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1. SUMMARY: POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND CASUALTIES
FOR THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 1994 WERE ONE-THIRD
OF 1993 LEVELS, BUT STILL REMAINED HIGH, WITH 271
PERSON KILLED IN 207 TERRORIST INCIDENTS IN ALL
PERU ACCORDING TO ONE VIOLENCE MONITORING GROUP.
A SLIGHT UPWARD TICK IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS IN
VIOLENCE NUMBERS REFLECTS SEASONAL FLUCTUATIONS

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BUT ALSO SHOWS THAT VIOLENCE IN PERU IS AN ON-GOING PHENOMENON THAT DOES NOT LEND ITSELF TO EASY STATISTICAL ANALYSIS. SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE DEATHS OCCURRED IN PERU'S EASTERN JUNGLES, BUT LIMA SUFFERED FROM MORE THAN HALF OF REPORTED TERRORIST INCIDENTS. IN LIMA, MANY TARGETS WERE IN UP-SCALE COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS. TERRORISTS, PRIMARILY SENDERO, WERE BLAMED FOR ASSASSINATIONS OF 75 PERSONS SINCE JANUARY. AN ESTIMATED 98 PRESUMED SUBVERSIVES HAVE BEEN KILLED IN THE YEAR TO DATE.

2. PERUVIAN HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS REPORTED ONLY THREE NEW DISAPPEARANCES BETWEEN JANUARY AND MAY 1994 ATTRIBUTABLE TO SECURITY FORCES. HOWEVER, 35 NEW EXTRA-JUDICIAL EXECUTIONS IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THE YEAR, LARGELY STEMMING FROM A MAJOR MILITARY ANTI-SUBVERSIVE OPERATION IN APRIL, EQUALED THE TOTAL REPORTED FOR ALL OF 1993. UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT DISAPPEARANCE LEVELS OF 1993 MAY BE AS HIGH AS 168 -- FAR ABOVE

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THE 49 CASES PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS OF JUNE --
THREATEN TO REVERSE THE TRENDLINE OF HUMAN RIGHTS
IMPROVEMENTS PREVIOUSLY CREDITED TO THE GOP.
END SUMMARY.

INTRODUCTION

3. MONTHLY VIOLENCE REPORTS ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH THE TRENDS IN PERUS PERVASIVE POLITICAL VIOLENCE BY DRAWING ON SEVERAL WELL-ESTABLISHED VIOLENCE DATA BANKS. SOURCES MONITORED BY THE EMBASSY INCLUDE:

-- "CONSTITUTION AND SOCIETY," THE FORMER PERUVIAN CONGRESS' COMMISSION ON PACIFICATION, HEADED BY UNHRC RAPPORTEUR ENRIQUE BERNALES;

-- THE NATIONAL COORDINATOR FOR HUMAN RIGHTS;

-- DESCO, A PROMINENT THINK TANK; AND,

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-- EMBASSY IN-HOUSE TRACKING OF VIOLENCE.

THE USE OF MULTIPLE SOURCES ENHANCES THE ACCURACY OF REPORTED TRENDS. HOWEVER, INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS SHOULD BE TREATED WITH GREAT CAUTION SINCE DATA ABOUT VIOLENCE IN PERU IS DIFFICULT TO ACQUIRE AND THE STATISTICS REPORTED FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL TIME-FRAME CAN FLUCTUATE MARKEDLY.

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VIOLENCE AT LOW LEVELS BEGINS CREEPING UP

4. JANUARY 1994 WAS ONE OF THE QUIETEST MONTHS ON RECORD IN OVER THE PAST SEVEN YEARS, WITH VERY LITTLE TERRORIST ACTIVITY OF ANY SIGNIFICANCE. OF THE ESTIMATED 40 PERSONS KILLED IN JANUARY, SOME 30 DIED IN ARMY CLASHES WITH SENDERO COLUMNS AROUND THE EASTERN JUNGLE REGION OF

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SAPOSOA, IN SAN MARTIN DEPARTMENT.

5. JANUARY'S RELATIVE QUIET, HOWEVER, WAS SHATTERED IN FEBRUARY WHEN AN ESTIMATED 80 KILO CAR BOMB EXPLODED AGAINST THE AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING IN CENTRAL LIMA HALFWAY BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND AID/USIS OFFICES ON FEBRUARY 7, KILLING TWO AND INJURING AT LEAST 17. THE CAR BOMB ATTACK WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A SPATE OF SMALL DYNAMITE ATTACKS IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE CAPITAL CITY DIRECTED AGAINST BANKS, TELEPHONE COMPANY OFFICES AND OTHER "ECONOMIC" TARGETS. ON FEBRUARY 26, MRTA REPORTEDLY "TOOK OVER" THE HYDROELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT AT PICHANAKI, JUNIN DEPARTMENT, FOR A FEW HOURS CAUSING THE DEATH OF A NON-COMBATANT WHO APPARENTLY STEPPED ON A MINE LEFT BEHIND BY THE TERRORISTS.

6. VIOLENCE CONTINUED TO RISE SOMEWHAT IN MARCH, WITH TWO SMALL WAVES OF TERRORIST ATTACKS IN THE MIDDLE AND AT THE END OF THE MONTH. STAGED TO MARK THE 1986 "LOS PENALES" PRISON UPRISING, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS WERE A MARCH 13 CAR BOMB AGAINST A POLICE STATION IN LIMA'S ATE VITARTE DISTRICT (ESTIMATED AT 50 KILOGRAMS) AND A 60 KILO CART BOMB THAT HEAVILY DAMAGED THE HOME OF PRO-GOP NEWSPAPER COLUMNIST PATRICIO RICKETTS.

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AND WHICH KILLED A PASSERBY. OTHER INCIDENTS INCLUDED ARSON BOMBINGS OF UP-SCALE SUPER MARKETS AND DEPARTMENT STORES IN LIMA. MRTA CIRCULATED UNCLASSIFIED

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ITS PROPAGANDA SHEET "VOZ REBELDE" FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OVER SIX MONTHS TO DIFFERENT VIOLENCE MONITORS AND THE MEDIA IN LATE MARCH.

7. VIOLENCE LEVELS JUMPED AGAIN IN APRIL, LARGELY DUE TO THE ARMY'S LAUNCH OF "OPERATION ARIES." THE FIRST LARGE-SCALE MILITARY COUNTER-SUBVERSIVE OPERATION IN OVER THREE YEARS, ARIES RESULTED IN THE DEATHS OF AT LEAST 31 NON-COMBATANTS (THE NUMBER COULD WELL GO MUCH HIGHER) BUT ACHIEVED LITTLE AGAINST SENDERO COLUMNS LONG KNOWN TO HAVE OPERATED IN THE CENTRAL JUNGLE REGION OF HUANUCO DEPARTMENT. WHILE SERIOUS OBSERVERS HAVE NOT QUESTIONED THE LEGITIMACY OF CONDUCTING OPERATIONS AGAINST SENDERO'S LARGE HUANUCO COLUMNS, STRONG CRITICISM AROSE REGARDING SIGNIFICANT COMMAND AND CONTROL DEFICIENCIES OVER TROOPS AND THE GOP'S SUBSEQUENT COVER-UP EFFORTS OF SUSPECTED HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES BY KEEPING ICRC AND OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS AND INDEPENDENT OBSERVERS OUT OF THE AREA. THE GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY BELATEDLY ALLOWED PARTIAL ACCESS BY OBSERVERS INTO THE AREA -- BUT ONLY AFTER CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC OUTCRY. THE ARMY CLAIMED IT KILLED SOME 20 SENDERISTAS IN THE MONTH-LONG OPERATION AND HAD KNOCKED THE COLUMNS OFF-BALANCE, BUT IT FAILED TO CAPTURE ANY SENIOR SENDERO COMMANDERS AS IT PROMISED THE PRESS. THE ARMY HAD TO CONTEND WITH TAKING SMALL LOSSES FROM CLASHES WITH SENDERO IN THE SAME AREA WITHIN A WEEK OF ANNOUNCING THE OPERATION AT AN

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END.

8. OPERATION ARIES IN APRIL LARGELY OBSCURED THE

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REAPPEARANCE OF MINOR SENDERO (AND EVEN MRTA) ACTIVITY IN SEVERAL INTERIOR PROVINCES, SUCH AS SOUTH AND CENTRAL AYACUCHO DEPARTMENT, WHERE THE TERRORISTS HAD BECOME DORMANT AND THE THREAT SEEMED TO HAVE LAPSED. IN A SERIOUS ATTACK, SENDERO KILLED 18 SETTLERS, INCLUDING A THREE YEAR OLD, IN THE HAMLET OF MONTERRICO, IN THE ASHANINKA NATIVE AREAS NEAR MAZAMARI, JUNIN DEPARTMENT. THIS ATTACK WAS SIMILAR IN METHOD AND MAGNITUDE TO TWO PREVIOUS ATTACKS AGAINST SETTLERS FROM THE SAME REGION THAT OCCURRED LAST YEAR. MRTA CAUGHT EVERYONE BY SURPRISE BY STAGING A SUCCESSFUL "ARMED STRIKE" IN MID-APRIL IN CENTRAL JUNIN DEPARTMENT, A SIGN THAT PERU'S HEAVILY DAMAGED SECONDARY TERRORIST GROUP RETAINS AN UNEXPECTED POTENTIAL FOR ORGANIZED

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ACTIONS. THE MOST SERIOUS PUBLICLY REPORTED
INCIDENT FROM MRTA'S ARMED STRIKE WAS AN APRIL 21
AMBUSH OF A TRUCK IN CHANCHAMAYO PROVINCE THAT
CLAIMED THE LIVES OF 15 CIVILIANS AND THREE
SOLDIERS.

9. IN MAY, VIOLENCE CONTINUED ITS UPTICK FOR
THE THIRD MONTH IN A ROW. SENDERO "CELEBRATED"
THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1980 INITIATION OF THE
ARMED STRUGGLE WITH ITS FIRST "ARMED STRIKE" IN
OVER A YEAR ON MAY 17-18. THE STRIKE IN LIMA HAD
ONLY A MARGINAL EFFECT ON THE CAPITAL CITY THE
FIRST MORNING AND WAS IGNORED ON THE SECOND DAY.
IT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN MORE EFFECTIVE IN THE
COUNTRYSIDE. REPORTS EVENTUALLY FILTERED BACK TO
LIMA OF SMALL SCALE SENDERO ACTIONS THROUGHOUT
MOST OF THOSE RURAL AREAS WHERE SENDERO HAS HAD
A PRESENCE IN THE PAST. ONCE AGAIN, SL BELIED
REPORTS OF ITS IMMINENT DEMISE AND SHOWED THAT
DESPITE THE GOP'S CONTINUED SUCCESS AGAINST THE
TERRORISTS, IT RETAINS THE ABILITY TO STAGE
COORDINATED ACTIONS ON NATIONAL LEVEL. AS PART
OF THIS ARMED STRIKE, SENDERO DYNAMITED THE OIL
PIPELINE IN NORTHERN PERU'S PIURA DEPARTMENT.

PUTTING THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS IN PERSPECTIVE

10. POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND CASUALTIES REMAINED
HIGH, WITH 271 PERSON KILLED IN 207 TERRORIST
INCIDENTS NATIONWIDE, ACCORDING TO THE BERNALES
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VIOLENCE MONITORING GROUP. THREE-QUARTERS OF THE DEATHS REGISTERED IN THIS PERIOD OCCURRED IN THE EASTERN JUNGLE AREAS, BUT MORE THAN HALF OF REPORTED TERRORIST INCIDENTS CONTINUED TO HIT THE CAPITAL CITY, LIMA, AND MANY OF THE TARGETS WERE IN UP-SCALE COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS. IN THE CONTEXT OF PERU'S BLOODY 14 YEAR GUERRILLA WAR, HOWEVER, VIOLENCE LEVELS FOR THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 1994 (JANUARY TO MAY) WERE ONE-THIRD OF 1993 LEVELS. THE LOWER LEVELS SUGGEST SENDERO HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO COUNTER THE GOP'S CONTINUED POUNDING OF ITS CADRE NOR OVERCOME THE IMPACT OF SIGNIFICANT CAPTURES OF SENIOR LEADERS. NEVERTHELESS, THERE WAS A DISTURBING SLOW TICK UPWARD IN VIOLENCE OVER THE LAST THREE MONTHS IN QUESTION WHICH MAY INDICATE THE DOWNWARD TREND IN LESSENING POLITICAL VIOLENCE MAY HAVE BOTTOMED OUT.

DISAPPEARANCES: DOWN IN '94; BAD NEWS ON '93

11. THE FOLLOWING CHART PROVIDES DATA ON UNRESOLVED DISAPPEARANCES COMPILED BY PERU'S NATIONAL COORDINATOR FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (COORDINADORA). THE COORDINADORA CAUTIONS THAT DISAPPEARANCE TOTALS ARE LIKELY TO CHANGE BECAUSE THEY OFTEN CONTINUE RECEIVING CLAIMS FROM UP TO SIX MONTHS BACK. (NOTE: CHARTS IN PREVIOUS CABLES ALSO CARRIED STATISTICS ON DISAPPEARANCES PROVIDED BY THE PUBLIC MINISTRY'S NATIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. THIS OFFICE HAS NOW

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 BEEN ABOLISHED. PUBLIC MINISTRY FIGURES, CONSIDERED MORE COMPLETE THAN THE COORDINADORA'S FIGURES, GIVEN THE PUBLIC MINISTRY'S NATION-WIDE PRESENCE, ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE. END NOTE.)

UNRESOLVED DISAPPEARANCES - (COORDINADORA)

	1991	1992	1993	1994
JAN	19	9	6	1
FEB	21	18	4	0
MAR	23	17	6	2

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APR	44	17	0	0
MAY	51	35	5	0
JUNE	26	30	5	0
JULY	45	19	3	0
AUG	26	10	5	0
SEPT	8	11	4	0
OCT	21	7	6	0
NOV	11	4	2	0

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TOTAL	292	168	49	3

(NOTE: THE DISAPPEARANCE STATISTICS FOR 1992 AND 1993 DO NOT TALLY CORRECTLY AS THEY HAVE BEEN REVISED BY THE COORDINADORA BUT NO MONTHLY BREAK DOWN HAS YET BEEN MADE AVAILABLE.)

12. THE COORDINADORA ATTRIBUTED ONLY THREE DISAPPEARANCES TO SECURITY FORCES IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 1994 (AS OF JUNE). WHILE THIS DATA IS POSITIVE, READERS ARE STRONGLY CAUTIONED AGAINST IMPUTING TOO MUCH SIGNIFICANCE TO PRELIMINARY FIGURES SUBJECT TO LATER REVISION. THE EQUALLY ENCOURAGING DROP IN DISAPPEARANCES REPORTED IN 1993, WHEN ONLY 47 CASES WERE CARRIED ON THE BOOKS FOR 1993 (AS OF JUNE 1994) HAS BEEN CALLED INTO QUESTION WITH RECENT REPORTS THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF 1993 DISAPPEARANCES MAY BE MORE THAN TRIPLE THIS NUMBER AND COULD BE AS HIGH AS 167 WITH THE ARRIVAL OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC MINISTRY SOURCES IN THE PROVINCES (SUCH AS HUANUCO, JUNIN AND PASCO DEPARTMENTS) WHERE THE COORDINADORA DOES NOT HAVE AN INDEPENDENT PRESENCE.

WHY REPORTED FIGURES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

13. THE COORDINADORA AND THE NOW-DEFUNCT PUBLIC
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MINISTRY HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICE CONSTANTLY REVISED AND UPDATED THEIR DATA ON DISAPPEARANCES. PREVIOUSLY REPORTED FIGURES FOR ANY PARTICULAR MONTH ARE CHANGED AS NEW, BUT DELAYED, DENUNCIATIONS OR DISAPPEARANCES ARE RECEIVED AND RESOLUTIONS OF PREVIOUSLY REPORTED CASES ARE INCORPORATED INTO STATISTICS ON A BACK-DATED BASIS.

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14. USERS ARE CAUTIONED THAT DATA ON DISAPPEARANCES ARE UNDER CONSTANT REVISION AND SUBJECT TO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES. SINCE THE REVISION PROCESS IS AN ON-GOING ONE, ONLY THE MOST RECENT SET OF DATA, INCORPORATING THE LATEST REVISIONS, SHOULD BE USED. THE NEED TO CONSTANTLY REVISE STATISTICAL REPORTS OF DISAPPEARANCES IS DUE TO A DECISION BY THE COORDINADORA TO FILE CASES BY DATE OF OCCURRENCE RATHER THAN BY DATE ON WHICH THEY WERE REPORTED TO THE COORDINADORA.

15. NEW DATA ON 1993 DISAPPEARANCES FROM THE PUBLIC MINISTRY, RECENTLY MADE AVAILABLE TO HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS AND YET TO BE FULLY ANALYZED OR CONFIRMED, SUGGESTS THERE MAY BE AS MANY AS 119 NEW UNREPORTED DISAPPEARANCE CASES. IF THE DATA IS ACCEPTED, IT WOULD MEAN THAT THERE WERE 168 DISAPPEARANCE IN 1993, THE SAME NUMBER AS IN 1992. THIS WOULD WIPE OUT THE MARKED IMPROVEMENT ON DISAPPEARANCES NOTICED IN 1993.
COMPARATIVE LEVELS OF VIOLENCE

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16. THE VIOLENCE MONITORING GROUP, CONSTITUCION Y SOCIEDAD (FORMERLY SENATOR ENRIQUE BERNALES' COMMISSION ON PACIFICATION AND VIOLENCE) REPORTED THE FOLLOWING STATISTICS ON LEVELS OF VIOLENCE:

DEATHS BY VICTIMS 1993/1994: BERNALES

1993	TERR	MILIT	POLICERONDA	CAMPE	OTHER	TOTAL
SEPT	36	8	7	17	10	128
OCT	19	2	1	31	3	83
NOV	18	6	1	0	7	41
DEC	27	9	6	6	0	74
YR.TOT	575	110	123	133	241	1,692

1994	TERRS	MILIT	POLICERONDA	CAMPE	OTHER	TOTAL
JAN	31	1	1	4	1	56

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MAR 12	1	0	0	1	6	20	
APR 25	4	1	2	59	30	121	
MAY 22	3	3	6	0	5	39	
YTD 98	9	9	16	71	68	271	

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INCIDENTS: POLITICAL VIOLENCE 1993/1994: BERNALES

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
1993	212	101	102	116	161	99	791
1994	36	39	39	35	58	N/A	207

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
1993	94	77	106	92	38	106	1,306
1994	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	207

17. THE FOLLOWING CHART GIVES AN IDEA OF WHO IS DOING THE KILLING, SPECIFICALLY POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS AND EXTRA-JUDICIAL KILLINGS.

POLITICAL ASSASSINATION/EXTRA-JUDICIAL KILLINGS
BY AUTHOR: COORDINADORA

1993	SL	MRTA	TERR	POLMIL	PARA	RONDA	UNKN	TOT
JUN	74	0	2	1	1	1	1	78
JUL	20	0	0	0	0	0	1	21
AUG	94	0	0	1	0	0	2	97
SEPT	58	0	0	12	0	0	2	72
OCT	43	1	0	1	0	0	3	48
NOV	22	0	0	1	0	0	1	24

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1994	SL	MRTA	TERR	POLMIL	PARA	RONDA	UNKN	TOT
JAN	14	1	0	2	0	0	1	18
FEB	4	0	0	1	0	0	1	6
MAR	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
APR	34	12	1	31	0	0	0	78
MAY	19	0	1	0	0	0	3	23
YTD	75	13	2	34	0	0	5	129

18. COMMENT: THE BERNALES CHART ABOVE (DEATHS BY VICTIMS/NO. OF INCIDENTS) INCLUDES ALL DEATHS -- INCLUDING DEATHS IN COMBAT ENGAGEMENTS. IN CONTRAST, THE COORDINADORA'S CHART (ASSASSINATIONS/EXTRA-JUDICIAL KILLINGS) SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDES DEATHS REPORTED TO HAVE OCCURRED IN "ARMED ENGAGEMENTS," WHETHER BY

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GOVERNMENT FORCES, CIVILIANS, OR "PRESUMED
SUBVERSIVES." THE TOTALS ON THE TWO CHARTS ARE
THUS NOT COMPARABLE BECAUSE DIFFERENT SOURCES AND
ACCOUNTING METHODS ARE UTILIZED. DATA FROM
BERNALES AND THE COORDINADORA MAY BE COMBINED
FOR ANALYTICAL PURPOSES ONLY WITH GREAT CARE.
END COMMENT.

WHAT THE NUMBERS MEAN: GOP'S IMPROVEMENT SLIPPING

19. EXTRA-JUDICIAL KILLINGS: SERIOUS
DISAPPOINTMENT. TWO YEARS OF STEADY IMPROVEMENT
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IN TERMS OF DECLINING EXTRA-JUDICIAL EXECUTIONS
BY THE GOP WAS BROKEN IN THE FIRST PART OF 1994.
ACCORDING TO THE COORDINADORA, THERE WERE 34
EXTRA-JUDICIAL KILLINGS DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO
THE SECURITY FORCES IN 1994 (JANUARY TO MAY), AN
AVERAGE OF 6.8 PER MONTH -- ALMOST AS MANY AS
WERE ATTRIBUTED TO GOP SECURITY FORCES FOR ALL OF
1993, WHICH HAD 35 EXTRA-JUDICIAL KILLINGS
ATTRIBUTED TO THEM; AN AVERAGE OF 2.9 PER MONTH.
THE JUMP IN MURDERS ATTRIBUTED TO GOP FORCES IS
DUE TO THE DEATHS OF 31 NON-COMBATANTS KILLED
DURING THE GOVERNMENT'S FAILED "OPERATION ARIES,"
LAUNCHED AGAINST SENDERO COLUMNS IN HUANUCO
DEPARTMENT'S JUNGLE REGION IN APRIL. REPORTS OF
MANY MORE EXTRA-JUDICIAL DEATHS FROM THIS
OPERATION MAY BE ADDED LATER IF THEY ARE
CONFIRMED BY PERUVIANS HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS,
WHICH, LIKE THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS, WERE
DELIBERATELY KEPT FROM ENTERING THE AREA FOR
OVER A MONTH BY THE GOVERNMENT. THE COORDINADORA
REPORTS NO EXTRA-JUDICIAL KILLINGS BY

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 PARAMILITARY AND SELF-DEFENSE (RONDERO) FORCES
 FOR 1994; NONE WERE REPORTED IN 1993.

EXTRA-JUDICIAL KILLINGS 1994 VS 1993:

1994 (JAN-MAY):	34
AVERAGE PER MONTH:	6.8
1993 (JAN-DEC):	35
AVERAGE PER MONTH:	2.9

20. DISAPPEARANCES: SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT.
 ACCORDING TO THE COORDINADORA, THERE HAVE BEEN
 ONLY THREE REPORTED CREDIBLE UNRESOLVED
 DISAPPEARANCES IN 1994 (TO MAY). THIS CONTINUED

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THE DRAMATIC DECLINE IN DISAPPEARANCES ATTRIBUTED TO GOVERNMENT FORCES. IT REPRESENTS AN 86 PERCENT DROP IN MONTHLY DISAPPEARANCES IN 1994 (3 IN 5 MONTHS) VIS A VIS THE SAME TIMEFRAME IN 1993 (21 IN 5 MONTHS). THE COORDINADORA'S 1993 END OF YEAR ANNUAL REPORT SHOWED:

UNRESOLVED DISAPPEARANCES 1990-1994:

1994 (TO MAY):	3	(AVERAGE PER MONTH	:0.6)
1993	: 49	(:4.1)
1992	: 168	(:14.0)
1991	: 292	(:24.3)
1990	: 246	(:20.5)

21. COMBINED TOTAL UNRESOLVED DISAPPEARANCES AND UNCLASSIFIED

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL KILLINGS ATTRIBUTED TO SECURITY FORCES IN 1994 (37, OR 7.4 PER MONTH) ARE RUNNING SLIGHTLY AHEAD TO THE TOTALS FOR 1993 (84, OR 7 PER MONTH). HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS IS STILL FAR BELOW 1992 LEVELS (282, OR 23.5 PER MONTH).

LETHALITY INDEX

22. USING BERNALES COMMISSION REPORT FIGURES FOR THE NUMBER OF TERRORISTS' INCIDENTS AND DESCO FIGURES FOR THE NUMBER OF DEATHS IN TERRORIST-RELATED INCIDENTS (BROKEN DOWN IN-HOUSE BY REGION), WE CAN CONSTRUCT A LETHALITY INDEX OF DEATHS PER INCIDENT WHICH REFLECTS THE RELATIVE INTENSITY OF VIOLENCE BY REGION.

DEATHS BY REGION: DESCO

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOT
LIMA	2	8	2	5	3	N/A	20
SELVA	21	9	9	71	63	N/A	173
SIERRA	16	3	6	8	3	N/A	36
COAST	1	0	0	0	0	N/A	1
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TOTAL	40	20	17	84	69	N/A	230

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INCIDENTS BY REGION:		BERNALES					
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOT
LIMA	16	28	26	14	29	N/A	113
SELVA	5	5	3	20	8	N/A	41

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SIERRA	11	5	9	11	19	N/A	55
COAST	4	1	1	2	2	N/A	10
TOTAL	36	39	39	47	58	N/A	219

LETHALITY INDEX 1994:		DEATHS/INCIDENTS					
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOT
LIMA	.13	.29	.08	.36	.10	N/A	.18
SELVA	4.2	1.8	3.0	3.6	7.9	N/A	4.2
SIERRA	1.5	0.6	.67	.73	.16	N/A	.66
COAST	.25	0	0	0	0	N/A	.10
TOTAL	1.1	.52	.44	1.8	1.2	N/A	1.1

23. COMMENT: INCIDENTS IN LIMA ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE REPORTED, AND MORE LIKELY TO BE REPORTED FASTER, THAN THOSE WHICH OCCUR IN PERU'S ANDEAN MOUNTAIN AND JUNGLE REGIONS, DUE PRIMARILY TO DIFFICULTIES INVOLVING DISTANCE AND LACK OF COMMUNICATION. A SECOND FACTOR AFFECTING UNDER-

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REPORTING OF INCIDENTS FROM THESE AREAS IS A
LACK OF INDEPENDENT HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS IN
REMOTE AREAS. SINCE THE "LETHALITY INDEX" ABOVE
MIXES DATA FROM TWO VERY DIFFERENT SOURCES, ITS
FIGURES MUST BE REGARDED MUCH MORE TENTATIVELY
THAN FIGURES GIVEN ELSEWHERE. END COMMENT.

LEVEL OF VIOLENCE: DEATH AND INCIDENTS

24. BELOW IS A COMPARATIVE CHART OF THE DATA
COLLECTED FROM THE BERNALES COMMISSION REPORT;
THE DESCO/HUMAN RIGHTS COMMUNITY AND THE
EMBASSY'S TRACKING EFFORT. THIS IS OFFERED TO
ALLOW A COMPARISON OF THE LARGE RANGE OF DATA
AVAILABLE ON TWO KEY LEVELS OF VIOLENCE INDICES,
NUMBER OF DEATHS AND NUMBER OF TERRORIST-RELATED
INCIDENTS:

	DEATHS			INCIDENTS		
	BERNAL	DESCO	EMB	BERNAL	DESCO	EMB
1993						
JAN	217	157	129	212	154	124
FEB	234	154	187	101	72	57

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MAR	115	79	68	102	78	58
APR	177	159	0	116	81	0
MAY	169	91	0	161	119	0
JUN	186	110	60	101	87	123
JUL	135	78	126	94	76	43
AUG	133	104	82	77	69	21
SEP	128	105	98	106	97	49
OCT	83	74	39	92	94	32

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NOV	41	42	0	38	36	0
DEC	74	34	0	106	58	0

TOTAL 1,692 1,187 789 1,306 1,021 507

1994	BERNAL	DESCO	EMB	BERNAL	DESCO	EMB
JAN	56	40	0	36	34	0
FEB	35	19	0	39	32	0
MAR	20	17	0	39	42	0
APR	121	84	0	35	55	0
MAY	39	69	0	58	108	0
TOTAL	271	229	0	207	271	0

COMMENT

25. PERU'S POLITICAL VIOLENCE CONTINUES TO BE AMONG THE HIGHEST IN THE HEMISPHERE, DESPITE THE GOP'S CONTINUED SUCCESS IN CAPTURING SENIOR SENDERO CADRE AND OTHER COUNTER-TERRORISM EFFORTS. LIMA CLEARLY REMAINS A FOCAL POINT OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY, WHICH SL IS UNWILLING TO ABANDON DESPITE THE FACT THAT MOST OF THE GOP'S SUCCESS HAS BEEN IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA. SENDERO'S MOST SPECTACULAR ATTACKS, SUCH AS THE LOW-RISK, HIGH-VISIBILITY CAR BOMBINGS IN UP-SCALE DISTRICTS OR AGAINST MILITARY AND POLICE INSTALLATIONS, HAVE OCCURRED IN LIMA. NEVERTHELESS, SENDERO HAS REAPPEARED, IF ONLY IN

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A MINOR WAY, IN MOST OF ITS OLD HAUNTS WHERE MANY
HAD STARTED TO THINK THAT THE TERRORIST THREAT
HAD IN FACT FADED. WHILE THIS REAPPEARANCE,
NOTICED DURING THE SLOW UPWARD TICK IN VIOLENCE
THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS
OF THIS PERIOD IN QUESTION, IS BY NO MEANS
COMPARABLE TO SENDERO'S ABILITIES AT THE PEAK OF
ITS POWERS IN MID-1992, THE TREND IS A CAUSE FOR
CONCERN. THE REAPPEARANCE OF A CAPABLE MRTA
ARMED FORCE WAS A SURPRISE AND DEMONSTRATES
MRTA'S LATENT LETHALITY, BUT IT IS TOO SOON TO
READ TOO MUCH INTO THIS.
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