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SUBJECT: GOP REDEFINES AREA COVERED BY REGIONAL STATE OF
EMERGENCY

REF: (A) LIMA 14076, (B) LIMA 9264, (C) LIMA 13579
1. (U) GOP ISSUED SUPREME DECREE DECEMBER 8, MODIFYING
AREA COVERED BY REGIONAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN COCA
GROWING UPPER HUALLAGA VALLEY, WHEN LAST RENEWED
(DECEMBER 3--REF A), DECREE AFFECTED ENTIRE DEPARTMENT
OF HUANUCO AND PROVINCE OF MARISCAL CACERES IN DEPARTMENT
OF SAN MARTIN. NEW DECREE LIFTS STATE OF EMERGENCY
IN HUANUCO'S TWO EASTERN JUNGLE PROVINCES (PACHITEA AND
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PUERTO INCA) AND EXTENDS EMERGENCY TO COVER A NEW AREA,

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THE PROVINCE OF DANIEL CARRION IN NORTHWESTERN PART OF (DEPARTMENT OF) PASCO, NOT MENTIONED IN EITHER DECREE IS SAN MARTIN PROVINCE OF TOCACHE, WHICH WAS NEWLY CREATED DECEMBER 7. FORMED ENTIRELY OUT OF SOUTHERN PORTION OF MARISCAL CACERES, THIS PROVINCE IS WHOLLY WITHIN DRUG TRAFFICKING ZONE OF UPPER HUALLAGA AND IS, PRESUMABLY, INTENDED TO BE PART OF AREA UNDER MILITARY CONTROL.

2. (C) COMMENT: LIFTING EMERGENCY RULE IN PACHITEA AND PUERTO INCA REFLECTS FACT THAT THESE AREAS OF HUANUCO HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN INVOLVED EITHER IN DRUG TRAFFICKING OR SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) TERRORIST ACTIVITIES. BY CONTRAST, EXTENSION TO COVER DANIEL CARRION INVOLVES A SIGNIFICANT EXPANSION OF MILITARY'S MISSION TO GO AFTER TERRORISTS IN THE AREA. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (REF B), SL'S PRESENCE IN PASCO HAS BEEN CAUSE FOR INCREASING CONCERN; CONSTITUTING A SAFEHAVEN FROM WHICH TERRORISTS COULD STRIKE NORTHWARD, INTO SOUTHWESTERN CORNER OF HUANUCO AND SOUTHWARD, INTO CRITICALLY IMPORTANT MANTARO RIVER VALLEY. A THIN POLICE PRESENCE IN DANIEL CARRION HAS PROVEN INSUFFICIENT TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH SL UNTIL NOW.

3. (C) FOR MILITARY TO DO BETTER THAN POLICE, HOWEVER, WILL REQUIRE RESOURCE COMMITMENT AND PLANNING ON A SCALE WHICH MAY BE DIFFICULT FOR MILITARY TO PROVIDE. IN DECEMBER 9 CONVERSATION WITH ENBOFF, ONE OF PERU'S LEADING ARCHEOLOGISTS PROVIDED VIGNETTE INSIGHT INTO MATTER. BASED IN ANCASH CAPITAL OF HUARAZ, HE HAS SPENT YEARS OF PROFESSIONAL LIFE ON DIGS IN REMOTE CORNERS OF THAT DEPARTMENT'S EASTERN FRINGES (BORDERING ON HUANUCO) AND IS INTIMATELY FAMILIAR WITH TOPOGRAPHY AND

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PEOPLE OF AREA. HE STATES THAT TEACHERS IN WESTERNMOST PORTIONS OF (HUANUCO PROVINCES OF) HUANALIES AND MARANON ARE ADMINISTRATIVELY HANDLED OUT OF ANCASH. THIS IS BECAUSE, DIFFICULT AS ACCESS TO THIS AREA IS OUT OF ANCASH, IT IS STILL EASIER THAN GETTING THERE FROM CENTRAL HUANUCO. IN RECENT WEEKS, TEACHERS AND LOCAL OFFICIALS FROM THROUGHOUT THIS SPARSELY POPULATED AREA HAVE BEEN ABANDONING THEIR HOMES AND SEEKING REFUGE IN ANCASH. GROUPS OF TERRORISTS--PERHAPS BETWEEN 50-100 ALL TOLD--HAVE MOVED INTO COMMUNITIES, KILLING POLICE

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AND "EXPLOITATIVE" LOCAL RESIDENTS (E.G. AS DESCRIBED
REF C). AN ARMY CONVOY WAS SENT FROM LIMA AREA, WITH
MISSION OF REACHING WESTERN MARANON COMMUNITY OF
HUACAYBANBA. ARCHEOLOGIST ENCOUNTERED CONVOY AT RUINS
OF CHAVIN (EASTERN ANCASH), WHERE SOLDIERS WERE ENGAGED
IN TOURISM ON RETURN TRIP TO LIMA. ARMY PLANNERS
EVIDENTLY HAD NOT REALIZED THAT PROJECTED ROAD FROM
ANCASH TO HUACAYBANBA HAS NOT YET BEEN BUILT.
ARCHEOLOGIST DID NOT FIND SOLDIERS OR THEIR OFFICERS
DISCOURAGED BY MISSION'S FAILURE, HOWEVER; TO CONTRARY,
THEY APPEARED IN NO HURRY TO LEAVE RUINS AND HASTEN
BACK TO LIMA. JORDAN

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