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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
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 SUBJECT: JOURNALISTS, HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS
 REVEAL MORE ABOUT HUANUCO KILLINGS;
 ARMY DENIES KILLING NON-COMBATANTS

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1. [REDACTED] SUMMARY: ONE LIMA TV STATION AND A WEEKLY NEWS MAGAZINE HAVE PROVIDED ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF ALLEGED KILLINGS BY THE ARMY IN NORTHERN HUANUCO DEPARTMENT. THE MAGAZINE QUOTES AN ARMY LT. COLONEL ADMITTING THAT HELICOPTERS HAVE BEEN USED TO FIRE ROCKETS AT PEOPLE IN THE ZONE; THE JUSTIFICATION, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICER, IS THAT "EVERYONE" IN THE ZONE IS A "NARCO-TERRORIST." THE COORDINADORA HAS RECEIVED AN UNCONFIRMED SECOND-HAND REPORT THAT A MAN WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE ESCAPED FROM A WEST BANK SETTLEMENT CALLED GANADERIA ACCUSED MEMBERS OF THE ARMY OF KILLING THE WHOLE VILLAGE AFTER RAPING ALL THE WOMEN; THE WITNESS HAS DISAPPEARED. THE POLITICAL MILITARY COMMAND IN TARAPOTO ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE APRIL 20 DENYING THAT HELICOPTERS HAVE BOMBED OR FIRED ROCKETS AT VILLAGERS. THE STATEMENT INSISTS THAT THE ARMY HAS ONLY ENGAGED SENDERO LUMINOSO TERRORISTS IN THE ZONE. ATTORNEY GENERAL BLANCA NELIDA COLAN ANNOUNCED SHE WOULD TRAVEL TO TINGO MARIA ON

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APRIL 22. ARMY COMMAND REFUSED REQUEST FOR DAO OFFICERS TO VISIT TARAPOTO AND TINGO MARIA.
END SUMMARY.

LIMA TV STATION BROADCASTS VIDEO

2. (U) THE EVENING OF APRIL 19, LIMA'S CHANNEL 9 NEWS BROADCAST A VIDEO OF JOURNALISTS AND LOCAL RESIDENTS JOURNEYING INTO THE MOHENA AREA ON THE WEST BANK OF THE HUALLAGA RIVER (REF A). THE VIDEO GRAPHICALLY PORTRAYED A FATHER'S DISCOVERY OF THE REMAINS OF HIS ADOLESCENT DAUGHTER, ALMOST COMPLETELY REDUCED TO BONES FROM DECOMPOSITION AND THE WORK OF BUZZARDS. THE GIRL'S REMAINS (ALSO PORTRAYED IN COLOR ON THE COVER OF WEEKLY NEWSMAGAZINE "CARETAS") WERE FOUND IN A POSITION WHICH LED THE JOURNALISTS TO SPECULATE THAT SHE HAD BEEN RAPED. SEGMENT ALSO INCLUDED INTERVIEWS WITH ALLEGED WITNESSES TO THE KILLINGS, WHO TOLD THE CAMERAS THAT THE ARMY HAD ATTACKED THE

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SETTLEMENT WITH HELICOPTERS AND BOMBS "THAT MADE THE GROUND TREMBLE."

MAGAZINE REVEALS MORE DETAILS

3. (U) THE APRIL 21 EDITION OF "CARETAS" MADE THE HUANUCO KILLINGS ITS COVER STORY APRIL 21. ITS STORY PARALLELS THE ONE PORTRAYED BY CHANNEL 9 (NOT SURPRISING SINCE BOTH REPORTERS WERE PART

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PAGE 04 LIMA 03693 01 OF 03 221553Z OF THE SAME GROUP VISITING HUANUCO). ACCORDING TO TESTIMONY FROM ALLEGED WITNESSES PUBLISHED IN CARETAS, THE ARMY INVADED MOLLUNA (ALTERNATE SPELLINGS: MUYUNA OR MOYUNA) AND MOHENA ON APRIL 8. ARTICLE NOTES THAT THE JOURNALISTS DISCOVERED SEVEN DECAYING BODIES AND NO EVIDENCE OF A BATTLE; I.E., NO BULLET SHELLS OR FORTIFICATIONS IN THE SETTLEMENT.

4. (U) THE "CARETAS" ARTICLE ALSO RECOUNTS A MEETING BETWEEN THE JOURNALISTS AND LOCAL ARMY COMMANDER LT. COL. JAVIER RIVAS. RIVAS IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT "IN THAT ZONE (I.E., THE WEST BANK) ... EVERYONE PARTICIPATES (WITE SENDERO LUMINOSO), EITHER OUT OF FEAR OR SYMPATHY." RIVAS REPORTEDLY ADMITTED TO THE REPORTERS THAT THERE IS AN ONGOING OPERATION IN WHICH BOTH

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 "SPECIAL TROOPS" AND MI-17 HELICOPTERS "WHICH
 FIRE ROCKETS" (NOTE: THIS HAS BEEN DENIED BY
 PRESIDENT FUJIMORI). RIVAS IS ALSO QUOTED AS
 SAYING THAT ALL OF THE 'ZONE'S INHABITANTS ARE
 "NARCO-TERRORISTS," SOME COLLABORATORS AND SOME
 COMBATANTS. THE ARMY'S ONLY OBJECTIVE, HE ADDED,
 IS TO PUT AN END TO TERRORISM BY 1995 "AS
 ANNOUNCED BY PRESIDENT FUJIMORI."

ARMY ALLOWS ACCESS TO AREA TO SELECTED MEDIA ONLY

5. JOURNALIST SOURCES TOLD POLOFF THAT NEWS
 CREWS FROM SEVERAL MEDIA ORGANIZATIONS HAVE
 ATTEMPTED TO VISIT THE CONFLICT ZONE TO FOLLOW UP
 ON THE STORY BUT HAD BEEN DENIED ACCESS TO THE

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AUCAYACU/MOENA AREA BY THE ARMY. THEY WERE WARNED BY OFFICERS TO STAY OUT OF THE AREA OR "RISK" GETTING CAUGHT IN THE CROSS-FIRE. ONE ANGRY JOURNALIST COMPLAINED THAT LIMA TV CHANNEL 2, A PRO-GOP STATION, WAS ALLOWED TO ACCOMPANY A HIGH-RANKING MILITARY DELEGATION THAT WENT TO AUCAYACU AND THE CUCHARA BOLSON.

COORDINADORA READS TESTIMONY AT PRESS CONFERENCE

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6. (U) THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COORDINATING COMMITTEE (COORDINADORA) HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT MIDDAY APRIL 21 IN WHICH HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS SHOWED A VIDEOTAPE AND READ TESTIMONY OF ALLEGED WITNESSES TO THE KILLINGS. THE TESTIMONIES WERE SIMILAR TO THOSE SHOWN ON CHANNEL 9: VILLAGERS WHO CLAIM TO HAVE ESCAPED THE CARNAGE ACCUSE THE ARMY OF USING INDISCRIMINATE VIOLENCE AGAINST NON-COMBATANTS.

7. [REDACTED] THE COORDINADORA'S EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, ROSA MUJICA, TOLD POLOFFS APRIL 20 THAT HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS HAD RECEIVED A REPORT FROM A PRIEST IN THE TOWN OF ANDA THAT A MAN HAD ESCAPED FROM A WEST-BANK AREA CALLED GANADERIA CLAIMING THAT MEMBERS OF THE ARMY HAD KILLED AROUND 40 PEOPLE IN THE SETTLEMENT ("THE WHOLE VILLAGE") AFTER RAPING ALL OF THE LOCAL WOMEN. THE MAN REPORTEDLY DID NOT FEEL SAFE IN ANDA AND FLED; SO FAR, MUJICA SAID, NO ONE HAD BEEN ABLE TO LOCATE HIM. SHE DID NOT EVEN HAVE HIS NAME.

ARMY DENIES REPORTS

8. (U) IN A COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED IN THE LIMA PRESS APRIL 21, THE HUALLAGA FRONT POLITICAL-MILITARY COMMAND IN TARAPOTO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT "THE FORCES OF ORDER HAVE INTENSIFIED COUNTER-SUBVERSIVE OPERATIONS...BEGINNING APRIL 5, 1994." THE STATEMENT LISTS A NUMBER OF "CONFRONTATIONS"

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WITH TERRORISTS IN THE ZONE, NOTING THAT SEVERAL
TERRORISTS HAVE BEEN KILLED OR CAPTURED. IN
MOHENA, FOR EXAMPLE, THE ARMY STATES THAT FIVE
SENDERO LUMINOSO MEMBERS WERE CAPTURED ON APRIL
6, AND THAT NO ONE WAS KILLED IN THE INCIDENT.

9. (U) "THIS COMMAND CLARIFIES," THE STATEMENT
GOES ON, "THAT THE OPERATIONS CONDUCTED FROM
APRIL 5 TO THE PRESENT, IN THE RURAL AREAS OF
THE DISTRICTS OF JOSE CRESPO Y CASTILLA, RUPA
RUPA, IN THE LEONCIO PRADO PROVINCE, HUANUCO
DEPARTMENT, ARE BEING CARRIED OUT WITHOUT
AFFECTING IN ANY WAY THE VILLAGERS WHO LIVE IN
THE HILLS KNOWN AS: MUYUNA, MOHENA, SALVADOR,
BIJAO, VENENILLO AND OTHERS. AND AT NO TIME HAS
THE POPULATION BEEN BOMBED OR ATTACKED BY THE
FORCES OF ORDER, AS SOME ELEMENTS ARE PUBLICLY
ALLEGING...."

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE TO TRAVEL TO ZONE

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 10. (U) IN CONGRESS APRIL 20, ROGER CACERES (FRENATRACA) INTRODUCED A RESOLUTION THAT THE CONGRESS SEND A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO TINGO MARIA TO INVESTIGATE THE REPORTS OF ALLEGED ATROCITIES. THE MOTION WAS POSTPONED FOR VOTING UNTIL APRIL 22 BECAUSE IT WAS NOT ON THE DAY'S AGENDA. NEVERTHELESS, HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN CARLOS BLANCO (CAMBIO 90/NUEVA MAYORIA) TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE WOULD AUTHORIZE A TRIP BY THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE, WHICH WOULD LEAVE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. COMMITTEE MEMBER GLORIA HELPER (MDI - DEMOCRATIC LEFT) TOLD TV REPORTERS THAT ICRC ACCESS TO THE ZONE WAS CRUCIAL. IN ADDITION, THE LIMA OPPOSITION DAILY "LA REPUBLICA" CARRIED A STORY APRIL 21 SUPPORTIVE OF THE ICRC'S REQUEST FOR ACCESS.

ATTORNEY GENERAL TO TRAVEL TO ZONE

11. [REDACTED] ATTORNEY GENERAL BLANCA NELIDA COLAN ANNOUNCED APRIL 21 THAT SHE WOULD TRAVEL TO

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TINGO MARIA THE FOLLOWING DAY IN AN EFFORT TO UNDERSTAND BETTER THE MAGNITUDE OF THE CONFLICT AND TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. SHE SAID SHE WOULD EXAMINE THE PROGRESS OF THE LOCAL PROSECUTORS. SHE ADDED

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THAT SHE HAD NOT RECEIVED A SINGLE COMPLAINT OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN THE ZONE. (COMMENT: WE KNOW THIS IS UNTRUE; THE COORDINADORA PRESENTED AN OFFICIAL COMPLAINT (DENUNICA) ON APRIL 18; CHARGE SPOKE WITH COLAN APRIL 20 ABOUT ALLEGATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES.)

ATTACHE VISITS REFUSED.

12. [REDACTED] THE WRITTEN REQUESTS OF THE ARMY ATTACHES TO VISIT TARAPOTO (HUALLAGA FRONT HQ) AND TINGO MARIA WERE TURNED DOWN BY THE PERUVIAN ARMY COMMAND. ATTACHE LIAISON OFFICER COL. JULIO SALAZAR CONVEYED THIS MESSAGE, BUT ALSO ASKED HOW DAO KNEW THE NAME OF THE OPERATION NOW BEING CONDUCTED IN THE NORTHERN HUANUCO AREA, "MONZON." NAME WAS USED IN SEVERAL MEDIA REPORTS. DAO ASKED SALAZAR FOR WRITTEN RESPONSE REFUSIG ACCESS.

13. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE GOVERNMENT IS DENYING THAT HELICOPTERS HAVE FIRED ROCKETS OR BEEN USED TO STRAFE PEOPLE ON THE GROUND IN THE HUANUCO CONFLICT ZONE. THIS CONTRADICTS THE REPORTED COMMENTS OF THE MILITARY COMMANDER IN TINGO MARIA, AS WELL AS THE REPORTED TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES WHO HAVE FLED THROUGHOUT THE AREA AS FAR AWAY AS HUANUCO. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE SEEKING TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT EVENTS WHICH HAVE OCCURED IN HUANUCO.
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