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 SUBJECT: ATTORNEY GENERAL ASSERTS THAT  
 MASSACRE REPORTS FROM HUANUCO ARE  
 FABRICATED TO DAMAGE PERU'S IMAGE

1. [REDACTED] - ENTIRE TEXT
2. SUMMARY: CHARGE REGISTERED USG CONCERN OVER REPORTS OF KILLINGS OF CIVILIANS IN NORTHERN HUANUCO DEPARTMENT, POSSIBLY BY THE MILITARY, AND

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URGED FULL GOP INVESTIGATION IN APRIL 20 MEETING WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL COLAN. COLAN DECLARED THAT THE KILLINGS WERE PROBABLY TERRORIST ACTIONS AND BLAMED LOCAL MEDIA FOR ERRONEOUS AND SLANDEROUS REPORTING. SHE INDICATED, HOWEVER, HER MINISTRY HAD THE RESOURCES, WILL, AND LEGAL MANDATE TO DO SO. A SEPARATE MILITARY SOURCE CAST DOUBT ON THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S ASSERTION THAT HER CIVILIAN PROSECUTORS WILL HAVE UNRESTRICTED ACCESS TO MILITARY BASES FOR THE INVESTIGATION. END SUMMARY.

DELIBERATE DISTORTIONS

3. CHARGE, ACCOMPANIED BY POLOFF, MET WITH PERUVIAN ATTORNEY GENERAL BLANCA NELIDA COLAN APRIL 20 ABOUT REPORTS OF CIVILIANS HAVING BEEN KILLED DURING A MILITARY OPERATION IN THE UPPER HUALLAGA VALLEY TOWNS OF CAYUMBA CHICO, MOLLUNA, AND MOENA. THE TOWNS ARE LOCATED IN NORTHERN

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PAGE 03 LIMA 03641 01 OF 02 202212Z HUANUCO DEPARTMENT AND AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE HUALLAGA EMERGENZY ZONE. CHARGE ADVISED THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE PERSONAL INTEREST OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY WATSON IN THE REPORTS.

4. COLAN RESPONDED QUICKLY THAT WHILE OFFICIALS OF THE PUBLIC MINISTRY WERE INVESTIGATING THE REPORTS, SHE CONSIDERED THE MEDIA ACCOUNTS OF THE INCIDENT ERRONEOUS, DISTORTED, AND DESIGNED TO FURTHER DAMAGE THE GOVERNMENT'S IMAGE AND REPUTATION. ALLEGATIONS ATTRIBUTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE KILLINGS TO THE ARMY WERE, SHE INSISTED, WRONG. RATHER, SENDERO TERRORISTS WERE THE PROBABLE PERPETRATORS OF THE CRIMES IN HER OPINION.

5. TO BACK UP HER ASSERTIONS TERRORISTS WERE PROBABLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE KILLINGS, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ORDERED AN ASSISTANT TO BRING REPORTS TO THE CHARGE WHICH HAD BEEN PREPARED AT HER REQUEST BY THE MILITARY CONCLUDING THAT

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SENDERO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAZAMARI KILLINGS. (COMMENT: NO ONE DISPUTES SL'S PROBABLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS MASSACRE.) FOLLOWING THIS, COLAN SHIFTED THE DISCUSSION TO YESTERDAY'S FIRE IN CALLAO IN WHICH A HUNDRED HOMES WERE DESTROYED. THERE WERE INDICATIONS, SHE SAID, THAT THIS INCIDENT TOO HAD BEEN CAUSED BY TERRORISTS LINKED TO THE SENDERO. SHE WENT ON AT LENGTH ABOUT THE SUFFERING THAT THIS "TERRORIST" ACTION INFLICTED ON IMPOVERISHED,

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PAGE 04 LIMA 03641 01 OF 02 202212Z INNOCENT CITIZENS WHO NOW HAVE NO PLACE TO EAT OR SLEEP AND WHO HAVE LOST ALL THEIR MEAGER POSSESSIONS. WHO IS DOING SOMETHING ABOUT THIS, SHE ASKED. THE FIRE CHIEF AT THE SCENE BLAMED THE FIRE ON DRUG ADDICTS WHO, IN THEIR STUPOR, SET OFF FIRECRACKERS THAT TOUCHED OFF A FIRE THAT SPREAD AMONG THE RAMSHACKLE CARDBOARD AND PACKING CRATE HOUSES OF THE CALLAO SHANTYTOWN.

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6. COLAN TOLD CHARGE THAT THE SUPERVISING PROSECUTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT (THE "DECANO DE

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 FISCALES" -- THE MOST SENIOR PROSECUTOR IN THE  
 JURISDICTION) HAD BEEN SENT TO TINGO MARIA TO  
 ASSIST LOCAL PROSECUTORS WITH THE INVESTIGATION.  
 ACKNOWLEDGING, IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, THAT  
 LOCAL OFFICIALS MIGHT NOT POSSES THE EXPERTISE  
 AND RESOURCES TO CONDUCT A LARGE-SCALE  
 INVESTIGATION, COLAN SAID THAT EXPERTS FROM LIMA  
 WERE AVAILABLE TO BE DESPATCHED TO TINGO MARIA  
 IF PROSECUTORS ON THE SCENE SO REQUESTED.

7. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WAS EMPHATIC THAT HER  
 OFFICE WOULD CARRY OUT AN IMPARTIAL AND  
 INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION. IN RESPONSE TO  
 CHARGE'S MENTIONING THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S  
 HOPE THAT THE GOP WOULD CONDUCT A FULL  
 INVESTIGATION, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL INSISTED,  
 SEVERAL TIMES, THAT HER MINISTRY WAS BEHOLDEN TO  
 NO ONE. REGARDLESS OF WHATEVER INVESTIGATION  
 INTO THE ALLEGATIONS THE MILITARY MIGHT BE  
 UNDERTAKING, HER MINISTRY WOULD UNDERTAKE A  
 PARALLEL AND INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION AS WELL,

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SHE DECLARED.

8. ASKED ABOUT THE ABILITY OF HER OFFICIALS TO CARRY OUT AN INVESTIGATION INVOLVING THE MILITARY, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ASSURED CHARGE THAT PROSECUTORS HAD UNRESTRICTED ACCESS TO MILITARY BASES AND MILITARY PERSONNEL. THEY COULD ENTER THE FORMER AND QUESTION THE LATTER

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ON THEIR OWN AUTHORITY, WITHOUT HAVING TO OBTAIN PRIOR APPROVAL FROM MILITARY SUPERIORS, SHE INSISTED. (IN APPARENT CONTRADICTION, ON APRIL 16 POLOFF LEARNED FROM A PROVINCIAL MILITARY COMMANDER THAT HE HAD RECENTLY RECEIVED ORDERS TO RESTRICT PROSECUTORS' ACCESS MILITARY INSTALLATIONS. FISCALES WERE TO BE ALLOWED ONTO AN INSTALLATION ONLY IF THERE WAS "SUFFICIENT" EVIDENCE TO REQUIRE ACCESS. FISCALES WERE NO LONGER TO BE ALLOWED ONTO THE BASE TO MAKE SURPRISE INSPECTIONS. THE COMMANDER CHUCKLED AND TOLD POLOFF HE HAD NEVER SEEN A FISCAL MAKE A SURPRISE INSPECTION EVEN WHEN THEY HAD AUTHORITY TO DO SO.)

9. AFTER CHARGE AGAIN EXPRESSED A/S WATSON'S INTEREST IN A FULL INVESTIGATION OF THE MATTER, COLAN SOMEWHAT COLDLY THANKED THE USG FOR ITS ON-GOING INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS. SHE MORE WARMLY THANKED CHARGE FOR USG'S ON-GOING ASSISTANCE IN THE JUDICIAL REFORM SECTOR, PARTICULARLY THE HARDWARE USED FOR PUBLIC MINISTRY-RUN REGISTRIES, AND USG EXPERTS SPEAKING AT MINISTRY JUDICIAL CONFERENCES. CHARGE SAID THAT WE HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH COLAN'S STRONG SUPPORT FOR U.S. COOPERATION IN THE JUDICIAL SECTOR. HE SAID WE HOPE TO MOVE FORWARD, BUT MUST REMEMBER THAT REFORM IS NOT JUST A QUESTION OF COMPUTERS AND CONFERENCES, BUT ALSO IMPLIES ADDRESSING CRITICAL JUDICIAL FAIRNESS ISSUES. COLAN SAID SHE AGREED FULLY.

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10. COMMENT: USG CONCERN WITH THE KILLINGS AND A DESIRE FOR A PROMPT AND THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF THE MATTER HAVE BEEN CLEARLY REGISTERED. MORE THAN USUAL, HOWEVER, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SEEMED TO BE HEWING CLOSELY TO WHAT APPEARS TO BE THE HARDENING GOVERNMENT POSITION ON THE HUANUCO KILLINGS AND ANY OUTSIDE FOCUS ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES IN PERU. TERRORISTS WERE RESPONSIBLE AND PRESS ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE PERUVIAN MILITARY ARE IRRESPONSIBLE. COLAN WAS WELCOMING AND GRACIOUS THROUGHOUT THE MEETING. BRAYSHAW

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