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1. [REDACTED] - ENTIRE TEXT
2. SUMMARY: A JOURNALIST RECENTLY RETURNED FROM

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THE SCENE OF THE HUANUCO JUNGLE MASSACRE IN THE HUALLAGA VALLEY GAVE A MOVING ACCOUNT OF THE DEATH AND DESTRUCTION CAUSED BY A MAJOR ARMY OPERATION AGAINST SENDERO LUMINOSO'S STRONGEST MILITARY COLUMNS. THE JOURNALIST AND SEVERAL OTHER COLLEAGUES, THE ONLY OUTSIDE GROUP TO HAVE PENETRATED INTO THE CONTESTED AREAS TO DATE, WERE CAREFUL TO STATE THAT THEY ONLY SAW SEVEN BODIES AND TWO GRAVES. WHILE THE CASUALTY TOLL MAY BE SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER, THEY ARE CONCERNED THAT UNFOUNDED REPORTS OF "HUNDREDS OF DEAD" MAY DAMAGE THE CREDIBILITY OF CHARGES AGAINST THE ARMY AND MINIMIZE THE IMPACT OF THE INCIDENT. STILL, THE JOURNALIST COLLECTED AUDIO AND VIDEO EVIDENCE FROM AN ARMY OFFICER OF INDISCRIMINATE MILITARY ACTION THAT KILLED WOMEN, CHILDREN AND AGED PERSONS, AS TROOPS BURNED VILLAGES AND USED HELICOPTERS WITH ROCKETS AND MACHINE GUNS IN WHAT MAY BE AN ONGOING ARMY OPERATION.

END SUMMARY.

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RESPONDING TO REPORTS OF SOMETHING GONE WRONG

3. THE JOURNALIST WHO FIRST BROKE THE HUANUCO JUNGLE MASSACRE STORY BRIEFED POLOFF ON APRIL 19 ON THE SITUATION IN THE AREA ONE DAY AFTER RETURNING FROM THE ZONE. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] CONTACTED THE JOURNALIST ABOUT APRIL 14 WITH THE FIRST NEWS OF A POSSIBLE ARMY MASSACRE IN THE AUCAYACU REGION OF THE HUALLAGA VALLEY. [REDACTED] ASKED THE JOURNALIST TO VISIT THE AREA, AND A GROUP OF FIVE REPORTERS AND CAMERAMEN FLEW TO TINGO MARIA ON APRIL 17. THE JOURNALISTS WERE JOSEFINA TOWNSEND (CNN AND LOCAL CHANNEL 9), GILBERTO HUME AND ROBERTO MEDRANO (UNIVISION TV NEWS), CECILIA VALENZUELA, AND OSCAR MEDRANO ("CARETAS" WEEKLY MAGAZINE). THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY A DELEGATION FROM THE NATIONAL COORDINADORA FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPOSITION CONGRESSMAN AND FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE

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FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ROGER CACERES. THE DELEGATION WAS MET AT TINGO MARIA BY JOSE NALBARTE, OF THE HUANUCO HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICE (A MEMBER ORGANIZATION OF THE COORDINADORA).

4. IN TINGO MARIA, THE DELEGATION MET WITH THREE REFUGEES FROM THE AUCAYACU AREA WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE SURVIVED AN ARMY OFFENSIVE IN THE AREA. THEY SAID THE MILITARY USED HELICOPTERS TO FIRE ROCKETS AND STRAFE THE POPULATION OF THE HAMLETS

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PAGE 04 LIMA 03623 01 OF 04 201935Z IN THE REGION. THE ARMY WAS INDISCRIMINATELY ATTACKING CIVILIANS. THE DELEGATION THEN MET WITH THE FISCAL (PROSECUTOR) TO DISCUSS THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO THESE ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSES AND A SEPARATE CASE THAT OCCURRED MARCH 31 IN CAYUMBA CHICO, SOUTH OF TINGO MARIA (REFTELS).

5. THE COORDINADORA DELEGATION RETURNED TO LIMA APRIL 18, BUT THE FIVE JOURNALISTS DECIDED TO INVESTIGATE FURTHER AFTER THE STORY OF THE MASSACRE WAS FURTHER BACKED BY INFORMATION THAT JOURNALISTS FROM TINGO MARIA HAD COLLECTED, BUT HAD NOT REPORTED DUE TO SECURITY CONCERNS.

6. THE JOURNALISTS TRAVELED OVERLAND TO ANDA, A HAMLET NEAR AUCAYACU ON APRIL 17 (SOME 50 KM

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 NORTH OF TINGO MARIA). AT ANDA THEY MET [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] A RESIDENT WHO CLAIMED, ON THE RECORD,
 THAT THE ARMY HAD KILLED HER HUSBAND. THEY ALSO
 MET SEVERAL OTHER PERSONS WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE
 LOST FAMILY MEMBERS. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED]
 AND OTHERS, THE ARMY ATTACKED HER HUSBAND AND
 OTHER FARMERS WORKING THEIR FIELDS ON THE
 OPPOSITE BANK OF THE HUALLAGA RIVER IN AN AREA
 CALLED THE BOLSON DE CUCHARA (WHERE THE CUCHARA
 RIVER JOINS THE HUALLAGA).

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DESPERATE FLIGHT FROM THE ARMY ALONG THE HUALLAGA

7. ACCORDING TO THESE ALLEGED EYEWITNESSES, ARMY
 HELICOPTERS ENTERED INTO THE AREA AND OPENED FIRE
 WITH ROCKETS AND MACHINE GUNS ON "ANYONE THEY
 SAW." THE FARMERS AND THEIR WORKERS, RAN FOR THE
 RIVER IN A DESPERATE SCRAMBLE TO RETURN TO THEIR

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HAMLET. GROUPS OF PEOPLE BEGAN TO CONGREGATE ON SEVERAL RIVER BANKS ALONG THE HUALLAGA AT POINTS WHERE THEY COULD TRY TO SWIM ACROSS. THE ARMY HELICOPTERS SWEEP UP THE RIVER AND ATTACKED THE GROUPS OF PERSONS. ACCORDING TO A FARMHAND WHO WAS WITH [REDACTED] THERE WERE SOME THIRTY PEOPLE ON THE BEACHHEAD THAT [REDACTED] AND THE FARMHAND HAD REACHED. THE ARMY HELICOPTER SLOWED TO A HOVER JUST OFF THE BEACH AND SOLDIERS JUMPED OFF THE HELICOPTER. THE GROUP BROKE AND RAN BACK INTO THE JUNGLE, BUT

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ABOUT TEN OF THEM WERE EVENTUALLY CAUGHT AND KILLED, INCLUDING [REDACTED] LATER CONVINCED THE SEVERELY FRIGHTENED FARMHAND TO TAKE HER ACROSS THE RIVER AT NIGHT TO FIND HER HUSBAND'S BODY AND BRING IT BACK FOR BURIAL.

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GOING BACK FOR THE DEAD: SORROW AND FEAR

8. IMPRESSED BY THE STORY, THE JOURNALIST ASKED IF SOMEONE COULD TAKE THEM ACROSS THE RIVER TO CONFIRM THE EVENTS FIRST HAND, BUT FOUND THAT NOT ONE OF THE FAMILY MEMBERS WOULD TAKE THEM FOR FEAR OF RUNNING INTO THE ARMY. THEY WERE ABLE TO FIND THE FARMHAND AND, AFTER MUCH CAJOLING AND PAYMENT OF USD 10.00, CONVINCED HIM TO TAKE THEM ACROSS THE RIVER. TO THEIR SURPRISE, SOME TEN FAMILY MEMBERS DECIDED TO JOIN THEM ONCE THEY SAW THAT THE JOURNALISTS WERE GOING ACROSS THE RIVER.

9. THE FARMHAND ASSURED THEM THE BODIES WERE "JUST UP THE RIVER A LITTLE WAYS," BUT THE TRIP WAS ABOUT 45 MINUTES UP RIVER AND AN HOUR ALONG A PATH THROUGH DENSE JUNGLE. THE GROUP OF SOME FIFTEEN PERSONS HIKED SINGLE FILE ALONG A JUNGLE PATH. NEARING AN OPENING IN THE JUNGLE GROWTH, THE GROUP OF JOURNALISTS WAS LITERALLY STOPPED IN THEIR TRACKS BY AN OVERPOWERING STENCH, FOLLOWED ALMOST AT ONCE BY A FLURRY OF FLAPPING BLACK WINGS AS DOZENS OF TURKEY BUZZARDS TOOK TO THE SKY AS THE PEOPLE BROKE INTO THE CLEARING. THE

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VILLAGERS RACED PAST THE JOURNALISTS, YELLING AND
WAVING THEIR ARMS IN AN EFFORT TO DRIVE THE
BUZZARDS OFF WHAT THE JOURNALISTS SUDDENLY
REALIZED WERE SEVEN MOUNDS OF ROTTING, HALF-EATEN
CORPSES.

10. THE VILLAGERS, CRYING AND WAILING, RAN FROM
ONE CORPSE TO THE NEXT, TRYING TO IDENTIFY THE BODIES. [REDACTED] HAD ACCOMPANIED B6
THE GROUP TO FIND [REDACTED] HIS 17-YEAR-OLD B6
DAUGHTER. HE KNELT NEXT THE BODY OF A WOMAN,
FACE UP AND SPREAD EAGLE, HER DRESS MATTED UP
AROUND HER WAIST AND NAKED FROM HER HIPS DOWN.
THE FACE HAD BEEN EATEN AWAY, BUT NEXT TO THE
BODY WAS A BAG WITH SOME CLOTHING. INSIDE THE
BAG, HE PULLED OUT A T-SHIRT WITH A MICKEY MOUSE
LOGO, WHICH HE HAD GIVEN [REDACTED] AS A PRESENT. B6
ANOTHER FATHER WAS REDUCED TO PRYING OPEN THE
MOUTHS OF THE BODIES, HOPING TO RECOGNIZE HIS
CHILD'S DENTAL WORK. DESPITE THE UNBEARABLE B6
STENCH, [REDACTED] PUT HIS DAUGHTER'S BODY INTO
A LARGE PLASTIC BAG.

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11. IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS TRAGIC SCENE, THE GROUP WAS STARTLED TO HEAR THE SOUND OF A LIGHT PLANE FLYING PAST THE AREA. PANICKED THAT THE ARMY MIGHT BE RETURNING, THE VILLAGERS STARTED A MAD DASH TO THE RIVER, THE JOURNALISTS BARELY ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH THEM. THE PATH, A MUCH ROUGHER MUD-CLOGGED BARELY-DISCERNABLE TRAIL, TOOK THEM BACK TO THE BEACH IN ABOUT 15 MINUTES.

ONE OF THE JOURNALISTS WITNESSED [REDACTED] REFUSAL TO LEAVE HIS DAUGHTER'S BODY BEHIND, DESPITE HIS TERROR THAT THE ARMY HAD RETURNED. STRUGGLING THROUGH THE KNEE-HIGH MUD AND STUMBLING OVER THE BROKEN TERRAIN, HE RAN WITH THE BODY OVER HIS SHOULDER ALL THE WAY TO THE BEACH.

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12. DESPITE HIS GRIEF, [REDACTED] IS UNWILLING TO COME FORWARD. HE TOLD ONE REPORTER THAT HE WAS ESPECIALLY AFRAID BECAUSE HE HAD ONCE BEEN FORCED BY SENDERO LUMINOSO TO BE THE SENDERO LOCAL DELEGATE. HE FEARS THAT THE ARMY MAY KNOW THIS AND COME AFTER HIM AND THE REST OF HIS FAMILY.

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13. AT THE SITE, THE JOURNALISTS FOUND WHAT THEY SAID WERE CANS OF TUNA FISH SIMILAR TO THE KIND EATEN BY THE ARMY AS FOOD RATIONS. THEY ALSO FOUND FLYERS FROM THE ARMY CALLING ON TERRORISTS TO JOIN THE REPENTED TERRORIST PROGRAM.

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TALKING TO THE ARMY: A DIFFERENT VIEW OF EVENTS

14. THE JOURNALISTS RETURNED TO TINGO MARIA AND WENT TO THE LOS LAURELES ARMY BASE. AN UNWITTING ARMY NCO, APPARENTLY IMPRESSED BY SOME OF THE JOURNALISTS' CREDENTIALS, ALLOWED THE GROUP INTO THE ARMY COMPOUND AND EVEN INTRODUCED THEM TO LT. COL. JAVIER RIVAS RAMIREZ, WHO TOOK THEM INTO HIS OFFICE. THE GROUP ASKED COL. RIVAS ABOUT THE CAYUMBA INCIDENT. HE CLAIMED THAT SENDERO HAD EXECUTED THE VILLAGERS AT CAYUMBA FOR HAVING HELPED THE ARMY. HE THEN MENTIONED THAT THIS WAS QUITE DIFFERENT FROM WHAT WAS HAPPENING ACROSS THE RIVER FROM TINGO MARIA, WHICH HE CLAIMED WAS OUT OF HIS JURISDICTION. UNBEKNOWNST TO HIM, ONE OF THE CAMERA CREWS FILMED ON AS HE EXPLAINED THE CURRENT OPERATION AGAINST SENDERO IN THAT PART OF THE HUALLAGA.

15. ACCORDING TO WHAT THE COLONEL TOLD THE JOURNALISTS, THE ARMY WAS WORKING HARD TO KEEP PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S PROMISE OF SMASHING SENDERO BY 1995. SENDERO'S STRONGEST COLUMNS, PART OF ITS HUALLAGA REGIONAL COMMITTEE, WERE OPERATING IN THE HUANUCO AREA. MILITARY INTELLIGENCE HAD SPOTTED A 200-MAN COLUMN UNDER THE COMMAND OF A "COMRADE MANCO" MOVING THROUGH THE MONZON VALLEY (NEAR THE HUALLAGA). AN OPERATION HAD BEEN DEvised, DIVIDING UP THE REGION INTO THREE OPERATIONAL ZONES (MONZON, CAYUMBA GRANDE/
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CAYUMBA CHICO AND PUTUMAYO, AND THE BOLSONES DE PRIMAVERA AND CUCHARA), THAT WOULD BLANKET THE ENTIRE ZONE WITH TROOPS AND DRIVE THE COLUMN NORTHWARDS, TOWARDS THE BOLSON DE PRIMAVERA (ACROSS THE RIVER FROM AUCAYACU) AND INTO A "SURPRISE" - AN AMBUSHING FORCE.

16. THE OPERATION HAD BEGUN AROUND APRIL 5 NEAR A HAMLET CALLED VENENILLO, NEAR BAMBU. THE ROLLING FRONT HAD REACHED THE HAMLETS OF MOLLUMA, MOENA AND CARMEN ALTO BY APRIL 8, WITH VIRTUALLY EVERY HAMLET ALONG THE RIVER BEING "SEARCHED" BY THE ARMY. THE OPERATION WAS ONGOING WHEN THE JOURNALIST LEFT THE AREA ON APRIL 18.

17. THE OPERATION MAY HAVE BEEN SPARKED BY COMRADE MANCO'S HUNTING DOWN OF REPENTED FORMER SENDERISTAS. RIVAS CLAIMED THAT 15 "ARREPENTIDOS" HAD BEEN KILLED IN HUAMALIES AND 15 IN MANCHURIA IN THE MONZON VALLEY.

18. LT. COL. RIVAS WAS REPORTEDLY RECORDED AS

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 HE ADMITTED THAT THE ARMY USED HELICOPTER-FIRED
 ROCKETS AGAINST VILLAGE STRUCTURES WHICH ARMY
 INTELLIGENCE HAD PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED CONCEALED
 SL ARMS CACHES AND HOUSED SL SYMPATHIZERS. HE
 THEN ADDED THAT THE ENTIRE ZONE CONSISTED OF A
 SENDERO "OPEN POPULAR COMMITTEE," THAT THE
 MASSES SUPPORTED SENDERO AND THAT THEY WERE, IN
 THEIR MAJORITY, ARMED CIVILIANS (I.E. LEGITIMATE
 TARGETS). ASKED HOW THE ARMY DIFFERENTIATED THE
 SMALL CHILDREN FROM THEIR LEGITIMATE TARGETS,
 RIVAS REPORTEDLY REPLIED THAT THEY WERE ALL
 SENDERO.

ANGER WITH THE COORDINADORA

19. OUR SOURCE WAS ANGRY AT THE HUMAN RIGHTS
 COORDINADORA FOR HAVING "RUINED THE STORY." THE
 JOURNALIST ACCUSED HUANUCO HUMAN RIGHTS WORKER
 [REDACTED] OF HAVING USED A SHORT CONVERSATION B6
 WITH THE ONE OF THE JOURNALISTS AS THE BASIS FOR
 A PARTIAL AND INCORRECT REPORT TO HUMAN RIGHTS
 GROUPS IN LIMA. THE INFORMATION WAS LEAKED TO
 THE CENTER LEFT DAILY "LA REPUBLICA," WHICH
 INCORRECTLY REPORTED THE EVENTS AND EXAGGERATED
 THE DEATH TOLL (REF C). OUR SOURCE WAS EMPHATIC
 THAT THE GROUP COULD ONLY ACCOUNT FOR SEVEN
 BODIES, TWO GRAVES AND FOUR CREDIBLE REPORTS OF
 DISAPPEARANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ARMY

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ARMY'S OPERATION, IT WOULD BE FAIR, THE
JOURNALIST CONTINUED, TO ASSUME MORE DEATHS AND
HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, BUT THERE WAS NO WAY OF
BACKING UP CLAIMS THAT WERE CIRCULATING IN LIMA
OF "HUNDREDS" OF DEATHS. THE JOURNALIST WAS
ANGRY THAT THE IMPACT OF THE REPORT HAD BEEN
LOST -- A CORRECTION THAT JOURNALISTS COULD ONLY
ACCOUNT FOR 13 CASUALTIES VICE THE HUNDREDS
ORIGINALLY REPORTED MIGHT WELL LET THE ARMY OFF
THE HOOK IN THE PUBLIC'S MIND.

20. THE JOURNALIST WAS ALSO INCENSED THAT THE
COORDINADORA HAD SENT ATTORNEY GENERAL BLANCA
NELIDA COLAN A LETTER ON APRIL 18 DEMANDING THAT
SHE INVESTIGATE THE CASE. THE JOURNALISTS WERE
STILL IN THE AREA AT THE TIME AND THE ARMY COULD
HAVE TRIED TO STOP THEM FROM COMING BACK TO LIMA
OR PERHAPS CONFISCATE THEIR AUDIO AND VIDEO TAPES.

21. COMMENT: JOURNALISTS HAVE PROMISED TO GIVE
US FULL ACCESS TO VIDEO AND AUDIO TAPES TAKEN AT
THE SITE OF THE MASSACRE. WE WILL ALSO MEET IN
LIMA ON APRIL 20 WITH A PRIEST FROM THE AREA FOR
TO OBTAIN HIS VIEWS ON WHAT HAPPENED AND CURRENT
CONDITIONS IN THE AREA. THE COMBINATION OF
ACCUSATIONS BY FAMILY MEMBERS AND INVESTIGATIVE
JOURNALISM WILL INCREASE CALLS FOR A GOP
INVESTIGATION.
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