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USUN FOR AMUASSADOR WATSON

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: ASEC, PTER, PGOV, PHUM, PC
SUBJECT: SENDERO KILLS 14 MAYORS IN 10 DAY PERIOD

1. (C) SUMMARY. SENDERO LUMINOSO HAS KILLED 14
MUNICIPAL OFFICE HOLDERS OR CANDIDATES IN THE PAST 10
DAYS. 440 HAVE RESIGNED SINCE MAY, 1987, MOST IN
1989. PERUVIANS ARE BEGINNING TO WONDER IF THE
NOVEMBER MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS INSIDE THE EMERGENCY

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ZONES CAN BE HELD. THE MILITARY OFFENSIVE AGAINST

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SENDERO (LIMA 12463) HAS SPATTERED AND THE TERRORISTS ARE ONCE AGAIN ON THE OFFENSIVE. END SUMMARY.

2. (C) AS WE FEARED (LIMA 15012), THE AUGUST THROUGH SEPTEMBER LULL IN TERRORIST VIOLENCE HAS ENDED. AFTER TWO MONTHS OF RELATIVE QUIET, OCTOBER'S FIRST TWO WEEKS HAVE RETURNED PERU TO AN UNCOMFORTABLY HIGH LEVEL OF TERRORIST VIOLENCE. THE MOST NOTABLE AND WELL-PUBLICIZED INCIDENTS HAVE BEEN DIRECTED AGAINST MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES AND OFFICE HOLDERS.

3. (U) WE HAVE CONFIRMED THE ASSASSINATION BY SENDERO LUMINOSO OF AT LEAST 14 MUNICIPAL FIGURES IN THE TEN DAYS BETWEEN OCTOBER 3 AND 13. SIX WERE CANDIDATES. TWO WERE WOMEN. TWO WERE KILLED WITH THEIR SPOUSES. SOME REPORTS REACHED US A WEEK AFTER THE KILLINGS. WE ARE CERTAIN THERE ARE OTHERS WE HAVE NOT YET REPORTED. OCTOBER'S OBITUARY OF MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES AND OFFICE HOLDERS (THROUGH OCTOBER 14).

| DATE | POSITION | LOCATION | DETAILS |
|------|----------------|------------|--------------------|
| 3 | MAYOR | AYACUCHO | |
| 3 | DEP. PREFECT | HUANCAYO | |
| 5 | MAYOR | AYACUCHO | |
| 5 | MAYOR | AYACUCHO | |
| 9 | MAYOR | AYACUCHO | WOMAN AND HUSBAND |
| 9 | MAYOR CAND. | SAN MARTIN | FREDEMO; WITH WIFE |
| 10 | DEP MAYOR CAND | LIMA | APRA; WOMAN |

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| 10 | MAYOR | SAN MARTIN | FREDEMO |
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| 13 | MAYOR/CAND | HUANUCO | IU |
| 13 | MAYOR | HUANCAYO | |
| 13 | MAYOR | LIMA | APRA |

4. (C) SINCE MAY, 1987, THE PRESS HAS REPORTED THE

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ASSASSINATION OF 79 MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS. ANOTHER 440 HAVE RESIGNED, MOST SINCE THE BEGINNING OF 1989. RELIABLE SOURCES WITH EXCELLENT ACCESS INSIDE THE NATIONAL PLANNING INSTITUTE HAVE TOLD US THAT THE ACTUAL FIGURES ARE MUCH HIGHER; 60 HAVE DIED IN 1989 ALONE.

5. (C) IN ADDITION TO THE KILLING OF LOCAL OFFICIALS, SENDERO HAS INCREASED ITS ACTIVITIES IN MOST AREAS OF THE COUNTRY AGAINST ALL OF ITS TRADITIONAL TARGETS. ACCORDING TO THE SENATE COMMISSION ON VIOLENCE, NEARLY 200 PERSONS HAVE DIED IN TERRORIST INCIDENTS IN OCTOBER'S FIRST 15 DAYS. IF TERRORIST VIOLENCE CONTINUES AT THIS RATE, OCTOBER'S DEATH TOTAL WILL BE THE HIGHEST OF 1989, AND MAY APPROACH THE 403 DEATHS OF NOVEMBER, 1988.

6. (C) DOUBTS ABOUT THE ABILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT TO SUCCESSFULLY HOLD THE NOVEMBER 12 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ARE GROWING. WE ARE CONVINCED THE GOP CAN GUARANTEE THESE ELECTIONS IN MOST AREAS OF PERU. PROFESSIONAL STAFFERS IN THE PARLIAMENT HAVE TOLD US THAT SOME AREAS WILL BE "ABANDONED" TO THE TERRORIST ON

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NOVEMBER 12 IN ORDER TO CONCENTRATE SECURITY FORCES
IN OTHER, MORE POPULOUS, DISTRICTS. SUBSEQUENTLY,
ACCORDING TO THESE SOURCES, THE GOVERNMENT WILL CALL
NEW ELECTIONS IN THE AREAS WHERE THE BALLOTING WAS
DECLARED INVALID.

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7. (C) THE PROBLEM WITH THIS PLAN IS THAT MOST
PERUVIANS ARE NOT STICKING PINS IN MAPS AS WE ARE TO

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SEE JUST WHERE THE ANTI-ELECTION VIOLENCE IS
LIGHTEST. ALL THE AVERAGE PERUVIAN KNOWS IS THAT
BEING A CANDIDATE IS NOT A FOOL'S ERRAND, AND BEING A
VOTER COME NOVEMBER 12 MAY WELL PROVE TO BE THE SAME.

8. (C) AS ON NEARLY EVERY OTHER ISSUE OF IMPORTANCE,
THE APPARENT TOTAL ABSENCE OF ANY ANTI-TERRORISM
COUNTER-MEASURES BY THE GARCIA GOVERNMENT IS ADDING
TO THE FEAR. THE MILITARY'S TEMPORARILY SUCCESSFUL
OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE TERRORISTS HAS, AS WE FEARED,
RUN OUT OF GAS, LITERALLY. IN ITS OFFENSIVE OF THE
NEXT 30 DAYS SENDERO WILL SUFFER LOSSES AS IT
INCREASES ITS EXPOSURE. BUT THE TERRORISTS HAVE ONCE
AGAIN WON A HUGE ADVANTAGE IN THEIR PSYCHOLOGICAL
BATTLE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.

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