVES WERE IN PART A RESPONSE TO A SHARP PUBLIC OUTCRY EARLIER IN THE YEAR OVER SEVERAL JUDICIAL DECISIONS THAT MANY PERUVIANS INTERPRETED AS TOO "SOFT" ON TERRORISM. AT THE CENTER OF THE STORM WERE REVELATIONS THAT HUNDREDS OF TERRORISTS HAD BEEN RELEASED EARLY FROM JAIL DURING PAST YEARS. MOREOVER, PRE-COUP STATISTICS SHOWED THAT ONLY ABOUT 10 PERCENT OF TERRORISM CASES EVER LED TO CONVICTION, GIVEN TERRORIST INTIMIDATION, THE CORRUPTION AMONG COURT OFFICIALS, AND THE DIFFICULTIES OF LEGALLY DOCUMENTING MANY ACCUSATIONS OF TERRORISM.

19. (U) IN MAY PRESIDENT FUJIMORI ISSUED SWEEPING NEW PENALTIES AGAINST TERRORISTS IN DECREE LAW 25475. THE LAW PROVIDED FOR SEVERE FIXED PENALTIES FOR TERRORIST CRIMES, INCLUDING

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DAYS; PROVISIONS FOR PROTECTING THE IDENTITIES  
OF JUDGES AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HIGH SECURITY  
FACILITIES IN WHICH TO HOLD TERRORISM TRIALS.  
ALSO IN MAY THE PRESIDENT PROMULGATED DECREE LAW  
25499, WHICH UPDATED PERU'S 1989 "REPENTANT"  
TERRORIST LAW. IN JULY HE ANNOUNCED DECREE LAW  
25744 WHICH SAID THAT TERRORIST ACTS INVOLVING  
LOSS OF LIFE COULD BE CONSIDERED TREASON AND  
COULD BE TRIED IN MILITARY COURTS. IN AUGUST IN  
AN ATTEMPT TO PREVENT INCARCERATED TERRORISTS  
FROM PARTICIPATING IN TERRORIST PLANNING FROM  
JAIL, A NEW LAW (SUPREME RESOLUTION NO.  
114-92-JUS) WENT INTO EFFECT. IT PERMITTED  
AUTHORITIES TO LIMIT TERRORISTS TO ONE OUTSIDE  
VISIT PER MONTH FOR A MAXIMUM OF 30 MINUTES IN A  
SUPERVISED VISITOR'S ROOM.

20. (U) PRESIDENT FUJIMORI DECLARED PUBLICLY  
THAT HE FAVORED REINSTATING THE DEATH PENALTY  
FOR TERRORISTS. HE ALSO STATED THAT TO  
ACCOMPLISH THIS HE WAS WILLING TO WITHDRAW PERU  
FROM THE AMERICAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS,  
THE SAN JOSE TREATY. UNDER PRESSURE FROM THE  
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (OAS), HOWEVER,  
HE SHELVED A PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE A REFERENDUM ON  
THE DEATH PENALTY AS PART OF THE NOVEMBER 22  
DEMOCRATIC CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS. THE  
PRESIDENT LEFT OPEN THE OPTION OF RECONSIDERING  
THE MATTER AT A LATER DATE. HE CONTINUED TO  
INSIST PUBLICLY THAT SL LEADER GUZMAN SHOULD BE  
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21. (U) FUJIMORI FACES AN UPHILL BATTLE TO  
SHORE UP THE PERUVIAN JUDICIARY. DESPITE THE  
INITIATIVES TO IMPROVE THE LEGAL AND PENAL

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SYSTEM, IMPORTANT PROBLEMS PERSIST. IN HUANUCO, 250 PRISONERS -- INCLUDING DRUG DEALERS, SL AND MRTA MEMBERS -- ESCAPED FROM A PRISON. A LACK OF RESOURCES WILL LIKELY DELAY THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF NEW HIGH SECURITY FACILITIES IN WHICH TO HOLD TERRORISM TRIALS. THERE ARE CONTINUED COMPLAINTS THAT NOT ENOUGH PROTECTION IS PROVIDED TO JUDGES CONDUCTING TERRORISM TRIALS.

E: COUNTERTERRORISM EFFORTS

22. (U) THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT SCORED A NUMBER OF COUNTERTERRORISM GAINS IN 1992 -- PROBABLY MORE THAN IN ANY OTHER SINGLE YEAR SINCE THE INSURGENCY BEGAN IN 1980.

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-- IN MAY SECURITY FORCES IN LIMA SUCCESSFULLY RECLAIMED CONTROL OF CANTO GRANDE PRISON FROM IMPRISONED SL MEMBERS, SOME OF WHOM WERE HELPING TO RUN OUTSIDE TERRORIST OPERATIONS FROM THEIR CELLS. THERE ARE, HOWEVER, CREDIBLE REPORTS THAT SECURITY FORCES ASSASSINATED AT LEAST FOUR MEMBERS OF SL'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE AFTER GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF THE FACILITY HAD BEEN REESTABLISHED.

-- IN JUNE DINCOTE CAPTURED A SENIOR SL LOGISTICS PERSON. AS PREVIOUSLY NOTED THE GOP CAPTURED MRTA LEADER POLAY IN JUNE AS WELL.

-- ALSO AS NOTED ABOVE, IN SEPTEMBER DINCOTE ARRESTED GUZMAN AND ELENA IPARRAGUIRRE. TOGETHER, SHE AND GUZMAN COMPRISED TWO OF THE THREE MEMBERS OF SL'S HIGHEST COMMAND ENTITY, THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE. ALSO ARRESTED WITH THEM WERE LAURA ZAMBRANO AND MARIA PANTOJA, BOTH MEMBERS OF SL'S NEXT HIGHEST LEADERSHIP BODY, THE POLITBURO. MARTA HUATAY, OF SOCORRO POPULAR ARRESTED IN OCTOBER, WAS A MEMBER OF THE THIRD HIGHEST RANKING SL COMMAND AND CONTROL BODY, THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE. (MEMBERS OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE AND THE POLITBURO ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.)

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-- THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, PRESIDENT FUJIMORI CONTINUED TO STRENGTHEN THE RURAL SELF-DEFENSE FORCES PROGRAM (RONDAS CAMPESINAS). WHILE THERE WERE CREDIBLE ALLEGATIONS THAT SOME RONDAS ENGAGED IN ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS DRUG TRAFFICKING AND HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES, RONDAS UNITS SUCCESSFULLY CHALLENGED SL IN SOME AREAS OF THE COUNTRYSIDE. THE GOP ALSO INITIATED URBAN SELF-DEFENSE UNITS (RONDAS URBANAS), BUT IT IS TOO SOON TO JUDGE THEIR PERFORMANCE.

23. (U) ALTHOUGH SL, WITH ITS EXTENSIVE ATTACKS ON UNARMED CIVILIANS, IS BY FAR THE PRINCIPAL VIOLATOR OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN PERU, SECURITY FORCES HAVE COMMITTED ABUSES IN THE COURSE OF COUNTERTERRORISM EFFORTS. MOST NEW CASES IN 1992 WERE REPORTED IN THE RURAL DEPARTMENTS OF AYACUCHO, SAN MARTIN AND JUNIN (ESPECIALLY IN THE TOWN OF HUANCAYO). THE NUMBER OF CASES OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES LINKED TO COUNTERTERRORISM ACTIVITY ALSO INCREASED SHARPLY IN LIMA IN 1992, FROM THREE PERCENT OF ALL CASES LAST YEAR TO 15 PERCENT IN 1992. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CASE IN LIMA INVOLVED A SERIES OF DISAPPEARANCES AT LA CANTUTA UNIVERSITY. DURING 1992 NO PROGRESS WAS REPORTED IN THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE NOVEMBER 3, 1991 MASSACRE OF 17 PERSONS IN THE BARRIO ALTO NEIGHBORHOOD OF LIMA, DESPITE STRONG INDICATIONS THAT THE

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PERPETRATORS MAY HAVE HAD LINKS TO THE SECURITY FORCES. (SEE REFTEL B).

F: SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

24. (U) THE GOP PROVIDED NO SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM IN 1992.

G: STATEMENTS IN FAVOR OF STATE SPONSORS

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25. THE GOP MADE NO STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF STATES ON THE USG'S TERRORISM LIST IN 1992. THE GOP CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA AND CUBA.

H: CHANGES IN CT ATTITUDES  
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26. (U) THERE WAS LITTLE PHILOSOPHICAL CHANGE IN THE ALREADY HARDLINE COUNTERTERRORISM STANCE OF THE FUJIMORI GOVERNMENT THIS YEAR. WHAT

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CHANGED IN 1992 WAS FUJIMORI'S RESOLVE -- AS REFLECTED IN THE APRIL 5 COUP -- TO PUT INTO ACTION SOME OF THE MORE SEVERE MEASURES HE FAVORED TO GIVE THE GOVERNMENT A FREER HAND IN FIGHTING SL AND MRTA. FUJIMORI PUBLICLY PROMISED TO DEFEAT MRTA BY MID 1993 AND SENDERO SOMETIME IN 1995. MOREOVER, SENDERO'S VICIOUS TERRORIST CAMPAIGNS IN LIMA WERE A "WAKE-UP CALL" TO MANY MORE AFFLUENT LIMENOS WHOSE LIVES HAD NOT BEEN TOUCHED BY THE BRUTALITY OF THEIR'S COUNTRY'S INTERNAL WAR. FOLLOWING SL'S JULY SERIES OF ATTACKS IN LIMA, THE PERUVIAN MILITARY BECAME MORE INVOLVED IN OPERATIONS IN AND AROUND THE CAPITAL. FINALLY, THE ARREST OF GUZMAN AND OTHER TERRORIST LEADERS SEEMED TO INSTILL AMONG MOST PERUVIANS A GREATER SENSE OF CONFIDENCE IN THEIR GOVERNMENT.

I: LIBYAN SANCTIONS  
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27. (U) PERU HAS COMPLIED WITH UN MEASURES AGAINST LIBYA CONCERNING THE PAN AM 103 CASE. THERE IS NO LIBYAN DIPLOMATIC PRESENCE IN PERU. BRAYSHAW##

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