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COME FORWARD; ARMY GENERAL ACCUSES  
ICRC OF AIDING TERRORISTS

REF: LIMA 3693 AND PREVIOUS

1. [REDACTED] SUMMARY: GOP HAS NOT GRANTED THE ICRC  
ACCESS TO NORTHERN HUANUCO; ICRC CHIEF DELEGATE  
REJECTED THE ARMY'S OFFER TO ESCORT THE ICRC TO

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THE ZONE AS OFFER DID NOT MEET ICRC'S STANDARDS. HUALLAGA FRONT COMMANDER GEN. RODRIGUEZ TOLD THE ICRC IT WILL NEVER BE ALLOWED IN ALONE. RODRIGUEZ BLASTED THE ICRC PUBLICLY, DECLARING TO THE MEDIA THAT HE SUSPECTED ICRC DELEGATES OF AIDING TERRORISTS AND INTERFERING IN THEIR CAPTURE AND INTERROGATION.

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A COMMISSION OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, A HUMAN RIGHTS LAWYER, A PRIEST AND JOURNALISTS VISITED THE AREA AND INTERVIEWED SEVERAL ALLEGED WITNESSES WHO CLAIMED THE ARMY HAD USED HELICOPTERS AND GROUND TROOPS TO KILL CIVILIAN NON-COMBATANTS. THE COMMISSION DISCOVERED HUMAN REMAINS IN THE MOLLUNA AREA. ARMY CHIEF GENERAL HERMOZA DENIED THE ARMY HAD CARRIED OUT OPERATIONS ALONG THE WEST BANK NEAR THE HUALLAGA RIVER AND CLAIMED THAT ACCUSATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES WERE A "POLITICAL MANEUVER" BY HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS. END SUMMARY.

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HUALLAGA FRONT COMMANDER QUESTIONS ICRC ACTIONS

2. (U) IN DECLARATIONS TO THE MEDIA IN TINGO MARIA APRIL 24, THE POLITICAL-MILITARY COMMANDER OF THE HUALLAGA FRONT, ARMY GENERAL ALFREDO RODRIGUEZ RIVEROS, STRONGLY CRITICIZED THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC) DELEGATES IN PERU, INSINUATING THAT THEY COLLABORATE WITH SENDERO LUMINOSO TERRORISTS. THE ICRC ALWAYS SEEMS TO KNOW WHEN AND WHERE THE ARMY IS GOING TO CARRY OUT AN OPERATION, RODRIGUEZ COMPLAINED. "THEY GO IN (NFI) AND CONVERSE WITH TERRORIST COMMANDERS AND THEY COME OUT WITH INFORMATION," HE ASSERTED. RODRIGUEZ THEN ACCUSED THE ICRC DELEGATES OF OFFERING TO "HELP" JAILED TERRORISTS. "THEY (THE ICRC) MAKE US LOOK LIKE THE BAD GUYS," RODRIGUEZ REMARKED. "NEVERTHELESS, I THINK THEY SHOULD REORIENT THEIR POLICY."

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3. (U) RODRIGUEZ WENT ON TO COMPLAIN THAT THE ICRC INTERFERES WITH THE CAPTURE AND INTERROGATION OF TERRORISTS BECAUSE ITS DELEGATES INSIST ON SPEAKING WITH DETAINEES "AS SOON AS THEY ARE CAPTURED ... WHY DO THEY NOT GIVE US THE FIFTEEN DAYS (OF INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION) THAT CORRESPOND TO THE INVESTIGATION AND THEN SPEAK TO DETAINEES?" HE ASKED. RODRIGUEZ WENT ON TO CHARGE THAT PRISONERS

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BECOME UNCOOPERATIVE AFTER BEING VISITED BY THE ICRC. THE GENERAL ADDED THAT "WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED A SINGLE REPORT OF ANY COMPLAINT AGAINST US."

4. (U) THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGRESS'S HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE, CARLOS BLANCO, WHO HAD FLOWN TO TINGO MARIA WITH A DELEGATION OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, HUMAN RIGHTS LEADERS AND JOURNALISTS, SUPPORTED RODRIGUEZ' REMARKS. BLANCO CLAIMED TO HAVE SPOKEN TO A "REPENTANT" TERRORIST (I.E., ONE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE AMNESTY LAW) WHO ALLEGEDLY CHARGED THAT THE ICRC VISITED HIM WHEN HE WAS FIRST CAPTURED AND TOLD HIM NOT TO TELL

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HIS CAPTORS ANYTHING AND THAT THE ICRC WOULD PROVIDE TEN AIRPLANE TICKETS FOR HIM AND HIS FAMILY TO LEAVE PERU.

5. (U) ARMY COMMANDER GENERAL AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ARMED FORCES JOINT COMMAND, ARMY GENERAL NICOLAS DE BARI HERMOZA, PUBLICLY INVITED THE ICRC TO THE RESTRICTED ZONE IN NORTHERN HUANUCO ON APRIL 22. "I INVITE (ICRC CHIEF DELEGATE) GEORGES COMNINOS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS TO COME," HERMOZA DECLARED TO THE MEDIA. HOWEVER, HE STRESSED, HE COULD NOT PERMIT THE ICRC TO ENTER THE ZONE ALONE; DELEGATES COULD ONLY VISIT THE AREA WITH A MILITARY ESCORT.

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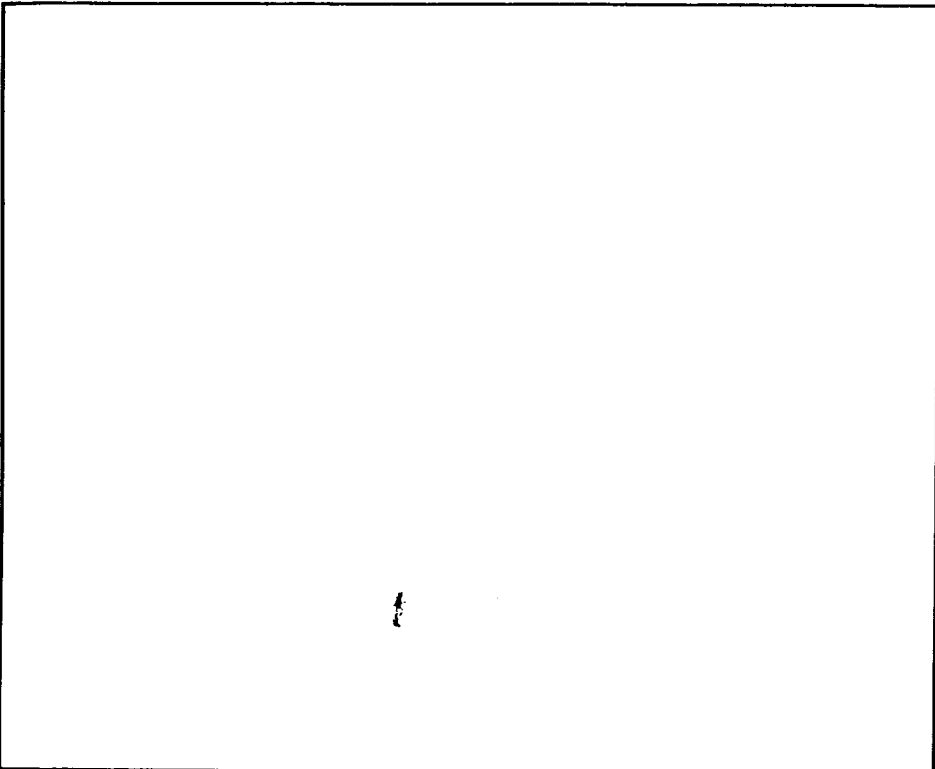
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ATTORNEY GENERAL FINDS NO EVIDENCE OF ABUSES

8. (U) ATTORNEY GENERAL BLANCA NELIDA COLAN TOLD THE MEDIA IN TINGO MARIA APRIL 23 THAT SHE HAD SO FAR FOUND NO EVIDENCE THAT THE ARMY HAD COMMITTED HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES. "NEVERTHELESS, WE CONTINUE INVESTIGATING," COLAN DECLARED. SHE ADDED THAT SHE WOULD CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF NAMING A SPECIAL PROSECUTOR TO THE CASE IF NECESSARY. SOME OF THE TIME ON HER FIRST DAY TO THE AREA WAS TAKEN UP BY A CEREMONY IN TARAPOTO, WHERE COLAN WAS DECORATED AND HAILED AS AN "HONORED GUEST" OF THE CITY.

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 9. (U) ACCOMPANYING COLAN WERE CARLOS BLANCO AND SEVERAL OTHER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS FROM BOTH GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION PARTIES, A HUMAN RIGHTS LAWYER REPRESENTING THE COORDINADORA, THE PRESIDENT OF THE PEACE COUNCIL, A PRIEST AND A NUMBER OF JOURNALISTS. ON APRIL 23 THE ARMY FLEW THE GROUP OVER THE ZONE OF CONFLICT, BUT DESPITE SEVERAL REQUESTS DID NOT LAND ANYWHERE BUT THE ARMY BASE AT VENENILLO. THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE COMMISSION MET WITH A NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE TOWN OF ANDA (NORTH OF TINGO MARIA) WHO CLAIMED TO BE EYEWITNESSES TO ALLEGED KILLINGS OF CIVILIANS BY THE ARMY. ONE FAMILY, DESCRIBED IN THE PRESS AS EMACIATED, APPEARED IN THE TOWN THE SAME DAY, CLAIMING THEY HAD HIDDEN IN THE JUNGLE SINCE APRIL 8 WHEN THE ARMY BEGAN SHOOTING THE RESIDENTS OF CARMEN ALTO (ON THE WEST BANK). LATER THAT DAY THE COMMISSION CROSSED THE RIVER INTO MOLLUNA WITH AN ARMY ESCORT AND DISCOVERED TWO CADAVERS BEHIND A HOUSE AND PARTS OF OTHER

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CORPSES. CARLOS BLANCO REFUSED TO DRAW ANY CONCLUSIONS, TELLING JOURNALISTS: "THE TESTIMONIES WE HAVE RECEIVED ACCUSE ARMY COLUMNS AS BEING RESPONSIBLE, BUT THOSE ACCUSATIONS MUST BE EVALUATED AND CONFIRMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW."

HERMOZA DENIES ACCUSATIONS  
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10. (U) GENERAL HERMOZA TOLD THE MEDIA APRIL 24 THAT THE MILITARY OPERATION IN NORTHERN HUANUCO WAS NOT CARRIED OUT IN THE PLACES WHERE THE COMMISSION DISCOVERED THE BODIES. "WE HAVE NOT INTERVENED IN THE AREA BETWEEN THE (HUALLAGA) RIVER AND (EAST OF) THE MOUNTAINS," HE ASSERTED. "IF YOU TELL ME THOSE REMAINS WERE FOUND ONLY TEN MINUTES FROM THE RIVER BANK, THEN I WOULD HAVE TO SAY THAT SENDERISTAS WERE RESPONSIBLE ... WE ARE NOT EXTERMINATORS. THE PEOPLE ARE OUR GREAT ALLY." HERMOZA CHARACTERIZED ACCUSATIONS THAT THE ARMY HAD USED INDISCRIMINATE VIOLENCE AS "A POLITICAL MANEUVER" BY HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS IN AN EFFORT TO DEFAME THE MILITARY.

11. [REDACTED] COMMENT: WHILE THERE IS NO CONCLUSIVE PROOF THAT THE ARMY HAS MASSACRED CIVILIANS IN NORTHERN HUANUCO, THE SHEER NUMBER OF WITNESSES

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TESTIMONY. MANY OF THOSE WITNESSES DESCRIBE  
THEIR LIVES ON THE WEST BANK OF THE HUALLAGA AS  
TRYING TO MAKE A LIVING WHILE CAUGHT BETWEEN THE  
GUNFIRE OF TERRORISTS AND THE ARMY, BOTH OF WHOM  
HAD KILLED INNOCENT PEOPLE. SO FAR THE GOP,  
RATHER THAN COMMIT ITSELF TO A THOROUGH AND  
OBJECTIVE INVESTIGATION, HAS DONE LITTLE MORE  
THAN SEEK TO DISCREDIT THE ICRC AND HUMAN RIGHTS  
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