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TERRORIST LINKS: PERU

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1. RECENT NARCOTICS-RELATED VIOLENCE IN PERU HAS BEEN ON THE  
UPSWING, PARTICULARLY IN THE UPPER HUALLAGA REGION. GOP  
ANALYSIS, AS EXPRESSED BY INTERIOR MINISTER PERCOVICH AND  
OTHERS, IS THAT THE MAOIST TERRORIST GROUP, SENDERO LUMINOSO  
(SL), HAS ESTABLISHED CLOSE TIES TO INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS  
TRAFFICKERS. THE LINKS ARE PURPORTEDLY BASED ON ARMS AND  
MONEY SUPPLIED BY NARCOTICS INTERESTS TO THE TERRORISTS IN  
RETURN FOR PROTECTION AGAINST LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES.  
PERU'S MAJOR COCA GROWING REGIONS, INCLUDING THE UPPER  
HUALLAGA, ARE FAR FROM LIMA IN REMOTE AND OFTEN INACCESSIBLE  
LOCATIONS. THERE ARE NO UNITED STATE GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL  
RESIDENT IN OR NEAR THESE AREAS, ALTHOUGH WE DO HAVE AID AND  
INM-FUNDED PROJECTS IN THE UPPER HUALLAGA WHICH ARE FREQUENTLY  
VISITED BY EMBASSY PERSONNEL. BECAUSE OF THE LIMITED NATURE  
OF OUR PRESENCE, AS WELL AS THE PARTICULARLY SECRETIVE  
NATURE OF SENDERO LUMINOSO, WE DO NOT NECESSARILY HAVE  
A COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF THE INTERACTION BETWEEN  
TERRORIST AND NARCOTICS INTERESTS.

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2. THE FACTS AVAILABLE TO US, HOWEVER, DO NOT INDICATE

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THAT INTERNATIONAL TRAFFICKERS AND SL MAINTAIN A STRUCTURED RELATIONSHIP, RESULTING IN JOINT ACTIONS IN PURSUIT OF COMMON OBJECTIVES OR MUTUAL ASSISTANCE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT STATEMENTS BY SL TERRORISTS CAPTURED THUS FAR IN THE UPPER HUALLAGA STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT TERRORISTS AND NARCOTICS INTERESTS ARE WORKING IN THE SAME GEOGRAPHIC AREA, TAKING ADVANTAGE, PERHAPS, OF SAME OBJECTIVE CIRCUMSTANCES, (LACK OF ADEQUATE GOVERNMENT PRESENCE, GENERAL CLIMATE OF LAWLESSNESS, ETC.), BUT ARE OPERATING SEPARATELY. WEAPONS SEIZED BY SECURITY FORCES IN ANTITERRORIST ACTIONS HAVE REPORTEDLY CONSISTED OF DYNAMITE, HOMEMADE DEVICES AND SMALL ARMS STOLEN FROM LOCAL POLICE. THESE ARE NOT KIND OF WEAPONS NORMALLY ASSOCIATED WITH INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFIC. FURTHERMORE, THE INTERESTS OF SL AND THE NARCOTICS GROWERS AND TRAFFICKERS WOULD APPEAR TO BE DIFFERENT IN IMPORTANT RESPECTS. NARCOTICS ELEMENTS DESIRE TO MAINTAIN LOWEST PROFILE POSSIBLE SO AS TO AVOID LAW ENFORCEMENT ATTENTION. SL, ON OTHER HAND, IS A REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT WHICH THRIVES ON FEAR AND CHAOS PRODUCED BY PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR DEPREDATIONS. IN ADDITION, SENDERO LUMINOSO HAS HERETOFORE BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY IDEOLOGICAL RIGIDITY. IT HAS NOT DEMONSTRATED CLEARLY ITS WILLINGNESS TO MAKE THE KINDS OF PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH CORRUPT ELEMENTS OF SOCIETY TO ADVANCE ITS GOALS WHICH REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENTS ELSEWHERE HAVE ENTERED INTO.

3. THERE IS, HOWEVER, SUBSTANTIAL REASON TO BELIEVE THAT COCA GROWERS HAVE BECOME PRIME TARGETS FOR SL RECRUITMENT. MANY GROWERS IN UPPER HUALLAGA REGION ARE RECENT

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IMMIGRANTS FROM HIGHLAND AREAS WHERE SL HAS ITS ROOTS. THEY ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH TRADITIONAL SOCIETY OR ECOLOGY OF UPPER HUALLAGA, AND FREQUENTLY FEEL BOTH HOMESICK AND ALIENATED. THESE INDIVIDUALS SPEAK SAME LANGUAGE (NORMALLY QUECHUA) AS TERRORIST RECRUITERS AND HAVE SIMILAR CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS. MANY SEE ERADICATION EFFORTS AS A THREAT TO THEIR SURVIVAL. WHEN RECRUITERS ANNOUNCE THAT THEY HAVE COME TO PROTECT LIVELIHOOD OF GROWERS AGAINST GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE, THEY FIND SOME... READY LISTENERS. PARADOXICALLY, SUCCESS OF ERADICATION EFFORTS WOULD APPEAR TO MAKE REMAINING GROWERS MORE

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DESPERATE, AND THUS MORE LIKELY TO LISTEN TO BLINDISHMENTS OF TERRORIST RECRUITERS.

4. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT SIMILAR TERRORIST-GROWERS INTERACTION MAY ALSO BE OCCURRING IN OTHER COCA-GROWING AREAS. FOR EXAMPLE, RECENT DEMONSTRATIONS BY ALLEGEDLY LEGAL COCA-GROWERS IN CUSCO AREA, PROTESTING LOW PRICES PAID BY GOP COCA MONOPOLY, SHOWED SIGNS OF POLITICAL SOPHISTICATION UNEXPECTED AMONG FREQUENTLY ILLITERATE GROWERS. MAY THIS PROTEST WAS BROUGHT OFF SUGGESTED THAT TERRORIST RECRUITERS MAY WELL BE PLAYING ON FEARS OF COCA GROWERS IN THAT AREA TO GAIN RECRUITS.

5. A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF VIOLENCE IN UPPER HUALLAGA REGION IS CRIMINALLY MOTIVATED AND WITHOUT IDEOLOGICAL CONNOTATIONS. REPEATED ATTACKS ON COCA ERADICATION WORKERS, BOMBS PLACED AT ERADICATION HEADQUARTERS, AND THREATENING MESSAGES TO ERADICATION WORKERS HAVE NOT BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY STANDARD TERRORIST PROPAGANDA. ASSASSINATION OF MAYOR OF CITY OF TINGO MARIA ALSO FITS WITHIN THIS CATEGORY. MOST RECENTLY (JULY 24), TWO MEN ARRESTED WHILE ATTACKING ERADICATION WORKERS WITH DYNAMITE AND GUNS PROVED TO BE THUGS HIRED BY COCA GROWERS WHOSE FIELDS WERE SCHEDULED FOR CLEARING FOLLOWING

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6. GOP HAS TAKEN STEPS IN RECENT MONTHS WHICH DEMONSTRATE A HEIGHTENED AWARENESS OF THE SERIOUS PROBLEMS POSED BY TERRORIST AND NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES IN UPPER HUALLAGA REGION. IN PERIOD MAY - JULY, IT MOUNTED TWO MAJOR OPERATIONS IN THE AREA, "BRONCO" AND "PIRANA," DIRECTED AGAINST THESE TWO THREATS, UTILIZING BOTH LOCALLY-BASED POLICE AND TRAINED POLICE COMMANDOS. THESE OPERATIONS RESULTED IN THE DESTRUCTION OF 44 CLADESTINE AIRSTRIPS, AND THE CONFISCATION OF 304 KILOS OF COCA PASTE AND 2,167 KILOS OF COCA LEAF. THEY ALSO RESULTED IN THE CAPTURE OF SOME 200 ALLEGED TERRORISTS AND THE DESTRUCTION OF THREE SL TRAINING/INDOCTRINATION CENTERS, AND THE CONFISCATION OF LARGE AMOUNTS OF ARMS AND SUBVERSIVE LITERATURE. SUBSEQUENT TO THESE OPERATIONS, LOCAL POLICE PERSONNEL (174 MEN) HAVE CONTINUED TO GUARD ERADICATION

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WORKERS AND TO PATROL AREA. THEIR FORCES, HOWEVER, ARE INADEQUATE TO COVER ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF TERRITORY INVOLVED AND TO DEAL ADEQUATELY WITH MAGNITUDE OF PARALLEL AND OVERLAPPING TERRORIST AND NARCOTICS CHALLENGES. THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR ANNOUNCED JULY 20 THAT THE ANTITERRORIST STRUGGLE IN PERU WOULD BE TAKEN OVER BY THE ARMED FORCES. THE FORM THIS INCREASED MILITARY ROLE WILL TAKE IS NOT AS YET CLEAR. HOWEVER, WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT AN ARMED FORCES PRESENCE WILL SOON BE ESTABLISHED IN THE UPPERHUALLAGA AS PART OF A MAJOR GOP EFFOR TO REESTABLISH CONTROL AND RESPECT FOR THE RULE OF LAW IN AREA.  
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