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SUBJ: (C) TERRORISM MOST SERIOUS POLITICAL PROBLEM  
FOR GOP

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1. (C) SUMMARY. A CONGERIES OF STRIKES, POLICE/STUDENT CONFRONTATIONS, AND AN IMMINENT INTERPELLATION OF THE CABINET BY THE OPPOSITION IN CONGRESS, IS COMBINING WITH CONTINUING TERRORIST VIOLENCE TO RAISE THE POLITICAL TEMPERATURE IN PERU. ONLY THE LATTER REPRESENTS A SERIOUS PROBLEM-NOT IN THE SENSE THAT MAOIST, SELF-SUPPLYING SENDERO LUMINOSO ITSELF IS A CREDIBLE THREAT TO THE GOVERNMENT, BUT BECAUSE PRESIDENT BELAUNDE'S POLITICAL CAPITAL RUNS THE RISK OF BEING FRITTERED AWAY IF HE DOES NOT REDUCE THE DIMENSIONS OF ITS ACTIONS. THE TERRORIST SITUATION IN LIMA DRAWS HEADLINES BUT THE POLICE HAVE SCORED SOME SUCCESSES IN THE CAPITAL. IN AYACUCHO, HOWEVER, PRESIDENT BELAUNDE IS GRADUALLY GIVING THE MILITARY A LARGER ROLE (MOST RECENTLY PUBLICLY ANNOUNCING STEPPED-UP MILITARY PATROLLING). END SUMMARY.

2. (C) ANALYSES PRESENTED IN LIMA 4915, 4194, AND 6562 OF TERRORIST THREAT IN PERU, ITS LIKELY POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES, AND POTENTIAL EFFECT ON GOP STABILITY CONTINUES TO BE ESSENTIALLY VALID. MAOIST SENDERO LUMINOSO REMAINS THE ONLY IDENTIFIED TERRORIST GROUP OPERATING ON ANY SIGNIFICANT SCALE IN THE COUNTRY. THERE IS AS YET NO EVIDENCE THAT IT DRAWS UPON SIGNIFICANT OUTSIDE SUPPORT. ONLY IN PARTS OF AYACUCHO DEPARTMENT AND IMMEDIATELY CONTIGUOUS TERRITORY IS SENDERO WELL-ENOUGH ESTABLISHED TO PRESENT A POTENTIAL FOR ADVANCING FROM TERRORISM TO A LIMITED GUERRILLA INSURGENCY; NONETHELESS, IT IS CAPABLE OF LESS VARIOUS ACTIONS THROUGHOUT MUCH OF THE REST OF THE COUNTRY.

3 (U) LIMA ITSELF IS RELATIVELY QUIET, WITH TWO MINOR BOMBINGS THE ONLY CONFIRMED INCIDENTS SINCE REFTEL. HOWEVER, THE POLITICAL TEMPERATURE IS RISING, DUE TO A COMBINATION OF STRIKES (LIMA 8668) AND CONFRONTATIONS BETWEEN POLICE AND STUDENTS, COINCIDING WITH THE FIRST CONCERTED EFFORT BY THE OPPOSITION TO CHALLENGE THE GOVERNMENT IN CONGRESS.

4 (U) CENTER-LEFT APRA AND FAR LEFT IU, JOINED BY IDIOSYNCRATIC FRENETRACA AND PADIN, VOTED SEPTEMBER

1 TO INTERPELLATE THE ENTIRE CABINET ON A NUMBER OF SUBJECTS, INCLUDING TERRORISM AND ECONOMIC POLICY. THIS IS THE FIRST INTERPELLATION SINCE PRESIDENT BELAUNDE TOOK OFFICE IN JULY 1980, AND REVIVES MEMORIES OF THE LEGISLATURE'S FREEMHEELING INTERPELLATIONS OF THE PREVIOUS BELAUNDE GOVERNMENT, WHICH OFTEN ENTAILED CENSURE VOTES AND MINISTERIAL RESIGNATIONS. THIS CONTRIBUTED TO THE IMPRESSION OF A LOSS OF GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY WHICH LED TO THE 1968 COUP.

5. (U) THE 1979 CONSTITUTION SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVES ON ITS 1933 PREDECESSOR IN LIMITING THE MISCHIEF-MAKING POTENTIAL OF THIS LEGISLATIVE PREROGATIVE DESIGNED TO GIVE THE MINORITY AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE MINISTERS IN DEBATE. GIVEN PRESIDENT BELAUNDE'S SEPTEMBER 3 STATEMENT OF CONTINUED CONFIDENCE IN ULLOA, AND SIMILAR PLEDGES OF SUPPORT FROM SECOND VICE PRESIDENT ALVA ORLANDINI AND LEADING FIGURES OF THE POPULAR CHRISTIAN PARTY (PPC), THERE IS NO EXPECTATION

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THAT APRA AND IU WILL SCORE A SIGNIFICANT SUCCESS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT. MOREOVER, IN PREVIOUS DEBATES IN CONGRESS ULLOA AND HIS MINISTERS HAVE DEVASTATED THEIR OPPONENTS. THIS TIME AROUND THE LESS POPULAR MINISTERS (FISHING'S DEUSTOA AND AGRICULTURE'S ERICSSON) WILL FEEL THE STING EVEN FROM THEIR OWN PARTY -- BUT NONE WILL BE CENSURED.

6. (U) THE STUDENT/POLICE CONFRONTATIONS OCCURRED SEPTEMBER 2 AT THE NATIONAL ENGINEERING UNIVERSITY AND THE NEXT DAY AT TRADITIONALLY LEFTIST SAN MARCOS UNIVERSITY. THE FORMER PRODUCED A HUNDRED OR SO SHORT-TERM DETENTIONS (ALL RELEASED); NO SERIOUS INJURIES WERE REPORTED. SOME ARE SPECULATING THAT APRA AND IU WERE USING STUDENT SYMPATHIZERS TO STIR UP TROUBLE TO ENSURE A HARDER TIME FOR INTERIOR MINISTER GAGLIARDI AND EDUCATION MINISTER BENAVIDES IN THE INTERPELLATION PROCESS. AT LEAST AS LIKELY, IN EMBASSY VIEW, IS THAT POLICE REACTED WITH UNUSUAL ENERGY TO STUDENT PROVOCATIONS. WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE, HOWEVER, A SIGNIFICANT CYCLE OF STUDENT VIOLENCE.

7. (U) IT IS TOO EARLY TO EVALUATE CURRENT STEPPED-UP POLICE EFFORTS IN LIMA/CALLAO, BUT TO WRITE THEM OFF AS DOOMED TO FAILURE IS PREMATURE. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN HOW MANY OF THE HUNDREDS OF TERRORIST SUSPECTS ARRESTED SINCE THE AUGUST 18 BALCKOUT WILL BE RELEASED FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE. THE NEXT DECISION POINT FOR THE GOP WILL BE WHETHER TO RENEW THE STATE OF EMERGENCY IN LIMA EVEN THOUGH SCATTERED INCIDENTS WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY STILL BE OCCURRING; THE CLOCK RUNS OUT OCTOBER 10.

8. (C) DESPITE OUR INITIAL APPREHENSION THAT THE PRESSURE TO "GET RESULTS" IN LIMA WOULD CAUSE THE POLICE TO SHORTCHANGE AYACUCHO (LIMA 8666), 150 GR AND 20 GC WERE AIRLIFTED THERE SEPTEMBER 2. A BETTER HARBINGER OF THE FUTURE, HOWEVER, WAS PROBABLY THE JOINT VISIT SEPTEMBER 4 TO NEIGHBORING ANDAHUAYLAS BY GAGLIARDI AND WAR MINISTER CISNEROS. FOR, DESPITE SOME POLICE SUCCESSES IN THE HIGHLANDS (E.G., THE DEATH OF TERRORIST LEADER EDITH LAGOS, WHOSE FAME IN THE LOCAL PRESS PROBABLY FAR EXCEEDED HER IMPORTANCE IN SENDERO'S ORGANIZATIONAL HIERARCHY, IN A SHOOTOUT WITH GR IN ANDAHUAYLAS SEPTEMBER 4), SENDERO HAS THE INITIATIVE IN AYACUCHO. THE POLICE ARE, QUITE SIMPLY, NOT GETTING THE JOB DONE, AND CALLS FOR DIRECT MILITARY INTERVENTION ARE MOUNTING.

9. (C) THERE IS, OF COURSE, AN "INTERMEDIATE OPTION"-- CONTINUED POLICE CONTROL OF THE AYACUCHO ANTITERRORIST EFFORT, BUT WITH SUFFICIENT LOGISTIC/INTELLIGENCE COOPERATION FROM THE MILITARY (AS WELL AS AN EXPANDED ARMY PRESENCE IN THE AREA) TO GET THE JOB DONE. WITH THIS KIND OF COLLABORATION, WE ARE NOT CONVINCED THAT PACIFYING AYACUCHO IS BEYOND POLICE ABILITY. IN WHAT COULD PROVE A VERY IMPORTANT MOVE, GAGLIARDI ANNOUNCED SEPTEMBER 7 THAT ARMY UNITS NOW BASED IN AYACUCHO WILL BE UNDERTAKING ROTORIZED PATROLS AS PART OF THEIR COLLABORATION IN THE GOP EFFORT "TO ANNIHILATE TERRORISM".

10. (C) THAT SAID, WE ENTERTAIN STRONG DOUBTS THAT THE MILITARY WILL DEVOTE THE RESOURCES NECESSARY IF IT IS NOT ITSELF IN CONTROL OF OPERATIONS IN THE AREA. LAMBERTY

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