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... PRESS REPORTS, THE TWO CAR BOMBERS AND A REVOLVER WITH THEM WHEN THE BOMB EXPLODED.

JULY 18

3. ON HUANCAYO - A BRANCH OF THE BANCO DE MATERIALES IN DOWNTOWN HUANCAYO WAS BOMBED CAUSING SERIOUS DAMAGE TO THE BUILDING AND SURROUNDING STRUCTURES. THERE WERE NO INJURIES REPORTED.

4. LIMA - TWO POLICE OFFICERS AND A CIVILIAN WERE KILLED IN LIMA DURING TWO SEPARATE ATTACKS. IN THE UPPER CLASS NEIGHBORHOOD OF MIRAFLORES, A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS OPENED FIRE ON AN OFFICER OF THE PERUVIAN INVESTIGATIVE POLICE (PLAIN CLOTHES). IN THE LOWER CLASS SECTION OF EL AGUSTINO, A POLICE OFFICER AND HIS COMPANION WERE SITTING IN A CAR WHEN TWO MEN WITH MACHINE GUNS APPROACHED AND OPENED FIRE.

AYACUCHO - TERRORISTS BLEW UP A RECENTLY COMPLETED BRIDGE THAT WAS SCHEDULED TO BE INAUGURATED THAT DAY. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE BLAST DESTROYED SEVERAL SUPPORT TOWERS OF THE BRIDGE LOCATED AT KILOMETER 123 OF THE MAICA-PUCVIAO HIGHWAY.

JULY 19

AYACUCHO - A POLICE OFFICER AND THREE TERRORISTS WERE KILLED IN A CLASH ALONG THE HUAMBALPA-VILCASHUAMAN ROAD AFTER A SENDERO COLUMN REPORTEDLY ATTACKED A POLICE PATROL.

SAN MARTIN - A REPORTED 100 SL GUERRILLAS ATTACKED THE TOWN OF CAMPANILLAS, PROVINCE OF MARISCAL CACERES, SAN MARTIN, BURNING DOWN THE POLICE STATION, TOWN HALL, AND A PUBLIC HEALTH CLINIC. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE ATTACKERS ANNOUNCED THEIR INTENTION TO EXECUTE THE MAYOR BUT WERE UNABLE TO FIND HIM.

JULY 20

AYACUCHO - AN ARMY CONVOY TRAVELING FROM A BASE IN HUANTA WAS AMBUSHED BY SL GUERRILLAS WHO KILLED TWO AND INJURED SEVERAL OTHERS.

4. ON ARRESTS

POLICE ANNOUNCED THE ARREST OF TWO SUSPECTED TERRORISTS JULY 22 WHO WERE REPORTEDLY CAPTURED AS THEY ATTEMPTED TO BLOW UP ELECTRIC TOWERS IN THE LOWER CLASS LIMA NEIGHBORHOOD OF SAN MARTIN

AUTHORITIES IN CUZCO HAVE ARRESTED ANOTHER PROFESSIONAL IN CONNECTION WITH SENDERO ACTIVITIES IN THAT DEPARTMENT (REF A). ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, POLICE FOUND A LARGE QUANTITY OF SUBVERSIVE MATERIAL, MAPS, PLANS, AND CODED DOCUMENTS IN THE HOME OF WILBERT OBLITAS ZARABRIA, A CUZCO ATTORNEY. HE WAS REPORTEDLY UNDER SURVEILLANCE BEFORE HIS ARREST BECAUSE OF HIS CONNECTION TO VARIOUS SENDERO MEMBERS ALREADY IN CUSTODY.

5. ON THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY "EL EXPRESO" ON JULY 19 REPORTED THAT AT LEAST SEVEN COMMUNITIES IN THE NORTH-CENTRAL SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CUZCO ARE "LIBERATED ZONES" BEING RUN BY SENDERO LUMINOZO. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, APPROXIMATELY 3,500 CAMPESINOS HAVE FLED THE AREA, LEAVING EVERYTHING BEHIND SINCE THE TERRORISTS BEGAN TAKING OVER. MEMBERS OF SENDERO STARTED INFILTRATING THE AREA AT THE END OF 1983, "EXPRESO" REPORTED, AS THE MILITARY BEGAN DRIVING THEM OUT OF AYACUCHO. WHEN THEY FIRST ARRIVED, THEY APPARENTLY MAINTAINED A LOW PROFILE WHILE BUILDING BASES AMONG THE YOUTH. AS THEY GAINED STRENGTH, THEY STARTED DEMANDING SUPPORT FROM THE RESIDENTS AND EVENTUALLY BEGAN FORCED RECRUITMENT. "EXPRESO" SAID IT HAD INTERVIEWED TWO "DEERTERS" FROM SENDERO'S "MANDATORY MILITARY SERVICE" WHO HAD ALLEGEDLY GONE THROUGH A SENDERO-RUN FIELD TRAINING COURSE BEFORE ESCAPING. THE SENDERO-CONTROLLED ZONE WAS IDENTIFIED IN THE ARTICLE AS THE QUILLABAMBA AREA, INCLUDING THE COMMUNITIES OF VILCABAMBA, HUANCALLE, PUCYURA, LUCUMA, YAPAJAJE, CHECCA AND SARAJANI.

FURTHER REPORTING ON THE JULY 17 CAR BOMB (REF C) INCLUDES STATEMENTS BY WITNESSES WHO ALLEGEDLY TALKED WITH THE TERRORIST WHO LEFT THE CAR OUTSIDE THE SHERATON HOTEL. HE WAS DESCRIBED AS YOUNG AND WELL DRESSED (IN A SUIT AND TIE). HE APPARENTLY TOLD HOTEL EMPLOYEES HE WAS HURRYING TO ATTEND A BRIEF MEETING AT THE HOTEL AND WOULD ONLY LEAVE THE CAR OUTSIDE FOR A SHORT TIME. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, POLICE DETAINED AT LEAST 500 PEOPLE FOR QUESTIONING FOLLOWING THE TERRORIST ATTACKS JULY 16-17.

FOREIGN MINISTER ALAN WAGNER SAID THE MFA HAS MADE A PROTEST TO THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT CONCERNING PERUVIANS WHO HAVE CLAIMED ASYLUM IN SWEDEN AND ARE USING THEIR STATUS TO PROMOTE SENDERO LUMINOZO ABROAD. THE SENDERO SUPPORTERS, WAGNER SAID, ARE ABUSING THE GOOD FAITH OF THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT AND WERE NOT BEING PROSECUTED IN PERU.

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