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REPORTED HUANUCO KILLINGS

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1. [REDACTED] ENTIRE TEXT
2. SUMMARY: CHARGE AND POLCOUNS BRIEFED EU LIMA

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AMBASSADORS' MEETING CONVENED TO DISCUSS REPORTED KILLINGS IN HUANUCO DEPARTMENT. CHARGE SAID THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO REACH FIRM CONCLUSIONS ON THE EXTENT OF THE KILLINGS OR WHO IS RESPONSIBLE, BUT THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE MILITARY HAS BEEN USING INDESCRIMINANT VIOLENCE AGAINST CIVILIANS. CHARGE URGED EU APPROACH GOP TO ASK THAT REPORTS BE FULLY INVESTIGATED AND THE ICRC BE GIVEN PROPER ACCESS TO THE REGION. EU GROUP WAS RECEPTIVE TO THIS REQUEST. EMBASSY HAS CAREFULLY AVOIDED PUBLIC TREATMENT OF HUANUCO KILLINGS. END SUMMARY

3. FOLLOWING UP OFFER MADE TO GREEK AMBASSADOR (REF B), CHARGE AND POLCOUNS MET APRIL 21 WITH THE EU AMBASSADORS' GROUP IN LIMA, SUMMONED TO ADDRESS REPORTS OF KILLINGS IN NORTHERN HUANUCO DEPARTMENT. POLCOUNS PROVIDED FULL BRIEFING TO GROUP ON OVERALL SECURITY BACKGROUND IN REGION, RECENT MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST SENDERO LUMINOSO, AND REPORTS WE HAVE OF KILLINGS OF

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CIVILIANS BY THE MILITARY. POLCOUNS CONCLUDED THAT WE DO NOT HAVE INFORMATION SUPPORTING SOME MEDIA CLAIMS OF "100'S" OF DEAD, BUT THERE ARE RELIABLE REPORTS FROM NGO'S AND JOURNALISTS THAT SOME KILLINGS BY THE MILITARY OF CIVILIANS HAVE OCCURRED. HE ALSO NOTED THAT NGO'S, INCLUDING THE ICRC, HAVE BEEN BARRED FROM THE AFFECTED AREAS AND THUS HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO DEVELOP FIRST HAND INFORMATION ON WHAT HAS OCCURRED. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM GERMAN AMBASSADOR, POLCOUNS SAID THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT SOME OF THESE KILLINGS COULD HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT BY SENDERO LUMINOSO, BUT IN GENERAL, SL FLEES AREAS WHERE MILITARY FORCES ARE MASSED. GERMAN ALSO ASKED IF IT MAY BE POSSIBLE THAT THE DEATH TOLL IS OF A MAGNITUDE REPORTED IN THE MEDIA. POLCOUNS STRESSED THAT IT IS TOO EARLY TO SAY, BUT THE DEATH TOLL MIGHT APPROACH 100. IT WAS HIGHLY UNLIKELY TO RISE TO THE "100'S."

4. CHARGE SAID THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO FORM

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CONCLUSIVE JUDGMENTS ON WHAT OCCURRED IN HUANUCO BUT THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE MILITARY MAY HAVE ENGAGED IN INDESCRIMINANT ATTACKS ON CIVILIANS. WHAT IS NEEDED IS A PROPER INVESTIGATION, PLUS ACCESS TO THE AREA BY THE INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED INSTITUTION -- THE ICRC -- THAT IS MOST APPROPRIATE TO OBSERVE WHAT HAS OCCURRED IN AREAS WHERE POLITICAL VIOLENCE IS PREVALENT. THE USG WILL URGE THE GOP TO TAKE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO THESE CONCERNS AND WE ASK

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PAGE 04 LIMA 03673 01 OF 02 211844Z THE EU TO EXPRESS ITSELF ON THE ISSUE AS WELL. CHARGE NOTED THAT IN ADDITION TO BASING ITS REQUEST FOR ICRC ACCESS ON THE ORGANIZATION'S INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ROLE, THE USG ALSO HAS A COMMITMENT FROM THE GOP MADE IN LATE 1991 TO PERMIT ICRC ACCESS TO MILITARY POSTS TO VERIFY TREATMENT OF DETAINEES. THIS COMMITMENT WAS MADE IN RETURN FOR DELIVERY OF A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND WE EXPECT THE GOP TO ABIDE BY IT.

5. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR ASKED WHAT USG HAS DONE SO FAR. CHARGE SAID HE HAD MET WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL BLANCA NELIDA COLAN TO MAKE OUR POINTS ON THE NEED FOR A FULL INVESTIGATION. THE STATE DEPARTMENT WAS APPROACHING THE PERUVIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON CONCERNING ICRC ACCESS AND CHARGE

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WOULD FOLLOW UP IN LIMA ONCE THE WASHINGTON DEMARCHE WAS COMPLETED. CHARGE SAID HE WOULD APPROACH CONGRESS PRESIDENT YOSHIYAMA ON A "PERSONAL BASIS" AS SOON AS AN APPOINTMENT CAN BE ARRANGED. CHARGE ALSO REPORTED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THE ISSUE WITH JAPANESE AMBASSADOR. BELGIAN ASKED AT WHAT LEVEL CHARGE WOULD MAKE APPROACH TO MFA; CHARGE SAID HE WOULD MAKE THE APPROACH BELOW THE DIRECTOR GENERAL LEVEL IN ORDER TO AVOID A CONTENTIOUS MEETING. CHARGE SAID THE ISSUE OF ICRC ACCESS HAD ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE MFA IN AN INFORMAL WAY WHEN U.S.A. DESK OFFICER CALLED POLCOUNS FOR INFORMATION ON EMBOFF VISIT TO TINGO MARIA. POLCOUNS MENTIONED LACK OF ICRC ACCESS AS A CONCERN.

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6. BRITISH AMBASSADOR ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION OF PRESS REPORTS THAT U.S. EMBASSY OFFICERS HAD ALREADY VISITED THE AREA. CHARGE SAID THAT AN OFFICER FROM THE COUNTER-NARCOTICS SECTION HAD GONE TO TINGO MARIA TO REVIEW FINANCIAL RECORDS AND HAD TOUCHED BASE WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS AND [REDACTED] ON THE KILLINGS. THIS EFFORT WAS VERY LOW KEY. CHARGE SAID EMBASSY MAY SEND OTHER OFFICERS MORE APPROPRIATE TO LOOKING INTO SUCH MATTERS AT A LATER TIME.

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7. GREEK AMBASSADOR THANKED CHARGE AND POLCOUNS FOR THE BRIEFING. HE INDICATED THAT THE EU GROUP WOULD DISCUSS THE ISSUE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO BRUSSELS. PRIOR TO CHARGE'S ARRIVAL AT GERMAN EMBASSY, WHERE MEETING WAS HELD, POLCOUNS PICKED UP INDICATIONS THAT EU GROUP HAD ALREADY LARGELY DECIDED TO MAKE DEMARCHE ON ISSUE.

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8. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS CAREFULLY AVOIDED PUBLIC TREATMENT OF THIS ISSUE IN LIMA AND WILL CONTINUE TO LOOK TO DEPARTMENT TO FIELD MEDIA AND PUBLIC INQUIRIES. WHILE WE MUST CAUTIOUSLY AVOID JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS OVER THE HUANUCO REPORTS, WE MUST ALSO MAKE CLEAR THE URGENT NEED TO PROPERLY INVESTIGATE VIA RELIABLE AND IMPARTIAL AUTHORITIES THE ALLEGATIONS MADE. GOP HAS TENTATIVELY BLAMED SENDERO FOR THE VIOLENCE AGAINST CIVILIANS WHILE IT HAS THROWN UP BARRIERS TO OUTSIDE SCRUTINY OF THE HUANUCO INCIDENTS. GOP SUPPORTERS, INCLUDING THE DAILY "EXPRESO," HOWEVER, SEEM VERY UNEASY ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE "BAD OLD DAYS" OF INDESCRIMINANT REPRESSION IN THE 1980'S HAVE COME BACK. CONGRESS PRESIDENT YOSHIYAMA HAS REGRETTED DELAY IN MEETING WITH CHARGE AND SUGGESTED MEETING COULD OCCUR APRIL 22.

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