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 RIGHTS GROUPS; SPECIAL PROSECUTOR
 NAMED FOR HUANUCO INCIDENTS

REF: LIMA 3767 AND PREVIOUS

1. [REDACTED] SUMMARY: THE PERUVIAN CONGRESS PASSED A
 RESOLUTION, SUBMITTED BY THE GOVERNMENT MAJORITY,
 THAT CONDEMNS THE HUMAN RIGHTS UMBRELLA GROUP,

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THE COORDINADORA, FOR "IRRESPONSIBLY" PROPAGATING ALLEGATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES AND THUS "DAMAGING PERU'S IMAGE AND PRESTIGE." THIS CONDEMNATION IS UNPRECEDENTED. THIS AND RECENT CRITICISMS OF OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS REFLECT A SIGNIFICANT HARDENING OF GOP ATTITUDES TOWARDS HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS. ATTORNEY GENERAL NAMED A SPECIAL PROSECUTOR TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS THE ARMY KILLED CIVILIANS IN NORTHERN HUANUCO. GIVEN RATIONALE PRESENTED BY THE PRO-GOP PRESS, A REAL INVESTIGATION IS UNLIKELY TO GO MATERIALIZE. THE ICRC ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE EXPLAINING ITS MOTIVES FOR REQUESTING ACCESS TO NORTHERN HUANUCO, BUT THE HUALLAGA FRONT COMMANDER PUBLICLY REJECTED THE REQUEST THAT THE ICRC ENTER THE ZONE WITHOUT A MILITARY ESCORT. THE COORDINADORA PUBLISHED A MEASURED STATEMENT SETTING FORTH THE EVIDENCE OF ABUSE IT HAD GATHERED AND PUBLICLY REVEALED -- TACITLY COUNTERING THE GOVERNMENT ASSERTION THAT IT HAD ACTED IRRESPONSIBLY. IT ALSO CALLED ON THE GOVERNMENT TO INVESTIGATE. GRANT ICRC ACCESS

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AND PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN RELIEF TO THE AFFECTED POPULATION. COORDINADORA OFFICIALS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE SHARP GOP ATTACKS AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS. END SUMMARY.

CONGRESS CONDEMNS COORDINADORA

2. (U) THE CONSTITUENT CONGRESS (CCD) PASSED A RESOLUTION APRIL 27 CONDEMNING THE COORDINADORA, PERU'S UMBRELLA HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION, FOR THE COORDINADORA'S DENOUNCING OF ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES BY THE ARMY IN NORTHERN HUANUCO DEPARTMENT (REFTELS). THE MOTION, INTRODUCED BY CONGRESSMAN OSWALDO SANDOVAL OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CAMBIO 90/NUEVA MAYORIA PARTY AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CCD FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, PASSED BY A VOTE OF 41-8 (ALL VOTES IN FAVOR WERE CAST BY THE GOVERNMENT PARTY, AND ALL THOSE AGAINST BY OPPOSITION MEMBERS).

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3. (U) INTER ALIA, THE MOTION READS: "THE CCD AGREES TO:

-- "CONDEMN THE IRRESPONSIBLE WAY IN WHICH THE NATIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS HAS MADE PUBLIC NEGATIVE VERSIONS OF THE ARMED FORCES' ACTIONS IN THE HUALLAGA ZONE ... IT HAS BEEN PROVEN THAT (THESE VERSIONS) DO NOT COME CLOSE TO REALITY AND UNFORTUNATELY THEY HAVE DAMAGED THE IMAGE AND PRESTIGE OF PERU.

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-- "EXPRESS ITS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE EFFORT BEING MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE FORCES OF ORDER TO MAKE THE COUNTRY'S PACIFICATION A REALITY."

4. (U) OPPOSITION MEMBER HENRY PEASE (MDI - DEMOCRATIC LEFT) DECLARED AFTER THE VOTE THAT THE RESOLUTION WOULD ONLY BACKFIRE ON THE GOVERNMENT FOR ATTACKING AN INTERNATIONALLY RESPECTED ORGANIZATION. BESIDES, PEASE ADDED, THE CCD'S HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE HAD NOT EVEN HAD A CHANCE TO EVALUATE ALL THE INFORMATION IT HAD GATHERED ON ITS APRIL 23-25 VISIT TO HUANUCO.

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SPECIAL PROSECUTOR NAMED

5. (U) ATTORNEY GENERAL BLANCA NELIDA COLAN ANNOUNCED APRIL 27 THAT SHE HAD DESIGNATED THE TINGO MARIA DISTRICT ATTORNEY (FISCAL) TO BE A SPECIAL PROSECUTOR FOR INVESTIGATING THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE ARMY. THE PROSECUTOR, CARLOS GONZALEZ ORTIZ, WAS ORDERED TO BEGIN INTERVIEWING PEOPLE IN THE TOWN OF ANDA WHO CLAIM TO BE WITNESSES TO THE KILLINGS ON THE WEST BANK OF THE HUALLAGA RIVER.

6. [REDACTED] COORDINADORA BOARD MEMBER ERNESTO DE LA JARA (VICE DIRECTOR OF THE LEGAL DEFENSE INSTITUTE) TOLD POLOFF APRIL 28 THAT NEITHER HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS NOR THE LOCAL POPULATION HAD ANY FAITH IN GONZALEZ. FROM THE BEGINNING, HE HAS SHOWN LITTLE INTEREST IN INVESTIGATING THE ALLEGATIONS; WITNESSES HAD PREFERRED TO SPEAK TO

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THE CLERGY OR TO PROSECUTORS IN HUANUCO CITY RATHER THAN TO HIM. FURTHERMORE, DE LA JARA ASSERTED, IT IS DIFFICULT FOR ANY PROSECUTOR IN TINGO MARIA TO BE INDEPENDENT WITH THE DOMINANT PRESENCE OF THE ARMY IN THE AREA.

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7. (U) THE PERU DELEGATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC) RELEASED A COMMUNIQUE APRIL 26 IN RESPONSE TO THE ARMY'S DENIAL OF ACCESS TO NORTHERN HUANUCO AND CRITICISM THAT THE ORGANIZATION AIDS TERRORISTS (REFTEL). THE STATEMENT AFFIRMED THAT THE ICRC RESPECTS THE PRINCIPLES OF INDEPENDENCE AND NEUTRALITY WITH WHICH IT HAS ALWAYS ACTED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. THE ICRC'S REQUEST FOR ACCESS, AS WELL AS ITS VISITS OF DETAINEES, HAS AS ITS ONLY PURPOSE THE FULFILLMENT OF UNIVERSALLY RECOGNIZED HUMANITARIAN OBJECTIVES. IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN ITS NEUTRALITY AND OBJECTIVITY, THE ICRC CANNOT CARRY OUT ITS WORK UNDER MILITARY ESCORT. IN RESPONSE, HUALLAGA FRONT COMMANDER GENERAL ALFREDO RODRIGUEZ DECLARED TO THE MEDIA THE SAME DAY THAT HE HAD SPOKEN TO THE ICRC DIRECTLY; "THEY (THE ICRC) CANNOT PLACE CONDITIONS ON ME," HE SAID. "THEY WANT TO ENTER THE ZONE WITHOUT A MILITARY ESCORT, BUT THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO." RODRIGUEZ ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE ICRC HAD NOT RESPONDED TO HIS "PERSONAL" ALLEGATION THAT THE ICRC TIPPED OFF SENDERO LUMINOSO UNITS ABOUT ARMY OPERATIONS (REFTEL).

COORDINADORA CALLS FOR INVESTIGATION

8. (U) IN A FULL-PAGE PAID AD IN THE APRIL 28
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 EDITION OF LIMA OPPOSITION DAILY "LA REPUBLICA,"
 THE COORDINADORA RESPONDED TO A NUMBER OF
 ACCUSATIONS. FOR INSTANCE, THE STATEMENT NOTES,
 THE COORDINADORA HAD NEVER CALLED FOR THE ARMY'S
 OPERATION IN HUANUCO TO CEASE, AS HAD BEEN
 FALSELY REPORTED BY THE PRO-GOVERNMENT PRESS.
 NOR HAD THE COORDINADORA CLAIMED THAT THE ARMY
 WAS BOMBING THE CIVILIAN POPULATION, AS THE ARMY
 ACCUSED THE GROUP OF SAYING. TACITLY RESPONDING
 TO THE CHARGE THAT IT HAD ACTED "IRRESPONSIBLY"
 IN DENOUNCING LARGE NUMBERS OF KILLINGS, THE
 COORDINADORA STATEMENT REVIEWED THE REPORTS OF
 ABUSES IT HAD RECEIVED AND PUBLICLY REVEALED, A
 NUMBER FAR BELOW THE "HUNDREDS" THAT GOP MEDIA
 CLAIMED COORDINADORA HAD DENOUNCED. THE AD CALLS
 ON THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE FIVE CONCRETE STEPS TO
 DEAL WITH THE ALLEGATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES:

-- THE PUBLIC MINISTRY SHOULD CARRY OUT AN
 "EXHAUSTIVE INVESTIGATION";

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-- THE CCD SHOULD PREPARE A REPORT ON THE VISIT OF SEVERAL CCD MEMBERS TO NORTHERN HUANUCO, AND A SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED TO CONTINUE LOOKING INTO THE ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSES;

-- JOURNALISTS, CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS SHOULD BE ALLOWED INTO THE ZONE WHERE THE KILLINGS OCCURRED;

-- HUMANITARIAN RELIEF SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE PEOPLE OF THE AFFECTED ZONE AND ANY WITNESSES SHOULD BE GRANTED A GUARANTEE OF SAFETY; AND

-- THE ICRC SHOULD BE GRANTED FREE ACCESS TO THE ZONE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT THE GOP ASSUMED WITH THE ORGANIZATION.

COORDINADORA WORRIED BUT NOT DISCOURAGED

9. [REDACTED] DE LA JARA TOLD POLOFF APRIL 28 THAT COORDINADORA MEMBERS ARE WORRIED ABOUT THE STINGING ATTACKS AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS BY THE GOVERNMENT, CCD MEMBERS, ARMED FORCES, THE PRO-FUJIMORI PRESS AND EVEN SOME PRO-GOVERNMENT CLERGY. NEVERTHELESS, THEY WERE ALSO PLEASED BECAUSE THE COORDINADORA'S PUBLIC DENUNCIATIONS

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OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES LED TO THE ZONE GETTING AN
HIGH LEVEL OF ATTENTION AND MEDIA COVERAGE. THE
TRIP TO THE ZONE BY CCD MEMBERS AND THE ATTORNEY
GENERAL HELPED A LOT; WITNESSES CAME FORWARD AND
THE TRUTH CAME OUT. IN ADDITION, DE LA JARA HAD
HEARD THAT THE ARMY COMMAND HAD ORDERED THE
CESSATION OF ROCKET AND MACHINE GUN ATTACKS FROM
HELICOPTERS; THIS HAD ALLOWED MORE OF THE
CIVILIAN POPULATION TO LEAVE THE ZONE, ACCORDING
TO REPORTS.

10. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE COORDINADORA BELIEVES IT
ACT WITH PROPER CAUTION. IT RECEIVED CREDIBLE
REPORTS OF KILLINGS, INCLUDING THOSE OF CAYUMBA
CHICO; THERE WERE CREDIBLE REPORTS THAT
HELICOPTER FIRE HAD CAUSED CIVILIAN CASUALTIES;
THE ARMY HAD PROHIBITED THE ICRC FROM ENTERING
THE WEST BANK ZONE OF THE HUALLAGA. THAT SAID,
DAILY "LA REPUBLICA" HARMED THE COORDINADORA BY
HYPING THE POSSIBILITY THAT VICTIMS EXCEEDED
100. THE PRO-GOP DAILY "EXPRESO" EXPLAINS AWAY
THE DEATHS IN MOLLUNA AND MOHENA AND IGNORES
THOSE IN CAYUMBA CHICO. THAT SUGGESTS THE GOP
HAS DECIDED ON BLOCKING A FULL INVESTIGATION,
AND WILL ATTACK THE BONA FIDES OF ITS ACCUSERS.

11. [REDACTED] THE ATTACKS ON THE COORDINADORA AND THE
ICRC, AS WELL AS RECENT VITRIOLIC CRITICISM OF
AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, THE NEW YORK BAR
ASSOCIATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE GOLDMAN
COMMISSION OF JURISTS, INDICATE THERE IS A HARDER

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VIEW WITHIN THE GOP ON ANY GROUP THAT FOCUSES ON
HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES IN PERU.
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