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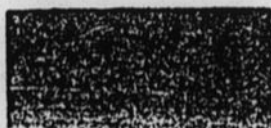
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1. (U) INTERIOR MINISTER LUIS PERCOVICH ANNOUNCED JULY 20
THAT GOP HAD GRANTED ARMED FORCES LARGER ROLE IN ANTI-TERRORIST
FIGHT. WHILE PROVIDING NO DETAILS, PERCOVICH ASSERTED THAT
ARMED FORCES WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PLANNING, EXECUTION, AND
CONTROL OF COUNTERSUBVERSIVE OPERATIONS. TO THIS END ONLY
STATE ORGAN IS AUTHORIZED TO DIVULGE INFORMATION ON THESE
OPERATIONS HENCEFORTH WILL BE ARMED FORCES JOINT COMMAND (IN
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LIMA). PERCOVICH ALSO STATED THAT BOTH ARMED FORCES AND POLICE

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SERVICES "HAVE PRECISE INSTRUCTIONS AS TO HOW TO PROCEED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING LEGAL DISPOSITIONS."

2. (U) ALTHOUGH GOP ISSUED NO SUPREME DECREE OR OTHER LEGAL DEVICE OUTLINING NATURE OF ARMED FORCES' NEW RESPONSIBILITIES, LIMA DIALY "REPUBLICA" ASSERTED JULY 21 THAT SUCH A DECREE HAD BEEN SIGNED BY PRESIDENT BELAUNDE, PERCOVICH, AND RESPECTIVE ARMED FORCES MINISTERS, ACCORDING TO "REPUBLICA." DECREE-- WHICH WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED IN OFFICIAL JOURNAL "EL PERUANO" -- PLACES ALL OF DEPARTMENT OF HUANUCO AND SINGLE PROVINCE OF MARISCAL LUZURIAGA (DEPARTMENT OF ANCHASH) UNDER ARMED FORCES' DIRECT CONTROL. COLUMNIST LUIS LOLI ROCA, A PRICIPAL COMMENTATOR IN PRO-GOVERNMENT DIALY "EXPRESO," ALSO REFERRED JULY 23 TO THESE TWO REGIONS AS HAVING BEEN PLACED UNDER MILITARY CONTROL.

3. (U) JULY 23 ISSUE OF CENTRIST WEEKLY "OIGA" CARRIED PURPORTED TEXT OF GOP'S DECREE. IT CONSISTS OF THREE ARTICLES THAT -- PLACE CONTROL OF COUNTRY'S TERRITORY UNDER ARMED FORCES COMMAND, EXPRESSLY SUBORDINATING CIVIL AUTHORITIES TO THE MILITARY;
-- AUTHORIZE THE ARMED FORCES TO ASSURE PHYSICAL CONTROL OF GEOGRAPHICAL ZONES IT CONSIDERS "CRITICAL POINTS;"
-- SUBORDINATES ALL POLICE FORCES TO ORDERS OF THE ARMED FORCES JOINT COMMAND.

4. (C) COMMENT: LIMA PRESS EDITORIALS ARE INTERPRETING GOP'S ANNOUNCEMENT AS DECISIVE, OVERDUE, AND NECESSARY STEP IN COMBATTING SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL), TERRORISM. POTENTIALLY, MEASURE COULD BE A LAND MARK TURNING POINT IN GOP'S APPROACH TOWARD FIGHT

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AGAINST TERRORISTS. A FINAL VERDICT MUST AWAIT, HOWEVER, AVAILABILITY OF MORE INFORMATION AS TO PRECISELY WHAT GOP HAS IN MIND. AS REPORTED REF B.

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INDICATIONS ARE THAT ARMED FORCES ARE READY TO TAKE ON A WIDER ROLE. AIR FORCE COMMANDING GENERAL ENRICO STATED PUBLICLY LAST WEEK THAT ARMED FORCES HAD A PLAN OF ACTION AND WERE ONLY AWAITING A DECISION

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5. BELAUNDE HAS BEEN CONCERNED SINCE OUTSET OF HIS ADMINISTRATION ABOUT PERMITTING MILITARY A CONTROLLING ROLE IN ANTISUBVERIVE EFFORT. HE TRACES ORIGINS OF COUP WHICH TOPPLED HIM HIM IN 1968 TO ARMY'S ANTITERRORISST CAMPAIGN IN 1965. IN ADDITION, SOME PRESIDENTIAL ADVISORS ARE KNOWN TO FEAR THAT GRANT OF INCREASED AUTONOMY TO MILITARY IN THIS AREA COULD LEAD TO SITUATION ANALAGOUS TO THAT IN URUGUAY DURING MID 70S UNDER BORDABERRY IN WHICH CONSTITUTIONAL FORMS WERE PRESERVED, BUT REAL POWER GRAVITATED TO ARMED FORCES. PRESIDENT HAS ALSO BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL IMAGE IMPLICATIONS OF A SIGNIFICANTLY STEPPED UP ANTITERRORIST EFFORT. UNTIL THIS POINT, HE HAS CLEARLY FELT MORE SECURE LIMITING MAJOR MILITARY ROLE EXCLUSIVELY TO EMERGENCY ZONE. WE SUSPECT THAT ARMED FORCES ROLE WILL NOW, IN FACT, BE SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED IN REACTION TO SENDERO'S SPREAD TO OTHER PARTS OF COUNTRY DEMONSTRATED INCAPACITY OF POLICE TO DEAL ADEQUATELY WITH TERRORIST MENACE IN RURAL AREAS, AND SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED FEAR
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IN LIMA REGARDING SL IN AFTERMATH OF JULY 16 TERRORIST INCIDENTS HERE. BUT WE CONSIDER IT UNLIKELY THAT BELAUNDE HAS AGREED TO GIVE UP CONTROL OF ARMED FORCES' ROLE IN WAY WHICH COULD ULTIMATELY PREJUDICE FUTURE OF DEMOCRACY IN PERU. JORDAN

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