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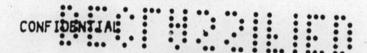
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1. (U) ON THE NIGHT OF OCTOBER 30, SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) INMATES AT LURIGANCHO PRISON TOOK FIVE PERSONS HOSTAGE, INCLUDING THE PRISON DIRECTOR AND A JUDGE.
THIS ACTION MAY HAVE BEEN PROMPTED BY THE APPEARANCE
OF NUMEROUS POLICE AT LURIGANCHO THAT DAY IN PREPARATION CONFIDENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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FOR THE TRANSFER OF SL PRISONERS FROM TEMPORARY





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QUARTERS TO ANOTHER CELL BLOCK, LEADING PRISONERS TO BELIEVE AUTHORITIES WERE GOING TO TRANSFER THEM TO THE NEW HIGH-SECURITY PRISON AT CANTO GRANDE.
(SL PRISONERS FAR PREFER LURIGANCHO, WHERE LAX CONTROLS PERMIT GREATER FREEDOM OF ACTION).

2. (U) FOLLOWING 11 HOURS OF NEGOTIATIONS, INCLUDING THE PARTICIPATION BY MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES AND THE PEACE COMMISSION, PRISONERS RELEASED HOSTAGES, WHO APPEARED TO BE IN GOOD CONDITION. PRISONERS THEN AGREED TO MOVE TO THE "INDUSTRIAL" CELL BLOCK OF LURIGANCHO, WHERE THEY REPORTEDLY BARRICADED THE ENTRANCES. IN AN OCTOBER 31 COMMUNIQUE, THE GOP REITERATED ITS COMMITMENT TO "REESTABLISH THE PRINCIPLE OF AUTHORITY" IN THE PRISON SYSTEM AND TO CONTINUE ITS REFORMS IN THAT AREA, BUT DID NOT SPECIFY WHAT CONCESSIONS, IF ANY, HAD BEEN MADE TO THE PRISONERS.

3. (C) COMMENT: WE NOTED LAST MONTH FOLLOWING LURIGANCHO KILLINGS THAT!

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