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1. SUMMARY: CHURCH OFFICIALS FEAR THE DEATH TOLL FROM THE AUGUST 18 SENDERO MASSACRE OF ASHANINKA INDIANS AND SETTLERS ALONG THE ENE RIVER VALLEY MAY BE AS HIGH AS 100. MISSION CONTACTS REPORTED FURTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THE MASSACRE AND SPECULATED THAT THE ATTACK MAY INDICATE A RETURN TO EARLIER SENDERO TACTICS AND MAY HAVE BEEN AIMED AT MARKING THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE CAPTURE OF SL FOUNDER LEADER ABIMAEL GUZMAN. END SUMMARY.

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DETAILS OF THE MASSACRE SLOWLY EMERGING

2. SENDERO'S AUGUST 18 MASSACRE OF ABOUT 70-PLUS ASHANINKA INDIANS DURING A SWEEP THROUGH SOME TWELVE SETTLEMENTS AND ASHANINKA VILLAGES ALONG THE ENE RIVER (IN PERU'S REMOTE EASTERN JUNGLES OF JUNIN DEPARTMENT) DOMINATED MUCH OF THE NATION'S PRESS OVER THE AUGUST 20 WEEKEND. HARROWING EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNTS AND GRAPHIC IMAGES OF THE MASSACRE FEATURED PROMINENTLY IN NEWSCASTS. SEVERAL HIGH-LEVEL GOP DELEGATIONS TRAVELED TO NEARBY MAZAMARI, INCLUDING MINISTER OF HEALTH VICTOR PARADES ON AUGUST 19 AND THE CONGRESSIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE ON AUGUST 21. APPROXIMATELY A DOZEN WOUNDED SURVIVORS, MOSTLY CHILDREN, WERE EVACUATED TO LIMA HOSPITALS BY THE AIR FORCE.

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3. THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS FISCAL, ASSIGNED TO INVESTIGATE THE INCIDENT, TOLD POLOFF THAT THE OFFICIAL DEATH TOLL STANDS AT 57 DEAD, INCLUDING A FIVE MONTH OLD BABY AND ONE PREGNANT WOMAN. SIX TEACHERS WERE ALSO SINGLED OUT AND KILLED. ALL THE DEAD WERE STABBED OR HACKED TO DEATH. CURIOUSLY, THE FISCAL REPORTED THAT MOST OF THE DEAD WERE SETTLERS AND NOT ASHANINKA INDIANS. AUTHORITIES ARE STILL TRYING REACH YET ANOTHER COMMUNITY THAT WAS REPORTEDLY ATTACKED, AND THE DEATH TOLL IS LIKELY TO RISE. WITNESSES IDENTIFIED THE ATTACKERS AS ASHANINKAS BELONGING TO SENDERO LUMINOSO FROM THE NEARBY APURIMAC RIVER VALLEY.

4. CATHOLIC CHURCH OFFICIALS AND RELIEF WORKERS BACK FROM THE SITE PUT THE DEATH TOLL CLOSER TO 70 AND THINK IT MAY BE AS HIGH AS 100. A MASS EXODUS FROM THE AREA IS UNDERWAY, WITH ABOUT 700 REFUGEES CURRENTLY CROWDING INTO SCARCE FACILITIES IN MAZAMARI. FEW OF THE ESTIMATED 2,500 ASHANINKAS AND SETTLERS REMAIN IN THE AFFECTED AREA. SURVIVORS TOLD OF SENDERO TORTURE

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OF VICTIMS, INCLUDING THE CUTTING OUT OF THE TONGUES OF THE TEACHERS, HACKING OFF FINGERS AND EARS OF CHILDREN, AND RAPING OF WOMEN.

5. A PARISH PRIEST WHO HAS LIVED IN THE AREA FOR 38 YEARS TOLD EMBASSY CONTACTS THAT THE ATTACKERS WERE AN SL COLUMN OUT OF AYACUCHO, IN THE SOUTH-CENTRAL ANDEAN HIGHLANDS. HE BELIEVED THE ATTACK

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WAS IN REVENGE FOR THE KILLING OF TWO SENDERISTAS IN ONE OF THE COMMUNITIES IN EARLY AUGUST.

6. CHURCH RELIEF OFFICIALS SAID THE MASSIVE REPRISAL REMINDED THEM OF SENDERO TACTICS IN THE EARLY 1980'S, WHEN SENDERO STAGED HORRIFIC ATTACKS IN THE COUNTRY-SIDE TO DESTABILIZE THE LOCAL POPULATION AND DRIVE THEM TOWARDS THE TOWNS AND CITIES. THEY AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS FISCAL SPECULATED THAT THE ATTACK MAY ALSO BE RELATED TO THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE CAPTURE OF SENDERO FOUNDER/LEADER ABIMAEEL GUZMAN ON SEPTEMBER 12.

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7. THE CHURCH RELIEF OFFICIALS, AMONG THE FIRST

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TO REACH THE SITE FROM LIMA, WERE OUTRAGED WHEN

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THEIR OFFER TO FLY WOUNDED CHILDREN TO LIMA WAS
DECLINED "ON ORDERS" OF THE MINISTER OF HEALTH.
THE MINISTRY, THEY WERE TOLD, HAD INSTRUCTED THAT
IT WOULD BE ASSISTING THE INJURED AND THE MEDEVAC
WOULD ONLY BE CONDUCTED ON THE MINISTER'S PLANE.
THE MINISTER ARRIVED SIX HOURS AFTER THE CHURCH
DELEGATION.

8. OBSERVERS RETURNING FROM THE SITE WERE ALSO
UNIMPRESSED WITH THE ARMY AND POLICE FORCE
RESPONSE TO THE MASSACRE. THE ATTACKS OCCURRED
WITHIN HALF-HOUR'S DRIVE FROM THE POLICE FORCE'S
JUNGLE TRAINING BASE OF MAZAMARI, HOME OF THE
POLICE "SINCHIS" UNIT, AND AN ARMY COUNTER-
SUBVERSIVE BASE. ARMY AND POLICE OFFICERS BLAMED
EACH OTHER IN PUBLIC OVER WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR
PROVIDING SECURITY FOR THE VILLAGES, EVEN THOUGH
THE AREA IS A DECLARED EMERGENCY ZONE UNDER AN
ARMY POLITICAL-MILITARY COMMANDER. THE CHURCH
OFFICIALS CONFIRMED THAT THE ARMY WAS FINISHING
ONLY THE INITIAL PHASE OF CREATING SELF-DEFENSE
GROUPS (RONDAS) IN THE AREA, AND WERE NOT HAPPY
AT THE ARMY'S BELATED ISSUING OF SHOTGUNS TO THE

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REMAINING VILLAGERS.
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