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 SUBJECT: STATISTICS ON PERU'S WAR ON SUBVERSION

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1. (U) COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY POLITICAL-MILITARY COMMAND  
 RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING COUNTERSUBVERSIVE ACTIONS  
 IN SOUTH-CENTRAL SIERRA EMERGENCY ZONE (EZ) REPORTED  
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 MAJOR BATTLE NOV. 10 BETWEEN SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL)

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TERRORISTS AND MARINES. ACCORDING TO COMMUNIQUE, MOTORIZED MARINE PATROL WAS AMBUSHED IN JUNGLE AREA OF LA MAR PROVINCE (NEAR APURINAC); THREE MARINES, INCLUDING ONE OFFICER, DIED IN ATTACK, FOUR WERE WOUNDED, ONE IS REPORTED MISSING. COMMUNIQUE ALSO STATED THAT MARINES HAD INFLICTED "UNSPECIFIED" NUMBER OF CASUALTIES ON TERRORISTS, WHOSE CORPSES COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED.

2. (C) THIS REPORT IS REMINISCENT OF SIMILAR AMBUSH INVOLVING MARINES FIFTEEN MONTHS AGO. IN THAT INCIDENT, WHICH OCCURRED IN HUANTA PROVINCE, THREE MARINES DIED, FIVE WERE REPORTED WOUNDED, AND 40 TERRORISTS WERE KILLED. AS EMBASSY THEN COMMENTED (REF A), HUANTA ENCOUNTER WAS NOTABLE FOR HAVING PRODUCED SIZEABLE NUMBER OF MILITARY CASUALTIES. UNTIL THAT DATE, POLITICAL-MILITARY COMMAND HAD ACKNOWLEDGED ONLY TWO DEATHS AND TWELVE WOUNDED IN COURSE OF OPERATIONS AGAINST SENDERO.

3. (C) IN WAKE OF LA MAR AMBUSH, LINA DAILY "REPUBLICA" CARRIED REPORT NOV. 12 THAT REFERRED TO TOTAL SECURITY FORCE CASUALTIES (SINCE ONSET OF SL TERRORISM IN MAY 1980) OF "MORE THAN TWENTY" MILITARY DEATHS AND "OVER 200 POLICEMEN" KILLED. FIRST OF THESE FIGURES APPEARS ACCURATE, BUT TOLL OF POLICE SEEMS HIGH--A REPUBLICA REPORT OF JUNE 26, 1984, REFERRED TO "136" POLICEMEN KILLED AS OF THAT DATE. WHAT IS NOTEMENTHLY HERE IS THAT, DESPITE HIGHER TOLL OF POLICE AND CONTINUING SL TARGETING OF INDIVIDUAL PATROLMEN, PACE OF SL ATTACKS ON MILITARY OBJECTIVES HAS PICKED UP REMARKABLY. LA MAR AMBUSH COMES HARD ON HEELS OF NORON SOLAR INCIDENT, LESS THAN ONE WEEK EARLIER, THAT PRODUCED MULTIPLE ARMY CASUALTIES IN LINA (REF B). SERIOUSNESS OF THAT INCIDENT,  
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IF ANYTHING, HAS GROWN WITH PASSING DAYS. ARMY'S COMMUNIQUE AT TIME ACKNOWLEDGED TWO CASUALTIES--ONE MAN KILLED, A SECOND (DANIEL HERRERA) WOUNDED. REPUBLICA ARTICLE NOV. 11 HAS SINCE REPORTED HERRERA'S DEATH IN CONSEQUENCE OF WOUNDS SUFFERED. SAME ARTICLE REFERRED TO (ARMY ACKNOWLEDGED) ONE DEATH AND "FOUR WOUNDED SOLDIERS," WHO WERE STRUCK DOWN BY TOTAL OF "SEVEN" ATTACKERS, WHILE EXACT NUMBER OF CASUALTIES AT NORON SOLAR THIS REMAINS UNCLEAR. WHAT IS CERTAIN IS THAT PERU'S ARMED FORCES HAVE EXPERIENCED BLOODIEST WEEK

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EVER IN ANTI-TERRORIST FIGHT. MOREOVER, CASUALTIES WERE CONSEQUENCE OF DIRECT SENDERO ATTACKS, NOT ONES INSTIGATED BY THE MILITARY.

4. (C) SINCE SENDERO ISSUES NO PRESS RELEASES, WE CAN ONLY SPECULATE AS TO TERRORISTS' MOTIVE BEHIND THIS CHANGE OF TACTICS. WEAPONS GATHERING MIGHT EXPLAIN NORRO SOLAR INCIDENT, BUT NOT LA FOR AMMAN. BUT, FOR A WEAPONS GATHERING OPERATION, NORRO SOLAR INVOLVED INFINITELY HIGHER RISKS THAN STANDARD SL OPERATIONS INVOLVING MULTIPLE ATTACKERS AGAINST ISOLATED POLICEMEN. IT ALSO DISPLAYED AN ALMOST VIRTUOUS SENSE OF ORGANIZATION AND PREPARATION THAT, UNTIL NOW, HAS BEEN TOTALLY ABSENT FROM SL ENDEAVORS. IN SUN, AND DESPITE LIMITED UNIVERSE OF ONLY TWO INCIDENTS, THIS MAY BE FORERUNNER FOR PATTERN OF SL ATTACKS AGAINST MILITARY OBJECTIVES DESIGNED (WE SPECULATE) TO PROVOKE ARMED FORCES TO STEP UP REPRISAL ACTIVITIES AGAINST CIVILIANS IN ORDER TO FOSTER PUBLIC CLIMATE OF ANTAGONISM TOWARD GOVERNMENT FORCES. JORDAN

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