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SUBJECT: PERU: REPORTS OF MASSACRE AND MURDER OF
POLICE

1. UPI DISPATCH OF OCTOBER 21 REPORTS DISCOVERY OCTOBER 21 OF 51 PEASANT CORPSES NEAR HUANTA DRAPED IN RED FLAGS WITH HAMMER AND SICKLE. 37 BODIES REPORTEDLY SCATTERED AROUND COUNTRYSIDE, 14 OTHERS FOUND IN 2 COMMON GRAVES. VICTIMS REPORTEDLY MURDERED ABOUT 40 DAYS AGO. BODIES SHOWED SIGNS OF TORTURE. OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY ATTRIBUTED MURDERS TO SENDERO LUMINOSO, GUESSING VICTIMS WERE "INFORMERS."

2. SAME WIRE CITES LIMA POLICE SOURCES AS REPORTING DISPATCH OF PATROLS TO HUAYCABAMBA, ON RIO MARANON IN HUANUCO DEPARTMENT, AFTER GUERRILLAS KILLED 20 POLICE, LOOTED GOVERNMENT OFFICES, BOMBED BRIDGE OCTOBER 18.

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