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PANAMA FOR ADS
E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PTER, PHUM, PINS, ASEC, MILI, PE
SUBJECT: WAR MINISTER REVIEWS SECURITY SITUATION, HINTS
AT EXPANDED EMERGENCY ZONE FOR PUNO
REFS: (A) LIMA 3354, (B) LIMA 3397

1. (U) FOLLOWING AN APRIL 1 MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT, WAR MINISTER GENERAL JORGE FLORES TORRES GAVE OVERVIEW OF SECURITY SITUATION AND SUGGESTED EMERGENCY ZONE MIGHT BE EXPANDED. FLORES LAUDED THE EXTENSION OF THE LIMA/CALLAO EMERGENCY ZONE AND CURFEW (REFTELS), WHICH HE SAID HAD

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PERMITTED IMPORTANT ADVANCES AGAINST TERRORISTS. HE SAID THAT SL WAS BEHIND RECENT LABOR VIOLENCE AMONG MINERS IN PASCO DEPARTMENT. HE CLAIMED THAT SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY IN AYACUCHO HAD DIMINISHED, AND THAT SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) HAD RESPONDED BY MOVING PERSONNEL NORTH AND SOUTH. FLORES BELIEVED THE POLICE COULD HANDLE SL IN THE

NORTHERN DEPARTMENTS OF LA LIBERTAD, AND CAJAMARCA. HOWEVER, HE SAID THE ARMED FORCES JOINT COMMAND WOULD STUDY DESIRABILITY OF IMPOSING STATE OF EMERGENCY (AND HENCE MILITARY CONTROL) IN THE PROVINCES OF AZANGARO AND MELGAR IN THE SOUTHERN DEPARTMENT OF PUNO.

2. (C) COMMENT: WE FIND SIGNIFICANT FLORES' CONCERN ABOUT SL VIOLENCE IN PUNO AND THE SUGGESTION THAT SECURITY THERE HAS DETERIORATED TO THE POINT THAT A MILITARY ROLE

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MUST NOW BE CONSIDERED. PUNO'S AZANGARO AND MELGAR PROVINCES REPORTEDLY HAVE BEEN THE OBJECT OF SL PROSELYTIZING FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS. IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS, THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF BOMBINGS REPORTED IN PROVINCIAL CAPITALS, AS WELL AS ASSASSINATIONS OF LOCAL OFFICIALS IN SMALLER TOWNS. THE VICE PREFECT OF PUN DEPARTMENT SUPPORTS IMPOSITION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY, DECRYING FACT THAT POLICE HAVE ONLY 18 MEN TO CONTROL DEPARTMENT'S TWO MOST TROUBLESOME PROVINCES. WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED REPORTS THAT POLICE HAVE CLOSED POSTS IN SOM TOWNS FOR REASONS OF SAFETY, A PATTERN OBSERVED IN AYACUCH DEPARTMENT IN THE 1980-82 PERIOD (AND WHICH PLAYED INTO HANDS OF TERRORISTS AND LOST VALUABLE TIME FOR THE SECURIT FORCES)

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3. (C) BALANCING DESIRABILITY OF ANY MOVE TOWARD EXPANDING THE AREA UNDER A STATE OF EMERGENCY ARE SEVERAL FACTORS. THE FIRST IS THAT GARCIA MAY BE

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 RELUCTANT TO APPROVE A MEASURE THAT WOULD ADMIT THAT SECURITY SITUATION HAD DETERIORATED ON HIS WATCH. IN ADDITION, A PROVINCE UNDER A STATE OF EMERGENCY PASSES TO CERTAIN EXTENT FROM CIVILIAN TO MILITARY

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CONTROL, AND LIMITS PRESIDENT'S OPTIONS THROUGH NORMAL CIVILIAN CHANNELS. FINALLY, WE BELIEVE THAT ELEMENTS OF MILITARY ITSELF HAVE QUALMS ABOUT EXPANDING ARMED FORCES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN A COUNTERINSURGENCY EFFORT THAT OFFERS MANY PITFALLS AND FEW VICTORIES JORDAN

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