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 - MORE INFORMATION ON HUANUCO
 - KILLINGS; STILL NO ACCESS FOR ICRC

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1. [REDACTED] - ENTIRE TEXT
2. SUMMARY: LIMA MEDIA HAVE BROKEN THE STORY OF ALLEGED KILLINGS OF CIVILIANS BY THE ARMY IN HUANUCO DEPARTMENT. ONE NEWSPAPER PRINTED A COORDINADORA COMMUNIQUE THAT HAD NOT OFFICIALLY

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
 REVIEW AUTHORITY: WILLIAM E. LANDFAIR
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BEEN RELEASED AND REPORTED INACCURATELY THAT THE COORDINADORA IS HIDING WITNESSES TO THE MASSACRES. JOURNALISTS WERE ABLE TO ENTER THE RESTRICTED ZONE OF THE WEST BANK OF THE HUALLAGA RIVER AND SAW BODIES OUT IN THE OPEN (SEPTEL). EMBOFF TRAVELED TO TINGO MARIA ON A PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED TRIP AND WILL MEET WITH [REDACTED] B1

[REDACTED] LOCAL PROSECUTOR. THE COORDINADORA IS STILL WORKING ON GETTING WITNESSES OUT OF THE ZONE TO RELATIVE SAFETY IN LIMA. MILITARY AUTHORITIES STILL HAVE NOT GRANTED THE ICRC ACCESS TO THE WEST BANK OF THE HUALLAGA NORTH OF TINGO MARIA. ARMY ATTACHES HAVE REQUESTED VISITS TO TARAPOTO AND TINGO MARIA. CHARGE WILL MEET WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL APRIL 20 AND HAS REQUESTED MEETING WITH PRESIDENT OF CONGRESS TO DISCUSS THE KILLINGS. POLCOUNS WILL MEET WITH CONGRESS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. END SUMMARY

KILLINGS REPORTED IN MEDIA

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3. THE MEDIA MADE PUBLIC APRIL 18-19 THE STORY OF THE ALLEGED KILLINGS OF CIVILIANS BY THE ARMY IN HUANUCO DEPARTMENT. LIMA'S CHANNEL 9 NEWS BROADCAST A BRIEF REPORT LATE APRIL 18; LEFTIST DAILY "LA REPUBLICA" MADE THE STORY ITS FRONT-PAGE HEADLINE THE NEXT DAY. CHANNEL 9 LED OFF ITS EVENING NEWS WITH THE STORY OF THE CAYUMBA CHICO KILLINGS (REFTELS), WHICH INCLUDED INTERVIEWS WITH TEARFUL RELATIVES OF THE DEAD ACCUSING MEMBERS OF THE ARMY OF DETAINING, THEN KILLING THE VICTIMS. THE NEWSCASTERS PROMISED THAT THE STORY WAS THE FIRST IN A SERIES; WE UNDERSTAND THAT FUTURE BROADCASTS WILL INCLUDE SCENES FROM THE WEST BANK OF THE HUALLAGA RIVER.

4. THE "LA REPUBLICA" ARTICLE PRINTS THE TEXT OF A COMMUNIQUE DRAFTED BUT NOT RELEASED BY THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COORDINATING COMMITTEE (COORDINADORA) WHICH EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER REPORTS OF "BLOODY ACTS" IN HUANUCO DEPARTMENT

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AND THE FACT THAT NO ONE, NOT EVEN THE ICRC, HAS BEEN PERMITTED ACCESS TO THE ZONE WHERE THE INCIDENTS OCCURRED. THE ARTICLE ALSO ERRONEOUSLY ASSERTS THAT WITNESSES TO THE KILLINGS WERE MOVED TO REFUGES BELONGING TO THE COORDINADORA. THE COORDINADORA'S EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, ROSA MUJICA, WAS INCENSED OVER THE PUBLICATION OF THE ARTICLE, AS WELL AS THE INCLUSION OF A COMMUNIQUE THAT HAD NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY RELEASED. THE ARTICLE PUT WITNESSES IN DANGER, SHE TOLD POLOFF APRIL 19,

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AND ALSO MAKES THE COORDINADORA LOOK LIKE IT IS JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS WHEN IT HAS NOT YET ASSEMBLED ALL THE FACTS.

WITNESSES REPORTEDLY LEAVING FOR LIMA

5. THE COORDINADORA HAD DIRECT INFORMATION APRIL 18 THAT ALLEGED EYEWITNESSES TO THE ARMY ATTACKS WANTED TO LEAVE AUCAYACU, WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN HIDING, AND GO TO LIMA.

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THE WITNESSES HAD DECIDED NOT TO TRAVEL
OUT OF FEAR FOR THEIR SAFETY IN LIMA AND TO STAY
IN THE AREA OF THE KILLINGS TO OVERSEE THE BURIAL
OF DEAD RELATIVES..

STILL NO ACCESS FOR THE ICRC

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EMBOFF TRAVELS TO TINGO MARIA

7. AN EMBOFF LEFT APRIL 19 FOR TINGO MARIA ON
PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED NAS BUSINESS. DURING THE
COURSE OF A TWO-DAY STAY, SHE WILL TRY TO OBTAIN

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AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE ABOUT THE REPORTED KILLINGS, THROUGH MEETINGS WITH THE LOCAL ICRC SUBDELEGATE, THE PROSECUTOR AND OTHER CONTACTS. SHE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO NOT SPEAK TO THE PRESS IF BEARDED ON THE ISSUE.

WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR

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8. ALL OF WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE KILLINGS IN HUANUCO DEPARTMENT IS SECOND- AND THIRD-HAND. THE INFORMATION HAS COME FROM [REDACTED] HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS AND JOURNALISTS (SEVERAL JOURNALISTS CROSSED THE HUALLAGA AND SAW BODIES OF VICTIMS -- SEPTEL). THE MOST CREDIBLE REPORTS ALLOW US TO PIECE TOGETHER THE FOLLOWING:

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-- CALLUMBA (OR CAYUMBA) CHICO: SIX BODIES -- TWO OF CHILDREN -- WERE FOUND BY A CONGRESSMAN AND LOCAL PROSECUTORS AROUND APRIL 14; THERE ARE REPORTS OF AS MANY AS 12 DEAD ALTOGETHER (SIX PEOPLE REPORTEDLY DETAINED BY THE ARMY ARE MISSING). THERE ARE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT SOME OF THE VICTIMS WERE RAPED. THE AGES OF THE VICTIMS RANGED FROM THREE YEARS OLD TO 80. THEY REPORTEDLY WERE KILLED ON MARCH 31.

-- CHAVIN DE PARIARCA: VILLAGERS OF THIS MOUNTAIN TOWN IN WESTERN HUANUCO REPORTED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THAT ON APRIL 2 AT 2:30 A.M., SOLDIERS ENTERED THE TOWN AND BEGAN BREAKING DOWN DOORS AND PILLAGING. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] BELIEVES THAT MEMBERS OF THE ARMY KILLED 18-20 PEOPLE. [REDACTED]

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 -- WEST BANK OF THE HUALLAGA RIVER: THE ARMY
 REPORTEDLY SEALED OFF THE WEST BANK NORTH OF
 TINGO MARIA ON MARCH 28 AND BEGAN OPERATIONS
 THERE AROUND APRIL 1. THE TACTICS, ACCORDING TO
 ALLEGED WITNESSES, INCLUDE THE USE OF ONE OR TWO
 HELICOPTERS TO STRAFE VILLAGES WITH MACHINE GUN
 FIRE AND ROCKETS. TROOPS ARE THEN REPORTEDLY
 SENT IN TO KILL ANY SURVIVORS AND BURN THE
 VILLAGES DOWN. THE MOST CREDIBLE REPORTS ARE
 FROM THE SETTLEMENTS OF MOHENA AND MOLLUNA
 (ACROSS THE RIVER FROM ANDA AND PUEBLO NUEVO,
 ABOUT 30 KILOMETERS NORTH OF TINGO MARIA), WHERE
 A SEVEN BODIES HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED SIGHTED
 (SEPTEL). [REDACTED] FIGURES, BASED ON
 INFORMATION FROM WITNESSES, OF NINE DEAD AND 20
 MISSING. THE COORDINADORA IS CAUTIOUSLY BACKING
 OFF FROM A PREVIOUS ESTIMATE OF 100 DEAD BECAUSE
 OF THE LACK OF ACCESS. THERE ARE ALSO REPORTS
 OF RAPE COMMITTED BY SOLDIERS ON THE OPERATION.

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 IT APPEARS THAT THE OPERATION IS STILL ONGOING.

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 9. THE MILITARY'S CONFIRMED SILENCE RULES OUT SL
 OR TRAFFICKER RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DEATHS. THE
 AUGUST 1993 KILLINGS OF PEASANTS IN THE MAZAMARI
 AREA BY SL WERE QUICKLY EXPLOITED BY THE GOP TO
 DEMONSTRATE THE ORGANIZATION'S BRUTALITY. THE
 AGES OF SOME OF THE VICTIMS, IF TRUE, WOULD RULE
 OUT POSSIBILITY THAT THEY WERE ALL GUERRILLAS
 KILLED IN COMBAT. THAT LEAVES POSSIBILITIES THEY
 WERE: A) CAUGHT BETWEEN SL AND ARMY FIRE; B)
 KILLED THROUGH CARELESSNESS; C) EXECUTED. GIVEN
 EXISTENCE OF WITNESSES AND BODIES, GOP COULD GET
 TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS SHOULD IT DESIRE.

10. ARMY ATTACHES ARE SEEKING INFORMATION [REDACTED] B1
 [REDACTED] IN LIMA AND HAVE REQUESTED
 PERMISSION FROM ARMY COMMAND TO VISIT TARAPOTO,
 WHERE THE REGIONAL POLITICAL-MILITARY COMMAND IS
 BASED, AND TINGO MARIA. FIELD VISITS WILL
 PROBABLY NOT BE IMMEDIATELY APPROVED, BUT REQUEST
 HAS LAID DOWN A MARKER WITH MILITARY OF USG
 INTEREST. CHARGE WILL MEET WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL
 BLANCA NELIDA COLAN APRIL 20 TO SEEK BRIEFING ON
 PUBLIC MINISTRY ACTIONS ON CASE. CHARGE ALSO
 REQUESTED MEETING WITH PRESIDENT OF CONGRESS
 JAIME YOSHIYAMA TO UNDERLINE IMPORTANCE OF GOP'S
 EXPEDITIOUS AND EFFECTIVE INVESTIGATION OF THE
 INCIDENTS. POLCOUNS WILL MEET WITH THE CHAIR OF
 THE CONGRESS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE, CARLOS
 BLANCO, ON APRIL 20 TO REVIEW KILLINGS. FURTHER
 ACTIONS, INCLUDING POSSIBLE POLOFF VISIT TO TINGO
 MARIA SEEK MEETINGS WITH WITNESSES, WILL BE

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CONSIDERED ON THE BASIS OF RESULTS OF MEETINGS
SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 20.

11. SEPTEL FOLLOWS WITH FIRST HAND ACCOUNT OF
VISIT TO AREA OF THE KILLINGS BY A JOURNALIST
WHO HAS PROVIDED US WITH RELIABLE INFORMATION IN
THE PAST ON HUMAN RIGHTS RELATED INCIDENTS.

12. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO SEVERAL CONTACTS,
JOURNALISTS HAD AGREED NOT TO REPORT THE WEST
BANK STORY, PARTLY TO PROTECT WITNESSES AND
PARTLY DUE TO A PROFESSIONAL PACT AMONG
THEMSELVES TO LET THE REPORTER WHO ORIGINALLY
UNCOVERED THE STORY BREAK THE STORY FIRST. THE
COORDINADORA IS ALARMED OVER THIS PREMATURE
COVERAGE. THE STORY WAS BOUND TO BECOME BIG NEWS
SOONER OR LATER. CONFIRMED REPORTS OF DEAD
CHILDREN AND CREDIBLE REPORTS OF RAPE MAKE THE
ARMY'S ASSERTION THAT IT IS ONLY GOING AFTER
SENDERO LUMINOSO UNCONVINCING.
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