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CORNUCOPIA OF EXTREMIST GROUPS WITH CONNECTIONS TO
COMMUNIST BLOCK COUNTRIES, BOLIVIA HAS NOT YET FACED
THE PROBLEM OF SUCCESSFUL, SUSTAINED TERRORIST ACTIVITY.
IN THE MIDST OF THE LONGEST, MOST PAINFUL ECONOMIC
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VIOLENCE HAS BEEN SURPRISINGLY LOW: THIS REPORT:
ANALYZES CONDITIONS WHICE HAVE SPARED BOLIVIA THE
CRAZED ELOODSHED AND POLITICAL FANATICISM WHICH
CHARACTERIZE THE SENDERO LUMINOSO REBELLION IN PERU.
A VARIETY OF FACTORS -- RANGING FROM CHRONIC
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IN BOLIVIA'S SOCIO-ECONOMIC STRUCTURES -- SO FAR HAS
MADE BOLIVIA LESS THAN FERTILE GROUND FOR A POPULAR
INSURRECTION. THIS REPORT ALSO EXPLORES, HOWEVER,
SEVERAL EVOLVING CONDITIONS WHICH MAY BE ERODING
BOLIVIA'S SCCIAL RESILIENCE AND APPARENT POLITICAL
IMMUNITY (PARAS. 11 TO 14). END INTRODUCTION AND
SUMMARY.

RCOTS OF SENDERO LUMINOSO IN PERUS (WITH APOLOGIES TO LIMA)

2. (U) IN THE MID-1962'S THE PERUVIAN ARMY AND POLICE WERE DRAWN INTO A LONG, COSTLY STRUGGLE TO SURPRESS TWO SMALL GUERRILLA INSURGENCIES BY THE "NATIONAL ARMY OF LIBERATION" AND THE "MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY CONFIDENTIAL

CONFILENTIAL PAGE 03 03448 01 OF 06 242101Z LA PAZ LEFT. ALTHOUGH THE COUNTER-INSURGENCY CAMPAIGN PREVAILED, IT LEFT THE MILITARY CONCERNED NABOUT THE POTENTIAL FOR REVOLT AMONG LANDLESS PEASANTS. THERE HAD BEEN NO EFFFCTIVE LAND REFORM, POWER WAS CONCENTRATED IN THE HANDS OF THE TRADITIONAL OLIGARCHY, GOVERNMENT WAS CORRUPT AND THE INDIAN POPULATION IN AN ANALYSIS PUBLISHED IN 1957, WAS NEGLECTED. ARMY MAJOR GENERAL EDGARDO MERCADO CONCLUDED THAT FERUVIAN SOCIETY WAS IN A STATE OF "LATENT INSURGENCY." HE FEARED THE COMMUNISTS WOULD EXPLOIT THE SITUATION. UNLESS DEFF-GOING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC REFORMS COULD

BE-IMPLEMENTED. MERCADO'S THESIS WAS INFLUENTIAL IN THE COUP THAT REMOVED PRESIDENT BELAUNDE AND INSTALLED THE "REVOLUTIONARY" MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF GENERAL JUAN VFLASCO ALVARADO ONE YEAR LATER. VELASCO AND HIS SUCCESSOR, GENERAL FRANCISCO MORALES BERMUDEZ CERRUTO, MADE A SUSTAINED EFFORT TO TRANSFORM PERU'S SOCIO-ECONOMIC STRUCTURES. THEY ENHANCED POPULAR PARTICIPATION IN DECISION MAKING PROCESSES AND TRIED TC ACCELERATE THE PROCESSES OF CHANGE. (U) IN 1970 A MADIST SPLINTER GROUP OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF PERU, WEICH BECAME KNOWN AS SENDIRO LUMINOSO, WAS LAUNCHED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF EUAMANGA. IN AYACUCHO UNDER THE TUTFLAGE OF ABIMAEL GUZMAN, A LEFTIST PROFFSSOR. ITS CADRE WAS A GROUP OF PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS OF LARGELY PROVINCIAL THEY WERE DISAPPOINTED BY THE VELASCO REFORMS, BITTERLY FRUSTRATED AT THE LACK OF OFFORTUNITIES IN FERU'S MOST: PACKWARD; :NEGLECTED REGION AND WILLING TO SUPMERSE THEIR PERSONAL: :: : IDENTITIES IN THE CAUSE OF REVOLUTION: THE BUDDING GUERRILLA MOVEMENT TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE CIVIL GUARD'S HEAVY-HANDED COUNTER-INSURGENCY TACTICS, AND CONFIDENTIAL

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PAGE Ø2 LA PAZ 23445 22 OF 26 242103Z 4. (U) IN THE EARLY 1982'S SENDERO LUMINOSO BEGAN A MILITARY OFFENSIVE AIMED AT ISOLATING AYACHUCHO FROM THE UREAN CENTERS OF "BOURGEDIS CORRUPTION" AND AT ASSAULTING THOSE URBAN CITADELS; PARTICULARLY LIMA, THROUGH SYSTEMATIC CAMPAIGNS OF SABOTAGE, TERROR AND SAVAGERY. WEILE IT HAD SOME PEASANT SUPPORT, SENDERO LUMINOSO HAD A EROADER AGENDA. AS PERUVIAN. NOVELIST MARIO VARGAS LLOSA POINTS OUT IN HIS "INQUEST.

IN THE ANDES, "SENDERO WAS CREATED BY URBANIZED, MIDDLE-CLASS INTELLECTUALS OF PROVINCAL ORIGIN: WHOSE: ... DOGMAS AND RHFTCRIC WERF AS SUSPECT TO: THE MASSIS AS:. WERE THE PROMISES OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. .. THE FACE. IS THAT THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE GUERRILLAS AND THE ARMED FORCES IS REALLY A SETTLING OF ACCOUNTS BETWEEN PRIVILEGED SECTORS OF SOCIETY, AND THE PEASANT MASSES ARF USED CYNICALLY AND BRUTALLY BY THOSE WHO SAY THEY CONFIDENTIAL

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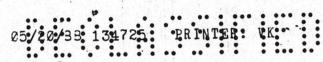
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ACCORDING TO SOCIOLOGIST JORGE DANDLER, A

CRITICAL FACTOR IN THE RISE OF SENDERO LOMINOSO WAS

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