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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PTER, PHUM, PE
SUBJECT: TERRORISTS KILL APRISTA OFFICIAL
REF: (A) LIMA 10212, (B) LIMA 11399 N/R

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1. (U) PROBABLE SENDERO LUMINOSO TERRORISTS
ASSASSINATED A PROMINENT APRISTA OCTOBER 2.
THE VICTIM WAS NELSON POZO, NATIONAL SUBSECRETARY
FOR ORGANIZATION OF AFRA AND DIRECTOR OF
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AT THE "NYLON" TEXTILE

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COMPANY. ALSO KILLED WAS POZO'S BODYGUARD.
THE ATTACK OCCURRED AT 0830 WHILE POZO WAS
DRIVING TO WORK. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, A
CAR CUT IN FRONT OF POZO'S VEHICLE, FORCING
IT TO STOP. ONE PERSON THEN FIRED A SUB-
MACHINE GUN, KILLING BOTH MEN. A WOMAN
REPORTEDLY GOT OUT OF THE ATTACKERS' CAR
AND THREW A DYNAMITE CHARGE AT POZO'S CAR;
A SECOND MAN SUBSEQUENTLY FIRED ADDITIONAL
SHOTS AT POZO.

2. (U) PCZO REPORTEDLY HAD RECEIVED DEATH
THREATS FROM SL. DURING SL ATTACK AGAINST
THE "NYLON" COMPANY EARLIER THIS YEAR, A
BOMB WAS LEFT IN HIS OFFICE. ONE PAPER
CLAIMS THAT RECENTLY SUSPECTED SL MEMBERS
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HAD FIRED SPOTS AT POZO'S VEHICLE. POZO'S FRIEND AND IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR IN APRA, ORGANIZATION SECRETARY ALBERTO KITASONO, SURVIVED AN SL ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT IN MAY 1985.

3. (C) COMMENT: POZO'S DEATH FOLLOWS THE SL-ATTRIBUTED AUGUST 29 MURDER OF RODRIGO FRANCO (REF A) AND SEVERAL RECENT KILLINGS OF PROVINCIAL APRA OFFICIALS. THE SPECIFIC TACTICS USED IN POZO'S MURDER MARK IT AS SL'S WORK. WE NOTE IN PARTICULAR THE PARTICIPATION OF A WOMAN AND THE ALMOST GRATUITOUS USE OF DYNAMITE NOT SO MUCH TO KILL AS TO MUTILATE THE CORPSES. IN ADDITION TO ELICITING CONDEMNATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF ALL OF PERU'S LEGAL PARTIES, THE ASSASSINATION PROMPTED SPECULATION THAT SL

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HAD SOUGHT TO PROVOKE THE JOP/APRA TO DELAY CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION OF AMNESTY FOR PERSONS UNJUSTLY DETAINED FOR TERRORISM. WHILE WE BELIEVE THIS MAY BE ONE OF SL'S MOTIVATIONS FOR THE KILLING.

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