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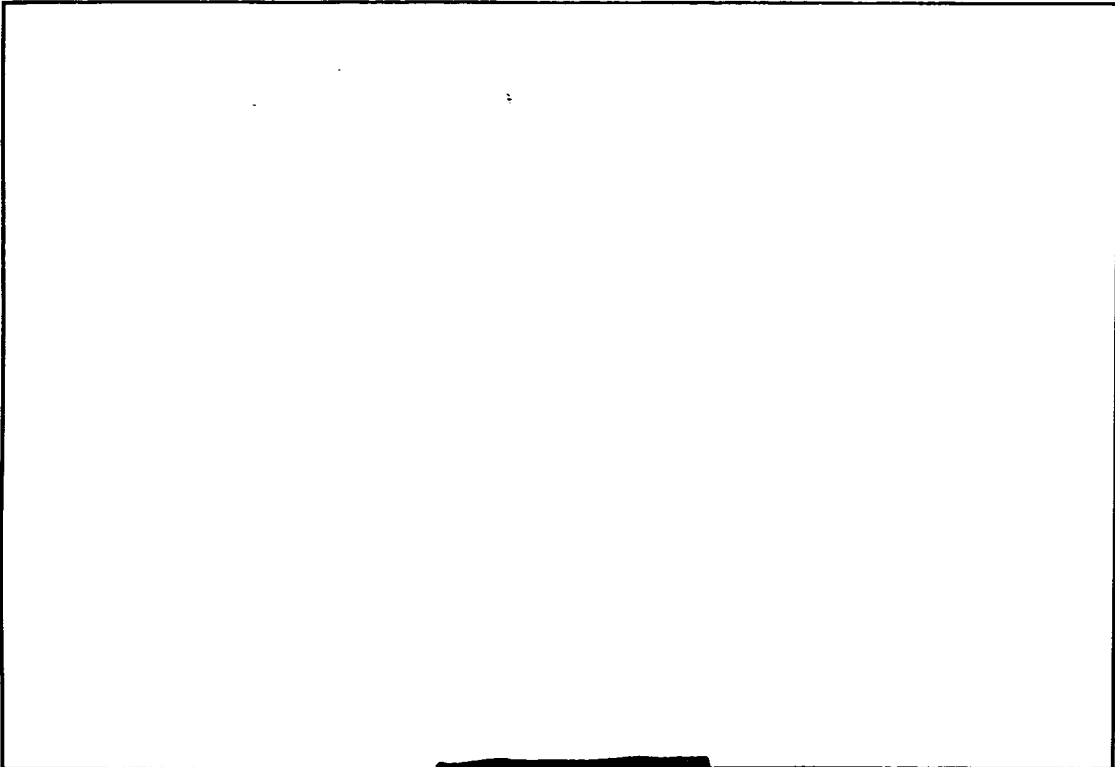
1. [REDACTED] - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. IN THE COURSE OF CINCSOUTH MCCAFFREY'S VISIT TO PERU NOVEMBER 1-3, I PICKED UP SEVERAL ENCOURAGING BITS OF INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND NARCO CORRUPTION SITUATIONS IN THE HUALLAGA FRONT SINCE THE TROUBLES OF OPERATION ARIES LAST APRIL. DURING A RECEPTION FOR CINCSOUTH NOVEMBER 2,

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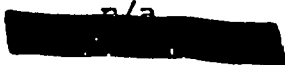


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3. IN A RELATED CONVERSATION NOVEMBER 3 DURING CINCSOUTH'S FIELD VISIT TO TARAPOTO (HEADQUARTERS OF THE HUALLAGA FRONT) AND THE YURIMAGUAS RADAR SITE, I HAD OCCASION PRIVATELY TO DISCUSS OPERATION ARIES WITH A PERUVIAN COLONEL WHO SERVES IN THE ZONE AS ONE OF FOUR INSPECTORS GENERAL CHARGED IN THE FIRST INSTANCE WITH INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES AND CORRUPTION. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTIONS, THIS OFFICER CONFIRMED TO ME THAT KILLINGS OF CIVILIANS HAD OCCURRED AND INDEED TWO OR THREE OFFICERS HAD BEEN DISCIPLINED IN FORMAL MILITARY JUSTICE PROCEEDINGS. HE PUT THE NUMBER OF DEATHS AT UNDER 20. (IN CONTRAST WHEN SUBSEQUENTLY I ASKED -- AGAIN PRIVATELY -- THE FRONT'S COMMANDING GENERAL RODRIGUEZ ABOUT OPERATION ARIES, THE GENERAL DENIED ANY EXCESSES AND CLAIMED THAT INVESTIGATIONS HAVE FAILED TO IDENTIFY CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY OF ANY MILITARY PERSONNEL.)



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4. ON OTHER MATTERS, THE FRONT INSPECTOR REPORTED THAT CURRENT INVESTIGATIONS SOON WOULD CONFIRM NARCO CORRUPTION CHARGES AGAINST 16-18 ARMY PERSONNEL IN EIGHT SEPARATE CASES, INCLUDING SEVERAL OFFICERS IN THE RANKS OF LIEUTENANT AND CAPTAIN WHO HAD BEEN SERVING IN THE HUALLAGA FRONT. HE NOTED AS WELL THAT CIVILIAN TRIALS HAD NOW BEGUN IN TARAPOTO AGAINST A COLONEL AND A LIEUTENANT COLONEL FOR NARCO CORRUPTION STEMMING FROM AN INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED LAST YEAR. (IN ANOTHER CONVERSATION DURING THE CINC'S VISIT, CHIEF OF THE NAVAL STAFF VICE ADMIRAL LUIS GIAMPIETRI THAT IN THE PAST YEAR HE HAS CHARGED FOUR JUNIOR OFFICERS ON THE UCAYALI FRONT

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5. COMMENT: THE INFORMATION REPORTED ABOVE IS ENCOURAGING, AS IT DEALS WITH THE SINGLE MOST MILITARILY ACTIVE REGION IN THE COUNTRY AND THE SOURCE OF MANY OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS REPORTED IN THE PAST. GIVEN THE MILITARY'S TRADITIONAL SECRECY ABOUT DISCIPLINE OF PERSONNEL FOR ABUSES, I AM NOT SURPRISED THAT GENERAL RODRIGUEZ WOULD NOT CARE TO CONFIRM JUDICIAL ACTION IN THE WAKE OF THE OPERATION ARIES INCIDENT. NOR IS IT CLEAR WHAT KIND OF PUNISHMENT WILL IN THE END BE METED OUT TO THOSE OFFICERS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ARIES DEATHS. MEANWHILE, WE WILL TRY TO DEVELOP MORE INFORMATION ON THE WORD FROM THE INVESTIGATING INSPECTOR CONCERNING THE CASES OF ABUSE WHICH REPORTEDLY WERE TRIED. WORD ABOUT CONTINUING NARCO CORRUPTION INVESTIGATIONS AND CIVILIAN JUDICIAL ACTION IS SIMILARLY ENCOURAGING AND SUPPLEMENTS REPORTS SEPTEL OF CORRUPTION CHARGES BROUGHT AGAINST 14 POLICE PERSONNEL LAST AUGUST. IT SUGGESTS A MORE CONSISTENT INTEREST ON THE PART OF MILITARY COMMANDERS TO TRY TO KEEP A LID ON THIS SITUATION AND TO MAKE EXAMPLES OF THOSE WHO ARE STUPID ENOUGH TO GET CAUGHT AT

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