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February 8, 1989



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

FOI/Privacy Office

Harvard University
The Center for International Affairs
Mr. Gustavo A. Gorriti
1737 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02138

Dear Mr. Gorriti:

This is in response to your November 30, 1987 letter, to the Department of State (DoS), requesting records pertaining to the Sendero Luminoso, under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, Title 5 U.S. Code 552. Your letter and copies of two records, retrieved from DoS files, were subsequently referred to this office for a decision as to the releasability of the information to you. This correspondence was received in this office on January 26, 1989.

A review of the information contained in these records has determined that it is partially releasable to you.

Information has been sanitized from these records, which is currently and properly classified CONFIDENTIAL according to Sections 1.1(a)(3) and 1.3(a)(4) of Executive Order 12356. This information is exempt from the public disclosure provisions of the Freedom of Information Act pursuant to Title 5 U.S. Code 552 (b)(1).

Section 1.1(a)(3) of Executive Order 12356 provides that information shall be classified CONFIDENTIAL if its unauthorized disclosure reasonably could be expected to cause damage to the national security.

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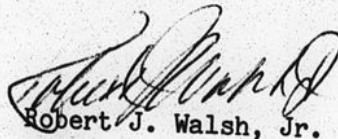
This material has also been sanitized to remove personal information about individuals. This information is exempt from the mandatory public disclosure provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, per Title 5 U.S. Code 552 (b)(6) and Title 5 U.S. Code 552 (b)(7)(C).

We have also deleted information which is administrative in nature, to include internal report numbers, reference numbers, and access numbers, which are for internal agency use only. The release of this information would significantly risk circumvention of agency regulations, and is exempt from the public disclosure under Title 5 U.S. Code 552 (b)(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

The withholding of the information described above is a partial denial of your request. This denial is made on behalf of the Commanding General, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, who is the Initial Denial Authority for Army intelligence investigative and security records under the Freedom of Information Act. You may appeal this decision to the Secretary of the Army. If you wish to file an appeal, you should forward it to this office for necessary processing within 60 calendar days from the date of this letter. Your appeal will then be processed to the appellate authority. After the 60 day period, the case may be considered closed; however, such closure does not preclude you from filing litigation in the courts.

If you have any further questions regarding this action, please feel free to contact this office at any time. Please refer to case #132F-89.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Walsh, Jr.

Chief

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2. (U) SL TERRORISTS ATTACKED THE INDIAN EMBASSY IN THE LIMA SUBURB OF MIRAFLORES ON 26 JANUARY 1987. THREE POLICE OFFICERS WERE KILLED IN THE DARING OPERATION WHICH OCCURRED IN BROAD DAYLIGHT WITH THE TERRORISTS USING AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES. THE SL TEAM, COMPOSED OF EIGHT TO TEN PEOPLE, FIRST ATTACKED THE THREE CIVIL GUARD POLICEMEN STANDING GUARD AT THE EMBASSY. TWO OF THE GUARDS WERE SHOT IN THE HEAD AND DIED INSTANTLY; THE THIRD DIED LATER IN THE DAY. THE GROUP THEN DETONATED SIX EXPLOSIVE DEVICES. SOME OF THE ASSAILANTS APPROACHED THE BUILDING BY VEHICLE, WHILE THREE OF THE GROUP USED DECEPTION AND DISGUISE TO MOVE CLOSER TO THE TARGET. ACCORDING TO A PRESS REPORT, ONE OF THE ATTACKERS WAS POSING AS AN ICE CREAM VENDOR WITH A CART; ANOTHER ONE WAS JOGGING; AND THE THIRD WAS WALKING ALONG THE STREET WEARING BEACH CLOTHES.

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(U) FOLLOWING THE INDIAN EMBASSY ATTACK, A LIMA NEWS PROGRAM RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM AN INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED AS RAIL FUENTES GIL, ALIAS "CAMARADA RAUL," WHO CLAIMED SL INVOLVEMENT IN THE ATTACK. HE PROVIDED A LIST OF FUTURE SL ASSASSINATION TARGETS WHICH INCLUDED INTERIOR MINISTER ABEL SALINAS IZAGUIFRE, INTERIOR VICE MINISTER AGUSTIN MANTILLA CAMPOS, FORMER LIMA MAYOR

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ALFONSO BARRANTES LINGAN, AND SEVERAL POLICE PERSONNEL

(U) ON 27 JANUARY, SL MEMBERS TOOK OVER THE OFFICES OF PRENSA LATINA, A CUBAN NEWS AGENCY, AND REUTERS, A BRITISH NEWS AGENCY, AND DEMANDED THAT STATEMENTS DENOUNCING PRESIDENT ALAN GARCIA PEREZ BE RELEASED. THE REUTERS TAKEOVER BEGAN WHEN TWO MEN AND A WOMAN APPEARED OUTSIDE THE OFFICE AND INTRODUCED THEMSELVES AS JOURNALISM STUDENTS AT SAN MARCOS UNIVERSITY. AFTER PRESENTING STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARDS, THEY ASKED IF THEY COULD BE GIVEN A TOUR OF THE OFFICE. WHEN INFORMED THAT THE STAFF WAS TOO BUSY, THE WOMAN SL MEMBER ASKED IF SHE COULD USE THE RESTROOM. AS SOON AS THE DOOR WAS OPENED FOR THE WOMAN, SHE QUICKLY PULLED OUT A PISTOL. THE GROUP CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INDIAN EMBASSY ATTACK AND CRITICIZED PRESIDENT GARCIA'S TRIP TO INDIA AND HIS ATTEMPT TO ASSUME THE LEADERSHIP OF "THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. THE THREE SUBVERSIVES THEN PAINTED SLOGGANS ON THE WALLS PRAISING THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF PERU AND "PRESIDENT GONZALO," THE TERM GIVEN TO SL'S FOUNDER, ABIMAEEL GUZMAN REYNOSO,

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BY HIS FOLLOWERS

(U) ACCORDING TO THE FIRST EDITION OF PERU REPORT, A NEW MONTHLY PUBLICATION IN THE COUNTRY, SL HAS BEEN STRUGGLING WITH THE PROBLEM OF HOW TO INCREASE ITS OVERT POLITICAL PROLETARIAN WHILE MAINTAINING ITS CLANDESTINE NATURE. SL FLOODED SEVERAL POOR NEIGHBORHOODS OF LIMA IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH WITH POSTERS PRAISING THEIR STRUGGLE AND HONORING THE SENDEROISTAS KILLED IN THE JUNE 1986 PRISON RIOTS. ON 31 MARCH, SEVERAL NEWS AGENCIES,

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MAGAZINES, AND RADIO STATIONS RECEIVED WARNINGS FROM SL ABOUT
WHAT THE GROUP PERCEIVED TO BE UNFAVORABLE COVERAGE OF ITS
ORGANIZATION AND ACTIVITIES. SL REPORTEDLY DEMANDED THAT ITS
ACTIVISTS BE REFERRED TO AS "PEOPLE WHO HAVE TAKEN UP ARMS," AND
NOT "TERRORISTS." THESE INCIDENTS ARE EVIDENCE OF THE GROUP'S
INCREASED EMPHASIS ON PROPAGANDA.

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13. (U) SE CONTINUED ITS LETHAL CAMPAIGN IN APRIL WITH A BRUTAL ASSAULT ON A LIMA RESTAURANT FREQUENTED BY POLICE AND MILITARY PERSONNEL. SIX PEOPLE, INCLUDING TWO PERUVIAN ARMY OFFICERS, WERE KILLED AND AT LEAST TEN WERE WOUNDED IN THE ATTACK ON 9 APRIL. AT LEAST FIVE TERRORISTS, DISGUISED IN SCHOOL AND POLICE UNIFORMS, ENTERED THE CROWDED FACILITY AND OPENED FIRE WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. ALTHOUGH A TABLE OF MILITARY PERSONNEL WAS APPARENTLY THE PRIMARY TARGET, THE ATTACK WAS BASICALLY INDISCRIMINATE, AND THE MAJORITY OF THE VICTIMS WERE OTHER CUSTOMERS. THE ACT TOOK PLACE TWO BLOCKS FROM THE ARMY'S 16TH ARMORED DIVISION HQ, AND WAS DESCRIBED AS THE BLOODIEST TERRORIST ATTACK AGAINST THE MILITARY IN LIMA. THE INCIDENT MAY HAVE BEEN INTENDED TO EMBARRASS PRESIDENT GARCIA DURING THE VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT OF URUGUAY TO PERU.

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(FOUO) COMPANIES, INCLUDING THE US-BASED OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION, OPERATING IN THE NORTHEASTERN PART OF THE COUNTRY NEAR THE BORDER WITH VENEZUELA, AND THE ELN HAS VOWED TO CONTINUE ITS ATTACKS UNTIL THESE COMPANIES LEAVE THE COUNTRY. THE ELN HAS BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS IN A BOMBING AND SABOTAGE CAMPAIGN OF THE CANO LIRON-RIO ZULIA-COVENAS MAIN OIL PIPELINE, WHICH LIES COLOMBIA'S LARGEST OILFIELD AT CRAVO NORTE TO THE CARIBBEAN SEA. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, AN ELN ATTACK

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ON 3 APRIL WAS THE 31ST IN THE LAST NINE MONTHS ON THE PIPELINE, AND CUMULATIVE DAMAGE TO OIL FACILITIES HAS BEEN ESTIMATED AT \$50 MILLION SINCE FEBRUARY 1984. IN RELATED REPORTING, NO FURTHER INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED ABOUT THE FATE OF THE CANADIAN ENGINEER EMPLOYED BY OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM WHO WAS ABDUCTED BY SUSPECTED ELN GUERRILLAS IN ARAUCA ON 9 MARCH.

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ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, PERUVIAN POLICE SEIZED A LARGE ARMS SHIPMENT DESTINED FOR CHILE'S RADICAL MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR). THE CACHE, WHICH INCLUDED RIFLES, ANTI-TANK WEAPONS, MORTARS, GRENADES, AND ASSORTED AMMUNITION, WAS DISCOVERED IN A PRIVATE HOUSE IN THE PERUVIAN RESORT OF CHOSCAY, ABOUT 30 KILOMETERS NORTH OF THE CHILEAN BORDER. ARMS CACHES DESTINED FOR CHILEAN SUBVERSIVES HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN DISCOVERED IN PERU AND BOLIVIA.

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(U) SEVEN PEOPLE, INCLUDING TWO PERUVIAN ARMY OFFICERS, WERE KILLED AND AT LEAST NINE INJURED DURING A MID-DAY ATTACK ON A RESTAURANT FREQUENTED BY MILITARY AND POLICE PERSONNEL IN LIMA ON 9 APRIL. THE ATTACK OCCURRED NEAR A CIVIL GUARD POLICE STATION AND TWO BLOCKS FROM THE PERUVIAN ARMY'S 18TH ARMORED DIVISION HEADQUARTERS IN THE LOWER CLASS NEIGHBORHOOD OF RINAC. AT LEAST FIVE TERRORISTS DISGUISED IN SCHOOL AND POLICE UNIFORMS ENTERED THE CROWDED RESTAURANT AND OPENED FIRE WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, THEN THREW DYNAMITE TO COVER THEIR ESCAPE. A SECOND GROUP OF 14

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(U) GUERRILLAS OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY (ELN) BEGAN A CAMPAIGN CALLED "WAR OF COLOMBIA, THEY ARE STEALING OUR OIL" IN FEBRUARY 1987. THIS OFFENSIVE IS DIRECTED AT FOREIGN OIL

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TERRORISTS, ALSO DISGUISED IN SCHOOL AND POLICE UNIFORMS, ATTEMPTED A SIMULTANEOUS ATTACK AGAINST A BRANCH OF INTER-AM IN THE LOWER CLASS NEIGHBORHOOD OF SAN MARTIN DE PORRES. SECURITY GUARDS PREVENTED THE ARMED ATTACK, BUT THE TERRORISTS THREW FIVE IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES (IEDS) BEFORE THEY ESCAPED. FOUR OF THE IEDS WERE DISMISSED, BUT A FIFTH BOMB EXPLODED IN THE STREET.

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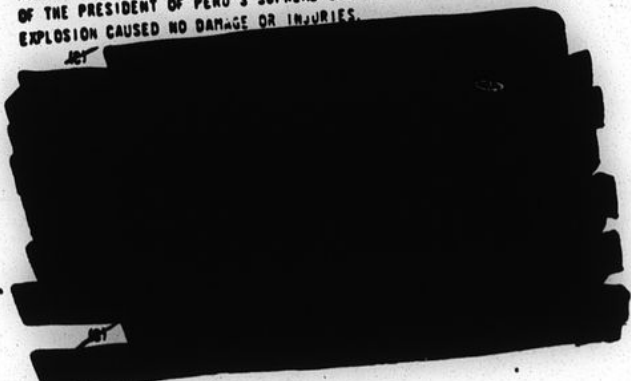


(U) ON 14 APRIL, ONE POLICE OFFICER AND A CIVILIAN WERE INJURED WHEN A GROUP OF AT LEAST FOUR TERRORISTS DISGUISED AS

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STREET MINISTERS AND STUDENTS, OPENED FIRE IN LIMA. SL PROPAGANDA WAS FOUND AT THE SCENE, BUT IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER THE OPERATION WAS DESIGNED AS AN AMBUSH OR AS AN ASSAULT ON A NEARBY BANK. SL THREW DYNAMITE FROM A SPEEDING CAR AT THE HOME OF THE PRESIDENT OF PERU'S SUPREME COURT ON 21 APRIL, BUT THE EXPLOSION CAUSED NO DAMAGE OR INJURIES.

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THE GOP ANNOUNCED A MAJOR SUCCESS IN ITS WAR AGAINST SUBVERSION IN APRIL. ON 24 APRIL, THE PERUVIAN INTERIOR MINISTER, ABEL SALINAS IZAGUIRRE, ANNOUNCED THE CAPTURE OF 71 LEFTIST GUERRILLAS. THE DETAINED INCLUDED 46 MEMBERS FROM TWELVE SL CELLS, INCLUDING FOUR ASSASSINATION TEAMS, AND 25 MEMBERS FROM SIX CELLS OF THE TUPAC AMARU REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (URTA). THIS

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