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SUBJECT: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EMERGENCY ZONE

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1. (C) SUMMARY: GOP AUTHORITIES IN LIMA "EXPANDED" THE SOUTH-CENTRAL SIERRA EMERGENCY ZONE (EZ) AFFECTED BY SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) TERRORISM TO INCLUDE A THIRTEENTH PROVINCE-- ONE CARVED OUT OF TERRITORY ALREADY IN THE ZONE. IN AYACUCHO, MILITARY AUTHORITIES SUSPENDED CURFEW THAT HAD BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE MARCH 1982. CURFEW SUSPENSION, ALONG WITH CERTAIN OTHER MEASURES, TESTIFIES TO IMPORTANCE NEW POLITICAL MILITARY COMMANDER GENERAL HUAMAN ATTACHES TO IMPROVING ZONE POPULATIONS' PHYSICAL AND ECONOMIC SECURITY. ALTHROUGH RANGE OF GOP-CIVILIAN AND MILITARY LEADERS IS REFERRING TO EZ'S "IMPROVED SECURITY"

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CANNOT THREER FORE CONFIRM THAT ZONE SECURITY IMPORVEMENT IS DRAMATIC, ALTHOUGH OUT IMPRESSION IS THAT CONTINUING DETERIORATION TO WHICH HUAMAN PREVIOUSLY REFERRED HAS BEEN ARRESTED. BUT IT DOES SEEM CLEAR THAT OVERALL EZ HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION HAS IMPROVED. LEFT OPPOSITION CONTINUES TO REPORT ON RIGHTS ABUSES, BUT SHOWS RESPECT FOR HUAMAN AND IS GIVING HIM BENEFIT OF DOUBT.  
END SUMMARY.

2. (U) EMERGENCY ZONE "EXPANDS." GOP "SUPREME DECREE" DATED MARCH 16 EXPANDED EMERGENCY ZONE TO INCLUDE NEWLY CREATED PROVINCE OF CHINCHEROS (DEPARTMENT OF APURIMAC). EZ NOW COVERS TOTAL OF THIRTEEN PROVINCES INTHREE DEPARTMENTS" SIX OF SEVEN IN AYACHCHO (CANGALLO, HUAMANGA, HUANTA, LA MAR, JUCANAS, VICTOR FAJARDO); TWO OF SEVEN IN APURIMAC (ANDAHUAYLAS, CHINCHEROS); AND ALL FIVE IN HUANCVELICA (ACOBAMBA, NAGARAES, CASTROVIRREYNA, HUANCVELICA , TAYACAJA). COMMENT: LAW THAT CREATED NEW PROVINCE OF CHINCHEROS ON DECEMBER 30, 1983 CARVED IT OUT OF PROTION OF PREEXISTING PROVINCE OF ANDAHUAYLAS, WHICH ALREADY WAS PART OF ZONE. SUPREME DECREE THEREFORE DOES NOT SO MUCH "EXPAND" XONE AS CLARIFY LEGAL LIMBO OF NEW PROVINCE, WHICH WAS NOT MENTIONED WHEN GOP LAST EXTENDED DURATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY OR EXPANDED AREA COVERED BY IT(REF B).

3. (U) CURFEW SUSPENDED IN AYACHCHO. EZ'S POLITICAL MILITARY COMMAND SUSPENDED, EFFECTIVE MARCH 18, CURFEW THAT HAD APPLIED IN CITY OF AYACHCHO SINCE SL ATTACK OF MARCH 2-3, 1982, ON CITY'S JAIL. MAYOR GOP AND CONGRESSIONAL FIGURES HAILED CURFEW'S LIFTING AS EVIDENCE OF A SIGNIFICANT IMPORVEMENT INOVERALL EZ SECURITY  
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SITUATION. (SOME LOCAL NEWSPAPERS AND INTERNATIONAL WIRE SERVICES MISTAKENLY REPORTED THAT CURFEW LIFTING APPLIED TO WIDER AREA THAN JUST CITY OF AYACHCHO). CORRESPONDENTS IN CITY REPORTED MARCH 19 THAT SL HAD RESPONDED BY DISTRIBUTING LEAFLETS: DECLARING THAT TERRORISTS WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT END THE VIOLENCE.  
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4. (C) HUAMAN'S STRATEGY. CURFEW LIFGING APPEARS TO BE PART OF OVERALL STRATEGY BEING PURSUED BY NEW ZONE POLITICAL MILITARY COMMANDER, GENERAL ADRIAN HUAMAN.

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IN LINE WITH IDEAS PREVIOUSLY OUTLINED (REF C), HUAMAN IS DEVOTING INCREASED IMPORTANCE TO ZONE POPULATIONS'S PHYSICAL AND ECONOMIC SECURITY. LANGUAGE OF COMMUNIQUE LIFTING CURFEW JUSTIFIED ACTION ON CONTRIBUTION IT WOULD MAKE TOWARD "GUARANTEEING THE NORMAL DEVELOPMENT" OF PUBLIC'S ACTIVITIES (I.E., NO REPEAT NO LINKAGE TO AN IMPROVED SECURITY SITUATION). IN REMARKS TO REPORTERS AT MID-MONTH, HUAMAN SPOKE SHARPLY ABOUT NEED TO AUGMENT ANTITERRORIST MEASURES WITH SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORT. HUAMAN ALSO REFERRED PUBLICLY TO NEED TO CURB ABUSES COMMITTED BY SECURITY FORCES, PARTICULARLY THE POLICE. HUAMAN RELATED THAT HE HAD PERSONALLY INSPECTED AYACHCHO JAIL AND DETERMINED THAT SEVERAL OF INTERNEES THERE WERE BEING WRONGFULLY HELD. HE ASSERTED THAT HE HAD ORDERED THEIR REMOVAL, AND THEY SUBSEQUENTLY WERE FREED. HUAMAN ALSO HAS GONE OUT OF HIS WAY TO ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL HOLY WEEK IN AYACHUCHO, MEETING WITH CHURCH AND LOCAL PLANNERS, OFFERING A MILITARY BAND TO ACCOMPANY RELIGIOUS PROCESSIONS, AND EMPHASIZING THAT SECURITY FORCES WILL PROTECT TOURISTS COMING TO CITY FOR FESTIVITIES. (COMMENT: HISTORICALLY A TOURIST FOCAL POINT, AYACUCHO HAS SEEN THIS MAJOR INDUSTRY DRY UP AND ALL BUT DISAPPEAR BECAUSE OF TERRORIST VIOLENCE.)

5. K7) CURFEW HAS NOT YET BEEN LIFTED IN HUANTA, A MAJOR URBAN CENTER IN NORTHERN PART OF AYACUCHO  
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DEPARTMENT. BUT ON MARCH 16, POLITICAL MILITARY COMMANDER FOR THAT PART OF DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT, HENCE FORTH, SECURITY FORCES WOULD MAKE ARRESTS ONLY FOR PROBABLE CAUSE, AND ONLY BETWEEN 6 A.M. AND 5 P.M. NEW POLICY WAS EXPAINED IN TERMS OF AVOIDING ARBITRARY ACTIONS AGAINST DETAINEES AND IN ORDER TO PERMIT PUBLIC TO BE AWARE OF DEVELOPMENTS.

6. (U) INTERIOR MINISTER PERCOVICH AGREED ON MARCH 19 WITH HUAMAN'S CALL FOR GREATER DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY IN ZONE. HE ASSERTED, HOWEVER, THAT PREVIOUS GOP EFFORTS WERE STYMIED BY SL ATTACKS ON GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT. PERCOVICH SAID GOP DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY WOULD "INTENSIFY" AS PACIFICATION OF REGION CONTINUED.

7. (C) COMMENT: HUAMAN, PERCOVICH, AND OTHER GOP

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SPOKESMEN HAVE ALL REFERRED IN RECENT DAYS TO "IMPROVED SECURITY SITUATIONS" IN ZONE. THEIR ASSERTIONS HAVE COME ACCOMPANIED, HOWEVER, BY RENEWED REPORTS OF SL VIOLENCE, INCLUDING MULTIPLE DYNAMITE EXPLOSIONS AND ELECTRICAL BLACKOUTS IN CITY OF AYACUCHO ITSELF, ASSASSINATION OF CIVILITANS, AND ATTACKS ON POLICE STATIONS AND MINES (WHERE DYNAMITE FOOD AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES WERE LOOTED). MISSION THEREFORE IS NOT REPEAT NOT ABLE TO CONFIRM THAT ZONE SECURITY IMPORVEMENT IS DRAMATIC. ON OTHER HAND, HOWEVER, IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT CONTINUING DETERIORATION IN ZONE ABOUT WHICH HUAMAN SPOKE (REF C) HAS BEEN AT LEAST TEMPORARILY ARRESTED.

B. (C) IT ALSO SEEMS CLEAR THAT OVERALL HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN EZ SHOWS IMPROVEMENT. OPPOSITION LIMA PRESS CONTINUES TO CARRY REPORTS OF DISAPPEARANCES ("DESAPARECIDOS") FOR WHICH SECURITY FORCES ARE ALLEGEDLY RESPONSIBLE.  
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(AYACUCHO DISTRICT ATTORNEY BENJAMIN MADUENO STATED IN A MARCH 19 PRESS CONFERENCE THAT IN SOME 650 CASES, INVESTIGATIONS CONFIRMED THE DISAPPEARANCE OF PERSONE SECURITY FORECES HAD DETAINED.) THESE REPORTS APPEAR TO FALL INTO TWO CATEGORIES: THOSE OCCURING BEFORE HUAMAN ASSUMED COMMAND (AJAUARY 1, 1984) AND THOSE OCCURING SINCE. BULD OF CASES OBVIOUSLY LIE IN FIRST CATEGORY, FOR WHICH HUAMAN IS NOT RESPONSIBLE. AS FOR SECOND CATEGORY, OPPOSITON PRESS APPEARS TOACCEPT AT FACE VALUE HUAMAN'S ASSURANCES THAT HE IS ATTEMPTING TO CURB EXCESSES AND IS COOPERATING WITH PROSECUTING AND JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES ATTEMPTING TO IDENTIFY PERPETRATORS. LEFT OPPOSITION AT THIS POINT IS NOT EMBRACING HUAMAN, BUT IT APPEARS TO RESPECT HIS OBJECTIVES AND IS GIVING HIM BENEFIT OF DOUBT. JORDAN

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