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 I.C. 12355: DECL: CATR HUM 4-82
 TAGS: MTR, IHUM, ASFC
 SUBJECT: PERUVIAN ARMY MAJOR ASSASSINATED
 1. (U) A THREE-PERSON SINDERO LUMINOSO HIT SQUAD
 ASSASSINATED AN ARMY MAJOR MARCH 16 ABOUT TWO BLOCKS
 FROM HIS HOME. ACCORDING TO VARIOUS SOURCES, THE
 AMBUSH OCCURRED AT 7:30 A.M. AS THE MAJOR, IDENTIFIED
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 AS DAVID CAMILO SOTO VILLY, 35, WAS TRYING TO GET
 THROUGH HIS FIRST HILL THE CAR WITH A STICK OF DYNAMITE,
 FORCING IT TO STOP, AND THEN OPENED FIRE WITH AUTOMATIC
 WEAPONS.

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3. (U) WITNESSES REPORT THAT THE ASSASSIN LEFT THE SCENE CALMLY AND WALKED ABOUT A BLOCK TO A CAR WAITING FOR THEM. DRIVING PAST SOTO'S CAR, THEY REPORTEDLY THREW ONE LAST STICK OF DYNAMITE WHICH FAILED TO EXPLODE.

4. (C) COMMENT: THE ATTACK FOLLOWS SENDERO'S PRACTICE OF SELECTIVE ASSASSINATION AGAINST UNIDENTIFIED TARGETS. SOTO, A HELICOPTER PILOT, WAS A HERO IN THE 1981 BORDER CONFLICT WITH ECUADOR. WE DO NOT KNOW OF ANY CONNECTION WITH SERVICE IN THE EMERGENCY ZONE, BUT SUCH A LINK IS LIKELY. IT IS SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL FOR SENDERO TO IMMEDIATELY TAKE RESPONSIBILITY BY LEAVING PROPAGANDA AT THE SCENE OF AN ASSASSINATION, BUT THIS TOO FOLLOWS A PATTERN SINCE JANUARY OF SL ASSUMING A HIGHER PUBLIC PROFILE. LATER THE SAME DAY, IN A MUCH MORE TYPICAL TERRORIST ATTACK, A POLICE CORPORAL WAS ASSASSINATED IN THE COASTAL TOWN

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