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NATIONALIST PARTY HELD A SMALL ILLEGAL RALLY IN LIMA, PRESIDING WERE RICHARDO LETTE, COORDINATOR OF THE UNIFIED MARXIST-LIST PARTY (UM), CESAR PASCALACCA, A RADICAL OF THE "RED FATHERLAND" COMMUNIST PARTY (PCP-P), AND VENUS SIMON, A CONGRESSMAN AND DIRECTOR OF THE PRO-TUPAC AMARU MATA DAILY "CAMBIO" AND THE MOST PROMINENT LEGAL SPOKESMAN FOR THE MTA.

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SUBJECT: SL, MRTA, OTHERS SPEAK OUT ON PRISON RIOTS
ANNIVERSARY: EVENTS OF JUNE 18

1. (C) SUMMARY:

THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE JUNE 18-19, 1966 PRISON UPRISINGS ARE BEING MARKED BY SEVERAL GROUPS. RADICAL LEFTISTS, SOME FROM THE TUPAC AMARU MATA TERRORISTS, HELD A SMALL ILLEGAL PROTEST RALLY JUNE 18. SEVERAL LEFTIST CONGRESSMEN CALLED SEPARATELY FOR THE HOLDING OF THE LONG-PROMISED INVESTIGATION OF THE PRISON KILLINGS. ASSISTANT LIMA BISHOP BEAUZEVILLE TERMED THE KILLINGS A "CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY." THE PRO-SENEDERO LUMINOSO (SL) PRESS PRINTED A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT WITH MESSAGES ATTRIBUTED TO SL PRESIDENT GONZALO, THE SL CENTRAL COMMITTEE, AND SL FRONT GROUPS THAT EXTOLLED THE IMPORTANCE OF SL'S "DAY OF HEROISM" AND PROMISED UNSPECIFIED REVENGE. THE SL FRONT GROUP "COMMITTEE FOR THE FAMILIES OF PRISONERS OF WAR AND THE DISAPPEARED" IS SCHEDULED TO HOLD A PROTEST RALLY AT SAN MARCOS UNIVERSITY AT 1700 JUNE 19. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE JUNE 18-19, 1966 PRISON UPRISINGS IN WHICH APPROXIMATELY 150 TERRORISTS DIED IS BEING OBSERVED BY GROUPS BANGING FROM TERRORISTS THROUGH POLITICIANS AND THE CHURCH. ON JUNE 18, THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE OF THE PEOPLE'S

3. (U) ATTENDANCE AT THE RALLY WAS LIGHT, IN PART BECAUSE OF POLICE BLOCADGES. THE MOST INTERESTING FEATURE WAS THE APPEARANCE OF MEMBERS OF SL'S FRONT GROUP "COMMITTEE FOR THE FAMILIES OF PRISONERS OF WAR AND THE DISAPPEARED" WHO READ A BRIEF STATEMENT EXCORIATING THE "FASCIST" GOVERNMENT AND ACCUSING THE LEGAL UNITED LEFT (UJ) OF COMPLICITY IN THE PRISON KILLINGS. THE SL FRONT, WHICH HAD PUBLISHED A LETTER ONLY THE DAY BEFORE CRITICIZING THE APP RALLY AS "OPPORTUNISM," BOOED ALL SPEAKERS EXCEPT SIMON.

4. (U) SEVERAL 10 PARLIAMENTARIANS DENOUNCED THE ABSENCE OF ANY VISIBLE PUNISHMENT FOR THE AUTHORS OF THE PRISON KILLINGS AND CALLED FOR THE GOP TO CARRY OUT THE IMPARTIAL INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATHS THAT GARCIA HAD PROMISED LAST YEAR. CONGRESSMEN FROM APRU AND CENTER-RIGHT PARTIES KEPT A LOW PROFILE SO TOO DID LEADERS OF PERU'S HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS.

5. (U) LIMA ASSISTANT BISHOP AUGUSTO BEAUZEVILLE WHO IS THE UNCLE OF A RECENTLY RECAPTURED SL MEMBER ISSUED A BERING CONDORNATION OF THE 1966 KILLINGS, CALLING

THEM A "CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY." THE EFFECT OF THE GOP'S ACTIONS, HE SAID, WAS "TO STAMP UNDERFOOT THE WORK OF GOD."

6. (U) THE PRO-SL DAILY "EL DIARIO" PRINTED A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT JUNE 19 DEDICATED TO SL'S "DAY OF HEROISM." OF PARTICULAR INTEREST WERE AN OPEN LETTER ATTRIBUTED TO SL PRESIDENT ABRAHAM GUZMAN, AND MESSAGES FROM SL'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND TWO FRONT GROUPS. THE TEXTS APPEAR GENUINE (ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT VOUCH FOR GUZMAN'S AUTHORITY).

7. (U) THE FOUR MESSAGES LAMBAST THE "FASCIST" GOP AND EXTOLLED THE VIRTUES OF SL'S DEAD IN THE "SHINING TRENCHES OF COMBAT." THE GUZMAN MESSAGE CLAIMS THAT THE PRISON KILLINGS BACKFIRED ON THE GOP AND INSTEAD HAVE BECOME A "MORAL, POLITICAL, AND MILITARY VICTORY" FOR SL. THE PRISONERS DEBACLE UNDERSCORED THE END OF SL'S "GREAT LEAP" PLAN IN 1966 AND PROVIDED THE PACE FOR THE "FIRST CAMPAIGN" OF THE "DEVELOP SL'S" PLAN BEGUN IN EARLY 67. THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE CALLED ON "THE PEOPLE" TO PUNISH GARCIA AND MINISTERS, THE MILITARY, AND THE POLICE FOR THEIR ALLEGED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE KILLINGS.

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General trend in other file appears to be playing up of potential attacks for public awareness.

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8. (U) SL FRONT GROUPS HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT
THEY WILL HOLD A PROTEST RALLY FOR 1700 JUNE 09 ON THE
CORPUS OF SAN MARCOS UNIVERSITY. MEANWHILE,
MOST LINA RESIDENTS AWAIT THE LONG-PREDICTED
SL ATTACKS TO MARK THE PRISON UPRISINGS.

9. (C) COMMENT:

THE OPENNESS WITH WHICH PRO-SL AND MIRA
GROUPS ARE PARTICIPATING IN PUBLIC RALLIES
IS CONSISTENT WITH A GRADUAL TREND TOWARD
MORE CONVENTIONAL POLITICAL PROSELYTIZING
THAT HAS MARKED TERRORIST ACTIVITY THE LAST
SIX MONTHS OR SO. WE EXPECT MORE ACTIVITY
OVER THE REST OF THE WEEKEND.

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