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 TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1424  
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PANAMA FOR ADS  
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 E.O. 12356: DECL:OADR  
 TAGS: PTER, PHUM, PINS, MILI, ASFC, PE  
 SUBJECT: TERRORISTS ASSASSINATE PERUVIAN ADMIRAL  
 REF: LIMA 2778 ✓

1. (U) PRESUMED SENTERO LUMINOSO (SL) TERRORISTS SHOT AND KILLED PERUVIAN REAR ADMIRAL CARLOS PONCE CANESSA MORNING OF MAY 8 AS HE LEFT HOME FOR WORK.  
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 PONCE HAD BEEN THE CHIEF OF THE STRATEGIC OPERATIONS PLANNING OFFICE OF THE NAVY STAFF (ESTADO MAYOR); HE DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE HAD ANY DIRECT CONNECTION TO THE NAVY'S COUNTERTERRORIST ROLE. RANKED FIRST IN HIS CLASS, PONCE WAS IN LINE TO BE COMMANDER GENERAL OF THE NAVY IN 1992.

2. (C) COMMENT: PONCE IS THE FIRST GENERAL OR FLAC RANK VICTIM OF TERRORISTS. HIS MURDER IS THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF SL ASSASSINATIONS OF NAVY OFFICERS, IN APPARENT RESPONSE TO THE PRESENCE OF MARINE UNITS

(AN INTEGRAL BRANCH OF THE NAVY) IN THE AYACUCHO EMERGENCY ZONE. IRONICALLY, HIS DEATH OCCURRED THREE DAYS AFTER NAVY CALLED TOGETHER SENIOR OFFICERS TO WARN THEM OF CONTINUAL HIGH SL THREAT.

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