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PERU: A SURVEY OF AVAILABLE STATISTICS

1. (C) SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION:

WE ARE ENGAGED IN A REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN GUERRILLA/TERRORISM IN PERU SINCE MID-1986 (SEPTEL). IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT A MORE SYSTEMATIC ASSESSMENT OF THIS PHENOMENON, WE HAVE ASSEMBLED STATISTICS FROM SEVERAL SOURCES -- MEDIA, THE GOP, AND A THINK TANK -- ON QUANTIFIABLE ASPECTS OF VIOLENCE. ALTHOUGH THESE STATISTICS OBVIOUSLY SUFFER FROM SOME ERRORS, WE AND OTHER OBSERVERS BELIEVE THEY ARE A USEFUL TOOL FOR TRACKING THE INCREASE IN SUBVERSIVE VIOLENCE IN PERU.

2. (C) INTERIOR MINISTRY FIGURES FOR YEARLY ATTACKS SINCE 1980 SHOW AN UNBROKEN, UPWARD TREND IN ATTACKS BY THE MAOIST SENDERO LUMINGSO (SL) AND THE UNION OF THE MORE "CASTROITE" TUPAC AMARU REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MRTA) AND THE MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR). TABLES ON NUMBERS OF VICTIMS PRESENT A SIMILAR PICTURE: OVER 8,000 KILLED, MOST SINCE 1983. THOSE KILLED INCLUDE A LARGE NUMBER OF SUBVERSIVES (SL ADMITS TO AT LEAST 1,738 LOSSES IN 1984-86), AS WELL AS INNOCENT CIVILIANS (KILLED BY SL.
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PEASANT SELF-DEFENSE FORCES, AND THE SECURITY FORCES). THE DATA ALSO ILLUSTRATE A RECENT INCREASE IN SL KILLINGS OF MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY FORCES AND THE GOP, AND SUGGESTS THAT SL'S OWN CASUALTIES MAY HAVE DECLINED.

3. (C) A MIXTURE OF [REDACTED] AND GOP DATA PUBLISHED LOCALLY, GIVES US A DETAILED LOOK AT HOW SL OPERATIONS HAVE EXPANDED THROUGHOUT PERU SINCE 1980. SEPARATE DATA

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SHOW THE INCREASE IN MRTA-MIR ATTACKS AND THEIR
- EXPANSION IN THE NORTHERN CITIES.
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4. (C) OTHER INFORMATION -- TRAVEL TO ZONES OF CONFLICT, CONVERSATIONS, MEDIA REPORTS, AND CLANDESTINE SL DOCUMENTS -- SUPPORTS AND AMPLIFIES WHAT THIS DATA SIGNALS: AN SL RESURGENCE IN THE AYACUCHO EMERGENCY ZONE; EXPANSION IN THE MOUNTAINOUS AREAS OF THE FAR SOUTH (CUZCO AND PUNO) AND THE NORTH (LA LIBERTAD); MORE ACTIVITY IN THE COCA ZONES OF THE UPPER HUALLAGA VALLEY; INCREASED ATTACKS IN THE CENTRAL MOUNTAINS (JUNIN AND PASCO); AND AN UPSURGE IN ATTACKS IN LIMA. SL OPERATIONS IN LIMA INCLUDE INCREASED ASSASSINATIONS AND ATTACKS AGAINST FOREIGNERS. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE INDICATIONS OF INCREASED SL RECRUITMENT OF URBAN WORKERS AND THE RADICAL LEGAL LEFT. THEY ALSO APPEAR TO REFLECT A RIVALRY WITH THE MRTA-MIR, WHICH IS RECRUITING FROM SIMILAR SECTORS OF THE POPULATION. SEPTEL WILL CONTAIN MORE DETAILED ANALYSIS OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN GUERRILLA/TERRORIST VIOLENCE. END SUMMARY

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AND INTRODUCTION.

5. (U) GUERRILLA/TERRORIST ATTACKS INCREASE

A STAPLE OF PERUVIAN POLITICAL COMMENTARY IS THE DETERIORATING SECURITY SITUATION AND INCREASING PACE OF SUBVERSIVE VIOLENCE. JUST HOW DRAMATIC THE INCREASE IN VIOLENCE HAS BEEN -- ACCORDING TO THE GOP -- IS SHOWN IN TABLE 1. PARTICULARLY SOBERING HAS BEEN SL'S ABILITY TO MAINTAIN AN UNBROKEN UPWARD CURVE, DESPITE THE HEAVY ARMED FORCES' COUNTERINSURGENCY OPERATIONS OF 1983-85 AND SL'S LOSSES IN THE JUNE 1986 PRISON RIOTS. ALSO NOTEWORTHY IS THE UPWARD TREND IN ATTACKS BY THE MRTA-MIR.

6. (U) TABLE 1

NUMBERS OF GUERRILLA/TERRORIST ATTACKS, 1980-87

YEAR	MRTA AND MIR	SL	TOTAL
1980	0	219	219
1981	0	715	715
1982	0	891	891
1983	0	1,123	1,123
1984	18	1,742	1,760
1985	53	1,997	2,050
1986	76	2,463	2,539

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- 1987 (UNTIL 3/31)	45	635 (A)	683 (A)
- TOTAL (5/80-3/87)	192	9,755	9,980
- 1987 (AT CURRENT LEVELS)	180	2,552	2,732

(A) EMBASSY ESTIMATE.

7. (U) COMMENTS ON METHODOLOGY

COLUMN A COMES FROM RECORDS OF DESCO, A PRESTIGIOUS LEFTIST THINK TANK. COLUMN C CONTAINS INTERIOR MINISTRY FIGURES PUBLISHED BY LOCAL MEDIA. COLUMN B IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A AND C. THERE ARE OBVIOUS QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS DATA'S RELIABILITY. ALTHOUGH THE MRTA USUALLY TAKES CREDIT FOR ITS ATTACKS, SL RARELY DOES SO. CONSEQUENTLY, SOME VIOLENCE CAUSED BY NARCOTRAFFICKERS OR
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OCCURRING BETWEEN PEASANT COMMUNITIES IS FALSELY ATTRIBUTED TO SL. COUNTERBALANCING THIS IS THE PROBABLE UNDER-REPORTING OF SL ATTACKS IN REMOTE AREAS WHERE THE GOP, THE MEDIA, AND MODERN COMMUNICATIONS ARE ABSENT. DESCO'S OWN STATISTICS (FROM MEDIA REPORTS) ARE UNIFORMLY LOWER THAN INTERIOR MINISTRY FIGURES (E.G., 1,327 FOR 1986 COMPARED TO 2,463), BUT DESCO ANALYSTS ACCEPT VALIDITY OF THE INTERIOR MINISTRY FIGURES, ASSUMING THE LATTER INCLUDE ATTACKS UNREPORTED IN THE MEDIA. FINALLY, THERE IS THE PROBLEM OF DEFINING AND COUNTING ATTACKS. THE INTERIOR MINISTRY FIGURES DEFINE "ATTACKS" TO INCLUDE ANY ARMED CONFRONTATION WITH GUERRILLAS/TERRORISTS, SABOTAGE, ASSASSINATION, AND ANY OPERATION -- INCLUDING PROPAGANDA AND RECRUITMENT -- INVOLVING THE THREAT OR USE OF FORCE. WE DO NOT HAVE A GOOD FIX ON HOW ATTACKS ARE COUNTED. FOR EXAMPLE, DOES A RAID AGAINST A MINING CAMP, INCLUDING AN ASSASSINATION AND SABOTAGE, COUNT AS ONE, TWO, OR THREE ATTACKS? ASSUMING NO CHANGE IN DEFINING AND COUNTING PRACTICES, HOWEVER, THE NUMBERS PROBABLY REFLECT ACCURATELY YEARLY TRENDS.

8. (U) THE IMPACT OF SUBVERSIVE VIOLENCE
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CAN BE TRACED NOT ONLY BY NUMBERS OF ATTACKS, BUT ALSO BY THE NUMBERS AND IDENTITIES OF ITS ASSOCIATED VICTIMS. INTERIOR MINISTRY STATISTICS ON THIS SUBJECT (TABLE 2) PAINT A GLOOMY PICTURE: OVER 8,000 DEAD, OF WHOM 96 PERCENT DIED IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS. MOST IMPORTANT, THEY SHOW THAT AFTER A LULL IN 1985, SL HAS INCREASED ITS TARGETTING OF THE SECURITY FORCES AND CIVILIAN OFFICIALS, WHILE SL ITSELF ALLEGEDLY SUFFERS DECLINING LOSSES FROM DEATHS. SL ATTACKS IN 1987

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POINT TO FURTHER TARGETTING OF GOP OFFICIALS AND THE SECURITY FORCES, AS WELL AS THE SELECTION OF HIGHER-RANKING VICTIMS (SEE SEPTEL).

9. (U) TABLE 2

REPORTED DEATHS ASSOCIATED WITH GUERRILLA/TERRORIST VIOLENCE, 1980-87 (A)

YEAR	POLICE	MILI-TARY	CIVILIAN AUTHORI-TIES	"CIVIL-IANS"(B)	"TERROR-ISTS"(C)	TOTAL
1980	0	0	0	2	9	11
1981	6	0	0	5	71	82
1982	31	1	11	41	109	193
1983	51	9	27	665	1,226	1,978

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1984	55	26	35	1,750	1,721	3,557
1985	43	16	19	439	627	1,144
1986-87 (A)	101	27	50	438	447	1,063
TOTAL	287	79	142	3,340	4,210	8,058

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(A) UNTIL 2/28/87.

(B) SEE PARA 10

(C) GROSSLY EXAGGERATED; SEE PARA 11.

10. (C) WE BELIEVE THE YEARLY TOTALS OF DEATHS ARE FAIRLY ACCURATE -- ANY ERROR WOULD BE ON THE CONSERVATIVE SIDE. OF THE SPECIFIC CATEGORIES, THE MOST ACCURATE ARE POLICE AND MILITARY CASUALTIES. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, ALMOST ALL OF THESE DEATHS ARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO SL; THE MRTA-MIR HAS KILLED TWO POLICEMEN (APRIL 1987) AND ONE SOLDIER (LATE 1986). THE NUMBER OF
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"CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES" KILLED PROBABLY DOES NOT INCLUDE TRADITIONAL COMMUNAL AUTHORITIES (THE FORCED RESIGNATIONS OR EXECUTIONS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES REMAIN A HALLMARK OF SL OPERATIONS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE). THE "CIVILIANS" CATEGORY SUFFERS FROM IMPRECISION; IT MAY INCLUDE SOME SL MEMBERS, AS WELL AS CIVILIANS KILLED BY SL, THE PEASANT SELF-DEFENSE FORCES, OR THE SECURITY FORCES THEMSELVES. WE CAN CONFIRM TWO MRTA-MIR KILLINGS OF

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11. (C) "TERRORIST" DEATHS JUMPED MARKEDLY IN 1983-84, COINCIDING WITH THE MILITARY'S JANUARY 1983 ENTRANCE INTO THE AYACUCHO EMERGENCY ZONE. THIS CATEGORY UNDOUBTEDLY INCLUDES SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF INNOCENT CIVILIANS, ESPECIALLY FOR 1983-84. IN ITS AUGUST 1986 PUBLICATION ("DEVELOP THE PEOPLE'S WAR SERVING THE WORLD REVOLUTION"), SL CLAIMS TO HAVE LOST 1,738 MEMBERS OF THE "PEOPLE'S GUERRILLA ARMY" (EGP) BETWEEN 1980 AND MAY 1986. COMPARABLE GOP FIGURES, HOWEVER, ARE ABOUT 4,200 (MRTA-MIR DEATHS ARE ONLY ABOUT 30 FOR 1984-87). THE DROP IN "TERRORIST" DEATHS PROBABLY REFLECTS IN PART IMPROVED HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES AND A CONSEQUENT DROP IN DEATHS OF INNOCENT CIVILIANS; IT MAY ALSO INDICATE LOWER SL AND MRTA-MIR CASUALTIES. (HOWEVER, WE ALSO ASSUME THAT THE SECURITY FORCES DO NOT ALWAYS REPORT ALL "TERRORIST" CASUALTIES, IN ORDER TO REDUCE CRITICISM OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.) IN ANY CASE, WE BELIEVE SL'S RECRUITMENT OF NEW MEMBERS OUT-

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12. (C) SL BEGAN IN THE AYACUCHO HIGHLANDS, AND IT REMAINS STRONG IN THAT ZONE. EARLY ON, HOWEVER, SL BEGAN TO SPREAD TO OTHER AREAS OF PERU: THE MOUNTAINOUS AREAS OF LA LIBERTAD AND HUANUCO DEPARTMENTS IN THE NORTH; LIMA ON THE COAST; AND CUZCO AND PUNO DEPARTMENTS IN THE SOUTHERN SIERRA. MORE RECENTLY, ATTACKS HAVE PICKED UP IN THE CENTRAL MOUNTAINS OF PASCO AND JUNIN DEPARTMENTS AND IN THE REST OF THE DEPARTMENTS BORDERING SL'S PRINCIPAL ZONES OF CONFLICT. BY 1987, ALMOST NONE OF PERU'S 24 DEPARTMENTS IS UNTOUCHED BY SL, AS TABLE 3 (PARA 14) ILLUSTRATES.

13. (C) THE EXPANSION OF SL ATTACKS IS DISTURBING FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS. FIRST, SL ATTACKS GENERALLY REACH A NOTICEABLE LEVEL IN A GIVEN AREA ONLY AFTER CONSIDERABLE PROPAGANDA AND RECRUITMENT WORK. (FOR EXAMPLE, SL'S PRESENCE IN PUNO RECEIVED ATTENTION ONLY IN 1986, YET WE KNOW SL HAD BEEN ACTIVE THERE SINCE 1981 OR 1982.) BY THE TIME THE
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GOP CONFRONTS A NEW SL OPERATING AREA, SL USUALLY HAS DEVELOPED THE NECESSARY PROTECTIVE INFRASTRUCTURE. SECOND, WE ASSUME THAT A SUCCESSFUL SL EXPANSION REFLECTS AT LEAST SOME -- ALBEIT MINIMAL -- POPULAR SUPPORT OUTSIDE ITS TRADITIONAL BASE. IN OTHER WORDS, WHILE SL MAY NOT BE ABLE TO REPLICATE EXACTLY ITS EXPERIENCE IN AYACUCHO (WHERE SPECIFIC REGIONAL PROBLEMS AND SL'S 20-YEAR PRESENCE WERE KEY TO ITS DEVELOPMENT), IT HAS STILL OVERCOME REGIONAL BOUNDARIES.

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THIRD, SL'S SURVIVAL AND RESURGENCE IN THE AYACUCHO EMERGENCY ZONE, NOTWITHSTANDING A SIGNIFICANT GOP COUNTERINSURGENCY EFFORT, POINTS TO A RESILIENCY AND DRIVE THAT IS DISMAYING. FINALLY, WE BELIEVE THE INCREASE IN SL AREAS OF OPERATIONS REFLECTS AN INCREASE IN SL MEMBERS. FOLLOWING A REVIEW OF MRTA-MIR DEVELOPMENTS (PARAS 15-16), WE REVIEW THE GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN OF SL ATTACKS IN DETAIL IN PARAS 17-33.

14. (C) TABLE 3

GUERRILLA/TERRORIST ATTACKS BY DEPARTMENT,
1980-87 (A)

DEPARTMENT	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
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APURIMAC	9	17	53	12	23	17	139	21

(THE SOUTHERN SIERRA)

PUNO	3	24	12	25	59	63	277	23
CUZCO	8	75	29	32	30	68	69	14
AREQUIPA	15	22	24	31	41	35	UNK	UNK

(THE NORTHERN SIERRA)

LA LIBERTAD	6	7	29	23	95	151	125	38
HUANUCO	0	2	3	13	79	84	UNK	UNK
CAJAMARCA	5	26	33	20	18	21	UNK	UNK
ANCASH	10	29	38	24	15	68	53	31

(THE CENTRAL SIERRA)

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PASCO	4	16	19	42	89	131	UNK	UNK
JUNIN	31	54	42	68	84	174	169	76

(LIMA - RURAL AND URBAN)

LIMA	38	190	178	256	292	589	834	279
OTHERS (C)	33	86	69	39	99	124	UNK	UNK
TOTALS:	219	715	891	1123	1760	2050	2539	683

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- (A) INCLUDES MRTA-MIR ATTACKS; SEE TABLE 4.
 - (B) DATA IN THESE TWO COLUMNS IS UNCLASSIFIED;
- 1987 DATA IS FIRST QUARTER ONLY.
 - (C) INCLUDES AMAZONAS, ICA, LAMBAYEQUE, LORETO,
- MOQUEGUA, PIURA, SAN MARTIN, TACNA, TUMBES, AND
- UCAYALI.
 - (D) INCLUDES EMBASSY ESTIMATES FOR UNKNOWN (UNK) ATTACKS
- OF 408 IN 1986 AND 102 IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF
- 1987, CONSERVATIVELY BASED ON 1985 LEVELS.
15. (C) THE MRTA-MIR: STILL URBAN, BUT NOT LIMITED
- TO LIMA

MRTA-MIR ATTACKS OCCUR ALMOST ENTIRELY IN THE

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CITIES. THE MRTA BEGAN OPERATIONS IN LIMA IN 1984; THE FORERUNNER OF THE MIR (THE CRP) APPEARED IN LIMA IN 1985. ATTACKS HAVE INCREASED IN TRUJILLO AND CHICLAYO -- BOTH AREAS WHERE THE MIR HAD SOME PRESENCE AMONG STUDENTS AND WORKERS. (UNLIKE THE SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL MIR GUERRILLA FRONTS, WIPED OUT IN 1965, SOME MEMBERS OF THE NORTHERN FRONT SURVIVED AND ESCAPED TO ECUADOR, RETURNING YEARS LATER.) THE URBAN BIAS REFLECTS IN LARGE PART THE URBAN COMPOSITION OF ITS MEMBERS; NEVERTHELESS, WE KNOW THE MRTA-MIR IS SEEKING MORE INFLUENCE IN PEASANT AND REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND HAS NOT IGNORED THE COUNTRYSIDE. WE BELIEVE THE INCREASE IN MRTA-MIR ATTACKS, ESPECIALLY OUTSIDE LIMA, MAY RESULT FROM THE INCORPORATION OF ADDITIONAL MIR CELLS IN THE NORTH FOLLOWING THE DECEMBER 1986 UNIFICATION OF THE MRTA AND THE MIR.

16. TABLE 4

MRTA-MIR ATTACKS, 1984-87

	1984	1985	1986	1987	TOTAL
LIMA	14	45	59	31	149
OTHER	4	8	17	14	43
TOTAL	18	53	76	45	192

NOTE: SOURCE IS DESCO. FIGURES DO NOT INCLUDE PRE-1984 ILLEGAL ACTIONS ATTRIBUTED TO MRTA-MIR PRECURSORS, INCLUDING SUSPECTED BANK ROBBERIES.

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(A) UNTIL MARCH 31, 1987.
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17. (C) COMPARISON OF SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHIC TRENDS
WITH OTHER INFORMATION

THE AYACUCHO EMERGENCY ZONE (EZ) -- SL RESURGENCE:

DURING 1985 AND EARLY 1986, HEAVY PRESSURE FROM THE SECURITY FORCES LED SL TO DISPERSE GUERRILLAS ELSEWHERE IN PERU (LIMA, CUZCO, PUNO, AND PASCO DEPARTMENTS). SL INCIDENTS IN THE EZ (AYACUCHO, HUANCVELICA, AND APURIMAC DEPARTMENTS) IN TABLE 3 FELL FROM 861 IN 1984 TO 542 IN 1985, AND ROSE TO 604 IN 1986. ATTACKS IN THE AYACUCHO EZ ACCOUNTED FOR 49 PERCENT OF SL INCIDENTS IN 1984, AS OPPOSED TO 26 PERCENT IN 1985 AND 24 PERCENT IN 1986. WITHIN THE AYACUCHO EZ, SL SHIFTED ARMED OPERATIONS FROM CENTRAL AYACUCHO (PROVINCES OF HUAMANGA, HUANTA, CANGALLO, HUANCA SANCOS, AND VICTOR FAJARDO) NORTHWARD (LA MAR PROVINCE) AND EASTWARD (VILCASHUANAN
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PROVINCE AND CHINCHEROS AND ANCAHUAYLAS PROVINCES IN APURIMAC DEPARTMENT). ATTACKS IN AYACUCHO CITY DROPPED DRAMATICALLY. DURING EMBASSY VISITS TO AYACUCHO IN JANUARY AND DECEMBER 1986, HOWEVER, SECURITY FORCES NOTED THAT SL HAD RETAINED ITS PARTY STRUCTURE IN THE CITY AND RURAL AREAS, CONTINUING PROSELYTISM AND INTELLIGENCE WORK, AND OCCASIONAL ATTACKS.

18. (U) SINCE MID-1986, THERE HAVE BEEN INCREASING SIGNS OF AN SL RESURGENCE IN THE AYACUCHO EZ. IN AYACUCHO DEPARTMENT, WE NOTE:

-- ASSASSINATIONS OF GOP DEVELOPMENT ENGINEERS THROUGHOUT THE DEPARTMENT;

-- NUMEROUS SKIRMISHES WITH THE ARMY, INCLUDING THE AMBUSH OF AN ARMY PATROL IN OCTOBER AND THE AMBUSH OF AN ARMY BUS IN HUANCVELICA IN APRIL;

-- A LARGE (REPORTEDLY 100 MEMBERS) RAID IN DECEMBER AGAINST THE PROVINCE CAPITAL OF VILCASHUAMAN, DESPITE THE PRESENCE THERE OF A 75-MEMBER ARMY BASE;

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-- INCREASING ASSASSINATIONS AND BOMBINGS IN AYACUCHO CITY, INCLUDING THE JULY 1986 ASSASSINATION OF THE APRA MAYOR OF AN AYACUCHO SUBURB, THE MARCH 1987 ASSASSINATION OF AN APRA SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, AND THE MARCH BOMBING OF THE HOUSE OF THE UNITED LEFT (IU) MAYOR OF AYACUCHO.

19. (C) SL ACTIVITY IN HUANCVELICA DEPARTMENT IS CONFIRMED BY FREQUENT PRESS REPORTS OF ATTACKS. AN INTERNAL SL

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DOCUMENT (DATED LATE 1985-EARLY 1986), HOWEVER, ACKNOWLEDGES UNSPECIFIED PROBLEMS THERE. ALTHOUGH SL WAS RELATIVELY INACTIVE IN HUANCVELICA IN EARLY 1987, WE SEE SEVERAL INDICATIONS ITS PRESENCE IS IMPORTANT. SEVEN MAYORS-ELECT IN SOUTHERN HUANCVELICA RESIGNED IN DECEMBER 1986 DUE TO SL DEATH THREATS. IN MARCH, THE HEAD OF THE LOCAL GOP DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CORDE) PUBLICLY ASKED THE PRESIDENT FOR HELP IN DEALING WITH "LIBERATED ZONES" IN HUANCVELICA. IN ADDITION, SL ASSASSINATED AN APRA DEVELOPMENT OFFICIAL IN MARCH AND IN APRIL AMBUSHED AN ARMY BUS, KILLING TEN SOLDIERS AND FOUR CIVILIANS.

20. (C) APURIMAC DEPARTMENT -- WHICH ECONOMIC STATISTICS SHOW IS EVEN POORER THAN AYACUCHO -- HAS WITNESSED GROWING SL OPERATIONS. SL INCIDENTS GREW FROM 17 IN 1985 TO 139 IN 1986 (SEE TABLE 3). AN IU CONGRESSMAN WHO PARTICIPATED IN SEVERAL DEPARTMENT-WIDE POLITICAL/STUDENT MEETINGS THERE IN 1986 TOLD US HE WAS SHOCKED BY

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THE EXTENT OF PRO-SL SYMPATHIES AMONG THE YOUTH FROM SMALLER TOWNS IN APURIMAC. AN APRA CONGRESSMAN TOLD US IN MARCH THAT SL HAD SPREAD FROM CHINCHEROS PROVINCE (WITHIN THE AYACUCHO EZ) TO HIS OWN HOME PROVINCE OF ANDAHUAYLAS. ALTHOUGH ATTACKS THERE WERE FEW, HE SAID, SL'S PROPAGANDA AND RECRUITMENT DRIVE WAS INTENSIVE.

21. (C) PUNO AND CUZCO -- SL IN THE SOUTH

SL ARMED OPERATIONS IN PUNO SOARED IN EARLY 1986, WITH ATTACKS RISING FROM 63 IN 1985 TO 277 IN 1986. THE MOVE FOLLOWED AT LEAST FOUR YEARS' WORK BY SL ORGANIZERS WHO TOOK ADVANTAGE OF LAND TENURE DISPUTES BETWEEN PEASANTS AND THE COOPERATIVES CREATED BY THE VELASCO REGIME (SEE 86 LIMA 0727 FOR BACKGROUND). IN PUNO, SL EMPHASIZED ASSASSINATIONS OF LOCAL AND DEPARTMENTAL OFFICIALS, AND APRA PARTY MEMBERS. THE RESPONSE BY THE SECURITY FORCES AND THE GOP'S QUICK REDISTRIBUTION OF LAND TO POOR PEASANTS APPEARS TO HAVE UNDERCUT SL'S MASS APPEAL IN PUNO. ONE LEFTIST WRITER WHO RECENTLY VISITED PUNO TOLD US THE ARMY HAD BEEN ABLE TO CAPTURE DOZENS OF LOCAL SL
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MEMBERS AND THAT SL APPEARED TO BE IN A PROCESS OF REORGANIZING ITSELF IN THAT AREA. TABLE 3 LISTS ONLY 23 INCIDENTS IN PUNO FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987. THERE ARE STILL SIGNIFICANT AREAS IN MELGAR AND AYAVIRI PROVINCES, HOWEVER, WHERE LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAVE RESIGNED OR BEEN KILLED; WHILE THE GOP HAS UNDERCUT SL, IT HAS YET TO REESTABLISH ITS AUTHORITY FULLY IN PUNO. A POTENTIAL SOURCE OF TROUBLE FOR THE GOP IS HUGO BLANCO'S ORGANIZING OF PEASANTS IN

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SOUTHERN PUNO. AN EX-TROTSKYITE AND CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF THE RADICAL PUH, BLANCO LED GUERRILLAS IN CUZCO IN 1965. [REDACTED] SL DOCUMENT (DATED OCTOBER 1986) NOTES "COINCIDENCES" WITH BLANCO'S GROUPS AND TARGETS IT FOR RECRUITING.

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22. (C) CUZCO

THE JUNE 26 BOMBING OF THE MACHU PICCHU TRAIN IN THE CITY OF CUZCO WAS THE MOST SPECTACULAR SL ATTACK IN THIS AREA. THE [REDACTED] DOCUMENT MENTIONED ABOVE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] CONFIRMS SL'S AUTHORSHIP OF THIS ATTACK. SL NEVERTHELESS WAS RELATIVELY INACTIVE IN CUZCO CITY DURING 1986; IN EARLY 1987, HOWEVER, IT HAS CARRIED OUT A SERIES OF BOMBINGS AND ASSASSINATIONS OF POLICE. OF MORE SIGNIFICANCE IS SL'S PRESENCE IN THE MOUNTAINOUS PROVINCES (ANTA, ESPINAR, CHUMBIVILCAS, CANCHIS) BORDERING AREQUIPA AND PUNO DEPARTMENTS. THE CUZCO-PUNO RAILROAD RUNS THROUGH THIS REGION, AND SL

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ATTACKED THE RAILROAD SEVERAL TIMES IN 1986. DURING EARLY 1987, THERE WERE SEVERAL REPORTS OF SL INCURSIONS IN ISOLATED VILLAGES; AS ELSEWHERE, SL TYPICALLY HARANGUES VILLAGERS AND THREATENS TO KILL LOCAL OFFICIALS IF THEY DO NOT RESIGN. WE RECEIVE PERIODIC REPORTS OF SL ORGANIZING EFFORTS IN THE ISOLATED RURAL AREAS OF AREQUIPA DEPARTMENT THAT BORDER ON CUZCO AND PUNO. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE OCCASIONAL SL ATTACKS IN THE CITY OF AREQUIPA.

23. (U) THE NORTHERN DEPARTMENTS OF LA LIBERTAD, ANCASH, HUANUCO -- SL MOVES NORTH AND SOUTH

SL HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE MOUNTAINOUS AREAS OF LA LIBERTAD DEPARTMENT SINCE 1982. ITS TACTICS THERE ARE REMINISCENT OF THOSE IN AYACUCHO IN 1981 AND 1982 -- RAIDS ON VILLAGES, THREATENING AND EXECUTING LOCAL OFFICIALS, AND ATTACKING POLICE OUTPOSTS. SL INCIDENTS JUMPED FROM 95 IN 1984 TO 151 IN 1985. ALTHOUGH SL'S TEMPO EASED IN 1986 (ONLY 125 ATTACKS), IT REACHED 38 IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987. THE APRIL ASSASSINATION OF THE APRA MAYOR OF HUAMACHUCO PROMPTED AN 800-STRONG POLICE SWEEP.
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DURING 1986, WE SAW INCREASING SL ATTACKS IN THE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL OF TRUJILLO, THE BIRTH-PLACE OF APRA. APRA OFFICES AND PARTY MEMBERS HAVE BEEN SPECIALLY TARGETTED; TYPICAL WAS A MARCH 1987 EXPLOSION AT AN APRA OFFICE THAT PRODUCED EIGHT CASUALTIES.

24. (C) THE MOUNTAINOUS PROVINCES OF HUANUCO DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN THE SCENE OF SL VIOLENCE SINCE 1983. STATISTICS ON ATTACKS THERE ARE LESS USEFUL AS THEY INCLUDE SL

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AND MARCOTRAFFICKER ATTACKS IN THE COCA PRODUCING ZONE OF THE UPPER HUALLAGA VALLEY (SEE PARAS 26-27). THE HUANUCO HIGHLANDS HAVE BEEN AN EZ UNDER ARMY CONTROL SINCE 1984. ARMY SOURCES REPORT THAT DESPITE FREQUENT SWEEPS OF THE AREA, SL ALWAYS RESURFACES.

25. (U) DURING EARLY 1987, SL INCREASED ITS PROFILE TOWARD THE NORTH AND SOUTH. TO THE NORTH, IN CAJAMARCA DEPARTMENT, SL KILLED THE APRA MAYOR OF A SMALL VILLAGE IN APRIL. TO THE SOUTH, IN ANCASH DEPARTMENT, SL HAS BEEN ACTIVE SINCE THE EARLY 1980'S IN THE EASTERN PROVINCES BORDERING HUANUCO AND LA LIBERTAD DEPARTMENTS. (ATTACKS REPORTED IN TABLE 3 JUMPED FROM 15 IN 1984 TO 68 IN 1985 AND TOTALED 53 IN 1986.) INCIDENTS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987, HOWEVER, HIT 31 AND INCREASINGLY WERE LOCATED IN THE CENTRAL HUARAZ/CALLEJON DE HUAYLAS AREA. IN 1987, THESE INCLUDE THE ATTEMPTED AMBUSH OF A GOP DEVELOPMENT OFFICIAL IN MARCH AND THE KILLING OF ONE POLICEMAN AND THE WOUNDING

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26. (C) THE UPPER HUALLAGA VALLEY (UHV) --
A SPECIAL CASE

LOCATED IN THE HIGH JUNGLE OF HUANUCO AND SAN MARTIN DEPARTMENTS, THE UHV IS PERU'S PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF COCA. SL ATTEMPTED TO MAKE INROADS THERE IN 1984 BUT WAS BLOCKED BY THE DECLARATION OF MILITARY CONTROL IN THE AREA (LIFTED IN DECEMBER 1985). DURING LATE 1986 AND EARLY 1987, THERE WERE AT LEAST 40 REPORTED INCIDENTS OF SL ATTACKS IN THE UHV.

[REDACTED] HAVE TOLD US THAT APPROXIMATELY HALF OF THESE ATTACKS WERE REALLY THE WORK OF NARCOTRAFFICKERS WHO SEEK TO BUILD SUPPORT FOR THE REIMPOSITION OF MILITARY CONTROL, UNDER WHICH THEY HAD FLOURISHED IN 1984-85. VISITORS IN THE UHV CONTINUE TO SEE AMPLE SL PROPAGANDA PAINTED ON HOUSES IN THE COUNTRYSIDE NEAR TINGO MARIA. THE PREFECT OF UCAYALI DEPARTMENT, CLOSE TO THE UHV, HAS ALSO BEEN THE SCENE OF SMALL BUT GROWING SL ACTIVITY.

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27. (C) EVEN THE ANTI-DRUG POLICE, HOWEVER, ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SL IS ACTIVE IN THE AREA.

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THE [REDACTED] SL DOCUMENT CITED ABOVE INDICATES THAT SL PERCEIVES THE SITUATION IN THE UHV AS AN AGRARIAN DISPUTE IT CAN USE TO ITS ADVANTAGE. IT NOTES THE NEED TO PENETRATE LOCAL PEASANT ASSOCIATIONS. THE DOCUMENT NOTES THAT "NARCOTRAFFICKING IS THE PRODUCT OF IMPERIALIST SOCIAL DECADENCE; THE PEASANT IS NOT A DRUG ADDICT . . . THE PROBLEM OF DRUG ADDICTION IS DIRECTED BY THE GRAND BOURGEOISIE . . . THERE ARE THE GREAT LEADERS OF THE PENTAGON WHO WITH THE PRETEXT

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OF COCA ENTERED BOLIVIA AND DID NOT CATCH A SINGLE TRAFFICKER." THE DOCUMENT NOTES THE NEED TO ORGANIZE THE PEASANTS IN THE UHV AND TO ARM THEM AND TO USE LOCAL PRESSURE GROUPS TO FIGHT ANY LINK BETWEEN SL AND NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS; INDEED, THERE ARE SOME UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT SL HAS INCITED PEASANTS TO ATTACK TRAFFICKERS WHO HAVE EXPLOITED THEM. IT SEEMS CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT SL INTENDS TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE SMALL COCA GROWERS.

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28. (C) CENTRAL PERU -- SL LINKS UP WITH THE
- NORTH AND THE SOUTH
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SL ACTIVITY IN THE MINING-ORIENTED DEPARTMENT OF PASCO INCREASED IN 1984 AND 1985. ALTHOUGH INTERIOR MINISTRY STATISTICS FOR 1986 ARE UNAVAILABLE, WE BELIEVE SL HAS AT LEAST MAINTAINED ITS PACE IN THIS AREA (131 ATTACKS IN 1985). IN EARLY 1986, SL SOUGHT TO INCREASE INFLUENCE IN THE MINERS' UNION, THEN ON STRIKE, KILLING THREE UNION LEADERS

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DISPOSED TO ACCEPT A GOVERNMENT SETTLEMENT. DURING AN EMBASSY TRIP IN MAY 1986 TO PASCO, HITCHHIKING MINERS CONFIRMED SL PRESENCE IN THE UNION, BUT CLAIMED THEY LACKED SUPPORT. [REDACTED] TOLD US THAT SL HAD SPREAD FROM HUANUCO DEPARTMENT (TO THE NORTH) AND HAD EFFECTIVELY NEUTRALIZED POLICE FORCES IN THE AREA. THE JULY 1986 DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN PASCO PLACED THE AREA UNDER MILITARY CONTROL. SL NEVERTHELESS HAS CONTINUED TO TARGET PASCO FOR ACQUISITION OF EXPLOSIVES (IN THE MINES) AND ATTACKS AGAINST INFRASTRUCTURE (ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION TOWERS AND THE LA OROYA-CERRO DE PASCO RAILROAD, USED FOR TRANSPORT OF MINERAL PRODUCTS).

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29. (C) DESPITE A REPUTATION FOR RELATIVE CALM, JUNIN DEPARTMENT (CAPITAL IS HUANCAYO) HAD 84 SL ATTACKS IN 1984 AND 175 IN 1985. DURING 1986, IT HAD 169 INCIDENTS, INCLUDING THE MAY DESTRUCTION OF A KEY RAILROAD BRIDGE OVER THE MANTARO RIVER. DURING 1987, ATTACKS HAVE INCREASED BOTH IN NUMBER AS WELL AS IN IMPACT. FIRST QUARTER 1987 ATTACKS TOTALED 76. SL CARRIED OUT SEVERAL EXECUTION-STYLE SLAYINGS OF APRISTA OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE JANUARY KILLINGS OF TWO APRA DOCTORS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS, THE APRIL ASSASSINATION
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OF THE HEAD OF THE JUNIN DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, AND THE MAY DEATH OF THE JUNIN CHIEF OF ANOTHER GOP PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY. SL AGAIN TARGETTED TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE IN APRIL 1987, DROPPING A MAJOR HIGHWAY BRIDGE IN NORTHERN JUNIN. SEVERAL SL RAIDS OF LOCAL AGRARIAN COOPERATIVES RECALL SL TACTICS IN PUNO. UNLIKE PUNO, HOWEVER, WE SEE NO INDICATION OF LOCAL LAND DISPUTES THAT OFFER SL AN ENTRANCE. DURING AN APRIL 1987 TRIP TO LA OROYA, STATE MINING COMPANY (CENTROMIN)

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AND ARMY OFFICIALS CLAIMED THAT SL DID NOT ENGAGE IN SIGNIFICANT RECRUITMENT AND PROPAGANDA WORK IN COUNTRYSIDE. BOTH GROUPS ASSERTED SL'S PURPOSE IN JUNIN WAS TO TARGET INFRASTRUCTURE -- THE ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION TOWERS THAT BRING ELECTRICITY TO LIMA FROM THE MANTARO, AND THE IMPORTANT CENTRAL HIGHWAY AND RAILROAD.

30. (U) LIMA DEPARTMENT -- RURAL AREAS:

AVAILABLE STATISTICS FOR LIMA DO NOT BREAK DOWN INCIDENTS BETWEEN RURAL AND URBAN AREAS, BUT WE BELIEVE THE OVERALL NUMBER OF ATTACKS IN LIMA DEPARTMENT IS HEAVILY WEIGHTED TOWARD METROPOLITAN LIMA (URBAN ACTIVITY IS DISCUSSED IN PARA 31). SL REMAINS PRESENT IN THE MOUNTAINS OF NORTHERN LIMA DEPARTMENT (CAJATAMBO PROVINCE), WHICH BORDERS ON PARTS OF ANCASH, HUANUCO, AND PASCO DEPARTMENTS WHERE SL IS ACTIVE. IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS, WE HAVE SEEN SEVERAL FORAYS INTO THE NORTHERN COASTAL PROVINCE OF BARRANCA. CLOSER TO LIMA, THE

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MINES OF CANTA AND HUAROCHIRI PROVINCES ARE PERIODICALLY ROBBED OF DYNAMITE (IN MARCH 1987 SL STOLE AN ENTIRE TRUCKLOAD). SL ALSO PERIODICALLY DESTROYS THE ELECTRIC POWER LINES THAT RUN THROUGH THIS AREA. FINALLY, WE RECEIVE OCCASIONAL REPORTS OF SL PRESENCE IN THE ISOLATED MOUNTAIN AREAS TO THE SOUTH (YAUYOS PROVINCE), THAT BORDER JUNIN AND HUANCVELICA.

31. (C) URBAN LIMA:

ALTHOUGH WE LACK SEPARATE STATISTICS FOR RURAL AND URBAN LIMA DEPARTMENTS, WE BELIEVE THE MAJORITY OF GUERRILLA/TERRORIST ATTACKS IN LIMA DEPARTMENT OCCUR IN URBAN LIMA. THE TREND IN URBAN ATTACKS PROBABLY MIRRORS THAT OF THE DEPARTMENT AS A WHOLE: 292 IN 1984, 589 IN 1985, 834 IN 1986, AND 279 IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1987 -- AN ANNUAL RATE OF 1,116. AS TABLE 4 SHOWS, MRTA-MIR ATTACKS ARE FEWER IN NUMBER (45

1985, 59 IN 1986). NEVERTHELESS, MRTA-MIR ATTACKS FREQUENTLY ARE SPECTACULAR -- INCLUDING CAR BOMBS, STRAFINGS OF POLICE STATIONS, AND TAKEOVERS
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OF NEWS AGENCIES -- AND ARE MORE DIRECTED AGAINST U.S. TARGETS (E.G., THE BOMBINGS OF THE RESIDENCE, BINATIONAL CENTERS, AND U.S. COMPANIES). IN ADDITION, THE MRTA IS STEPPING UP ITS ATTACKS (31 IN THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 1987); ACCORDING TO DESCO, THE MRTA-MIR IS BEGINNING TO RIVAL SL IN NUMBER OF ATTACKS IN URBAN LIMA. DESCO ATTRIBUTES THE MRTA-MIR BUILD-UP TO ITS COMPETITION WITH SL FOR URBAN WORKERS AND THE RADICAL PARTIES OF THE LEGAL LEFT (SEPTEL).

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32. (C) SL HAS DESCRIBED LIMA AS AN "AMPLIFIER" ("CAJA DE RESONANCIA"). ITS ATTACKS IN THE CAPITAL BOOST ITS REPUTATION AS A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE PERU. AT LEAST PART OF THE EXPLANATION FOR THE SURGE IN ATTACKS AGAINST FOREIGN TARGETS (E.G., THE ATTACKS AGAINST THE USSR AND INDIAN EMBASSIES, THE NORTH KOREAN COMMERCIAL OFFICE, AND THE BANK OF TOKYO) IS THE ATTENTION IT RECEIVES OVERSEAS. LIMA ALSO CONTAINS A WEALTH OF POLITICAL ASSASSINATION VICTIMS; SL'S MOTIVES HERE ARE TO "PUNISH" THE GOP, AND TO PROVOKE INDISCRIMINATE REPRESSION.

33. (C) SINCE MID-1986, SL HAS INCREASED THE NUMBER OF ASSASSINATION VICTIMS (SEE TABLE 2), AS WELL AS CHOSEN MORE "VISIBLE" VICTIMS. EXAMPLES ARE THE OCTOBER KILLING OF ADMIRAL GERONIMO CAFFERATA, THE JANUARY ASSASSINATION OF APRA LEADER CARLOS LOPEZ SILVA, THE FAILED ATTEMPT AGAINST ATTORNEY GENERAL CESAR ELEJALDE IN FEBRUARY, AND THE APRIL MURDERS OF THREE ARMY OFFICERS AND FIVE CIVILIANS IN A LIMA RESTAURANT.
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WE ALSO SEE SIGNS OF INCREASED SL ATTENTION TO

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