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TERRORIST ATTACK AT LA RAYA RESEARCH FACILITY

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1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT)
2. EMBOFF MET AUGUST 4 WITH AMCIT RESEARCHERS,
RICHARD REINER AND SUSAN RIKERT, WHO WERE PRESENT AT
CAMELOID RESEARCH FACILITY OF LA RAYA JULY 22 WHEN IT
WAS ATTACKED BY TERRORISTS. REINER AND RIKERT ALONG
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WITH SWISS FAMILY, WITH WHICH THEY SHARED

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DUPLEX, AND THREE ANCIT HOUSEGUESTS WERE ONLY FOREIGNERS PRESENT WHEN TERRORISTS ATTACKED... REFTEL REPORT OF INCIDENT WAS BASED ON ENBOFF'S PRIOR CONVERSATION WITH THE HOUSEGUESTS, BUT HOUSEGUESTS' SPANISH AND CONSEQUENTLY THEIR ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WAS HAPPENING WAS LIMITED.

3. ACCORDING TO REINER AND RIKERT, FOLLOWING WERE MAJOR POINTS THEY RECALL:

-- TWO INTRUDERS ENTERED ANCIT QUARTERS AT APPROXIMATELY 110 PM, ROUSING FIVE FROM BED AND GATHERING THEM IN UNILLUMINATED BEDROOM WHERE HANDS WERE TIED BEHIND THEIR BACK;

-- INTRUDERS WORE SKI MASKS, LEAVING ONLY EYES AND NOSE VISIBLE; ONE WAS SHORT, LOOKED TWENTYISH, WITH INDIAN FEATURES; SECOND WAS TALL, LIGHTER SKINNED, APPEARED OLDER; BOTH SPOKE IN CLEAR SPANISH AND, GIVEN GENERAL MANNER, WERE EDUCATED;

-- INTRUDERS REQUIRED ANCITS AND SWISS TO JOIN ALL FACILITY PERSONNEL IN DARKENED "COMMON ROOM" IN ONE OF DORMINTORIES; THEY PERMITTED ANCITS TO DRESS (AFTER FREEING THEM FROM BONDS) AND TO DON JACKETS BEFORE GOING OUTDOORS--WHERE NIGHTTIME ANDEAN TEMPERATURE WAS COLD;

-- ASSEMBLED FACILITY PERSONNEL, INCLUDING SEGREGATED GROUP OF ANCIT AND SWISS FOREIGNERS, THEN LISTENED TO MASKED WOMAN WHO DELIVERED POLITICAL LECTURE IN EDUCATED SPANISH; SPEECH WAS DELIVERED WITH FERVOR AND DIRECTED TOWARD (LOCAL) FACILITY LABORERS; THRUST OF SPEECH WAS ATTACK ON (PERUVIAN) EXPLOITERS; SPEAKER ATTACKED OUTSIDERS ("EXTRANJEROS"), REFERRING EXPLICITLY TO SOVIETS, BUT DID NOT MENTION AMERICANS OR "GRINGOS;"

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SPEAKER DISTINGUISHED SMALL GROUP OF FOREIGNERS PRESENT (ANCITS AND SWISS) FROM FACILITY HEADS WHO, ON THIS FRIDAY NIGHT, WERE ALL ABSENT;

-- MAJOR SAID RESEARCH PERFORMED AT LA RAYA DID NOT HELP THE POOR AND THAT FOREIGN RESEARCHERS ARE UNWANTED; HOWEVER (CONTRARY TO STATEMENT IN REFTEL), SPEAKER DID NOT REPEAT NOT CLAIM "PERUVIANS CAN DO THEIR OWN RESEARCH;"

-- MAJOR DYNAMITE EXPLOSION INTERRUPTED SPEAKER, WHO CONTINUED WHEN NOISE DIED OUT; OTHER EXPLOSIONS THAT

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FOLLOWED KNOCKED OUT: FACILITY: POWER PLANT: ANCIT: LIVING
QUARTERS, AND CERTAIN LABORATORY: FACILITIES:

4. REINER AND RIKER EMPHASIZED THAT INTRUDERS, ONE OF WHOM WAS ARMED WITH MACHINE GUN, NEITHER THREATENED NOR USED ABUSIVE LANGUAGE. INTRUDERS WERE CALM, DELIBERATE, AND SPECIFICALLY REJECTED TERM "TERRORISTS", CLAIMING THEY WERE "GUERRILLAS." THEY DID NOT IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AS MEMBERS OF SENDERO LUMINOSO, BUT DID USE TERM "PERUVIAN COMMUNIST PARTY" WHICH SL USES. PAMPHLETS THEY PASSED OUT TO ASSEMBLED PERSONNEL IN DORMITORY, INCLUDING ANCITS AND SWISS, IS OF TYPE CONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS SENDERO PRACTICE.

5. REINER AND RIKERT CONFIRMED IMPRESSION THAT INTRUDERS WERE FAMILIAR WITH SITE. THEY DESTROYED FACILITIES IN METHODOICAL FASHION AND REFERRED TO FACILITY HEADS BY NAME. REINER AND RIKERT PRESUME INTRUDERS MUST HAVE KNOWN THAT, AS A MATTER OF ROUTINE, FACILITY HEADS REGULARLY LEAVE LA RAYA ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON--AND ACCORDINGLY SELECTED TIME OF ATTACK TO COINCIDE WITH PERIOD WHEN THESE REPRESENTATIVES OF "EXPLOITERS" WOULD BE ABSENT.

6. SUBSEQUENT TO ATTACK, REINER AND RIKERT LEARNED FOLLOWING:
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-- DR. CARLOS FIERRO (SEE REFTEL) HEARD RUMORS IN WEEK PRECEDING ATTACK THAT FACILITY WOULD BE HIT; FIERRO ALSO HEARD THAT POLICE (GUARDIA CIVIL) DETAINED PERSONS FOUND TO BE CARRYING MAPS OF LA RAYA FACILITY;
--FIERRO ALSO WAS CONVINCED THAT SOME FACILITY PERSONNEL, WHO REMOVED SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND MATERIAL IN WEEK BEFORE, KNOW OF IMPENDING ATTACK; AND
--AN ELECTRONIC TYPEWRITER HOUSED IN SWISS OFFICE FACILITY, WHICH WAS GUTTED IN FIRE SET BY ATTACKERS, LATER TURNED UP IN UNDAMAGED CONDITION IN HOME OF ONE OF SITE LABORERS.

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7. REINER AND RIKERT SAID POLICE MADE BRIEF APPEARANCE AT SITE FOLLOWING ATTACK, BUT OTHERWISE HAVE STAYED AWAY. CIVIL AUTHORITIES ALSO ARE SHUNNING AREA. NEITHER PERUVIAN NOR FOREIGN NEWSMEN SOUGHT INTERVIEWS WITH ANCITS AND, TO BEST OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE, NEITHER HAVE SWISS RESERACHERS BEEN CONTACTED BY MDEIA. REINER AND RIKERT COULD SHED NO LIGHT ON SOURCE OF CLAIM, CONTAINED IN CONSERVATIVE LIMA DAILY "PRENSA", THAT INTRUDERS INCLUDED FOREIGN ELEMENTS. THEY ALSO CONSIDERED IMPROBABLY "PRENSA" CHARGE THAT ATTACKERS SPOKE FRENCH AND POINTED OUT THAT, CONTRARY TO PRESS ACCOUNT, NO "ENGLISH" RESEARCHERS WERE AT LA RAYA.

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8. REINER AND RIKERT ARE BEING PAID FOR THROUGH AN AID/W FUNDED COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH SUPPORT PROGRAM (CRSP). THE

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CHIEF OF PARTY FOR THIS CRSP PROJECT (DR. BEN OJAJANDRILLA),
TOGETHER WITH USAID PERU, ARE ASSESSING ON SITE THE
SECURITY SITUATION AND THEY WILL BE DETERMINING THE MOST
APPROPRIATE LOCATION FOR FUTURE PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENTS.
USAID PLANS TO CONSULT WITH EMBASSY AND REGIONAL SECURITY
OFFICER ON FINAL ARRANGEMENTS.

9. COMMENT. REINER AND RIKERT'S ACCOUNT OF JULY 22
INCIDENT SUGGESTS ATTACK WAS KEYED SPECIFICALLY TO LA
RAYA FACILITY, VERY POSSIBLY ABETTED BY SOME PERSONNEL AT
SITE, AND CARRIED OUT BY TIGHTLY ORGANIZED GROUP THAT KNEW
WHAT IT WAS DOING. THE FACT THAT AMERICANS WERE PRESENT
AT TIME OF ATTACK APPEARS COMPLETELY COINCIDENTAL.
TERRORISTS DEMONSTRATED NO OVERT ANIMOSITY OR HOSTILITY
TOWARD AMERICANS.
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