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SPECIAL HUANUCO PROSECUTOR

REF: LIMA 4353 AND PREVIOUS

1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING REVELATION THAT THE  
 SPECIAL PROSECUTOR ASSIGNED TO INVESTIGATE  
 ALLEGED KILLINGS BY THE ARMY IN HUANUCO  
 DEPARTMENT WAS A RETIRED ARMY CAPTAIN, ATTORNEY  
 GENERAL COLAN REPLACED HIM. AN ASSISTANT  
 ATTORNEY GENERAL PRIVATELY PREDICTED THAT THE

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INVESTIGATION WOULD BE A WHITEWASH NO MATTER WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF IT. HUMAN RIGHTS COORDINADORA HAS SENT ANOTHER DELEGATION TO THE ZONE, AND THE CONGRESS'S HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE IS PLANNING A SECOND TRIP AS WELL. END SUMMARY.

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2. (U) FOLLOWING THE PUBLICATION MAY 19 OF AN ARTICLE IN THE LIMA NEWSWEEKLY "CARETAS" ON CARLOS GONZALEZ ORTIZ, THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE HUANUCO KILLINGS, ATTORNEY GENERAL BLANCA NELIDA COLAN REPLACED GONZALEZ LATER THAT SAME DAY. THE ARTICLE REVEALED THAT GONZALEZ WAS A RETIRED ARMY CAPTAIN; IT ALSO CONTAINED AN INTERVIEW WITH GONZALEZ THAT MADE IT APPARENT GONZALEZ KNEW LITTLE ABOUT WHAT WAS OCCURRING IN THE ZONE. THE NEW SPECIAL PROSECUTOR, ZENEN LAZARO RAMOS GILES, IS A TWELVE-YEAR VETERAN OF THE PUBLIC MINISTRY AND IS THE ONLY TITULAR

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(NON-PROVISIONAL) PROSECUTOR IN TINGO MARIA.

3. [REDACTED] NO OFFICIAL REASON WAS GIVEN FOR THE CHANGE, BUT ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL CLODOMIRO CHAVEZ TOLD US MAY 23 THAT GONZALEZ'S LINKS TO THE ARMY DISQUALIFIED HIM FROM THE INVESTIGATION. CHAVEZ ASSERTED THAT COLAN WAS NOT PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT HAVING AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATOR, BUT THE GOP WANTED TO AVOID THE APPEARANCE THAT THE PROSECUTOR WAS SUBSERVIENT TO THE ARMY. CHAVEZ OPINED THAT CHANGING THE PROSECUTOR WOULD MAKE NO DIFFERENCE; HE SKEPTICALLY PREDICTED THE INVESTIGATION WOULD BE A WHITEWASH IN ANY EVENT.

4. (U) AMONG GONZALEZ'S MISTAKES, ACCORDING TO VARIOUS POLITICIANS, HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS AND MEDICAL SPECIALISTS, WAS HIS PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT BODIES FOUND ON THE GROUND IN MOLLUNA AND MOHENA HAD BEEN DEAD FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS BECAUSE OF THEIR ADVANCED STATE OF DECOMPOSITION.

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AS NOTED PREVIOUSLY IN SEPTELS, BODIES DECOMPOSE RAPIDLY IN THE JUNGLE, AND THOSE IN MOLLUNA AND MOHENA HAD BEEN PICKED APART BY BUZZARDS. IN THE "CARETAS" ARTICLE, GONZALEZ TOLD REPORTERS THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT THE VILLAGERS IN THE AREA MAINTAINED AN ABOVE-GROUND, OPEN-AIR CEMETERY. SEVERAL EXPERTS ALSO INTERVIEWED BY "CARETAS" BLASTED THIS ASSERTION AS PREPOSTEROUS.

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE TO RETURN TO THE ZONE

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5. (U) CARLOS BLANCO, THE PRO-GOVERNMENT PARTY CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGRESS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE, TOLD THE MEDIA MAY 19 THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD SHORTLY PAY A RETURN VISIT TO NORTHERN HUANUCO AS PART OF ITS ONGOING INVESTIGATION INTO THE KILLINGS. BLANCO SAID THE COMMITTEE WOULD TRY TO TRAVEL TO GANADERIA, A CATTLE-RAISING AREA WEST OF MOHENA, WHERE SOME WITNESSES HAVE CLAIMED THAT UP TO 40 PEOPLE WERE KILLED. BLANCO ALSO SAID THAT THE CONGRESS WOULD "INVITE" DEFENSE MINISTER VICTOR MALCA AND ATTORNEY GENERAL COLAN TO INFORM MEMBERS OF WHAT THEY KNEW ABOUT THE

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HUANUCO PROSECUTOR  
INCIDENTS IN HUANUCO.

6. (U) BLANCO NOTED THAT THE COMMITTEE WAS PREPARING A REPORT ON HUANUCO THAT WOULD SHOW THAT THE HUMAN RIGHTS UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION, THE COORDINADORA, HAD EXAGGERATED IN ITS DENUNCIATION OF THE EVENTS. HOWEVER, BLANCO ADDED, THE REPORT WOULD NOT DISCOUNT THAT THERE HAD BEEN HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN THE ZONE OF OPERATIONS.

7. [REDACTED] THE COORDINADORA SENT A FOUR-MEMBER DELEGATION TO THE ZONE MAY 24 TO SPEND SEVERAL DAYS CONTINUING ITS OWN INVESTIGATION. MEMBERS HOPED TO BE ABLE TO TRAVEL TO GANADERIA. THE COORDINADORA IS ALSO PREPARING A REPORT ON THE EVENTS IN NORTHERN HUANUCO, TO INCLUDE NOT ONLY THE MOLLUNA AND MOHENA KILLINGS BUT REPORTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN CAYUMBA CHICO AND OTHER PARTS OF HUANUCO AS WELL.

IS A WHITEWASH IN THE WORKS?  
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8. COMMENT: SO FAR, NO ONE -- INCLUDING THE ICRC -- HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO ENTER THE ZONE NORTH OF TINGO MARIA AND WEST OF THE HUALLAGA RIVER WITHOUT MILITARY ESCORT, EVEN THOUGH "OPERATION ARIES" APPEARS TO HAVE SLOWED DOWN (THERE ARE SOME PRESS REPORTS OF ENGAGEMENTS WITH SENDERO IN THE AREA, BUT STRAFING AND ROCKETING

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PAGE 03 LIMA 04811 02 OF 02 261915Z BY ARMY HELICOPTERS SEEMS TO BE OVER). IN MID-MAY, AN UNATTRIBUTED ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE PRO-GOP DAILY "EXPRESO" CLAIMING THAT THE COORDINADORA'S ACCUSATIONS WERE FORMULATED SOLELY IN ORDER TO ATTRACT DONATIONS FOR A PROJECT. THE GOP'S MODUS OPERANDI IN THIS CASE SEEMS TO BE: DISCREDIT HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS, ISSUE DISINFORMATION ABOUT THE CASE, AND KEEP INDEPENDENT OBSERVERS OUT OF THE AREA FOR THE TIME BEING.

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TACTICS DO NOT AUGUR WELL FOR A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION THAT WOULD LEAD TO PUNISHMENT OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE IF SERIOUS ABUSE IS FOUND TO HAVE OCCURRED. CONTINUED EXTERNAL PRESSURE, HOWEVER, WILL AT LEAST IMPROVE THE PROSPECTS FOR A PROPER INVESTIGATION.

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