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SUBJECT: NEW ARMY HEAD SPEAKS OUT AGAINST RIGHTS

VIOLATIONS

REF: (A) LIMA 683 N

(C) OPPOSITION LIMA DAILY "LA REPUBLICA" CORRESPONDENT VICTOR ROBLES ACCOMPANIED NEW ARMY HEAD. GEN. GERMAN RUIZ FIGUEROA, ON MULTI-DAY INSPECTION TOUR OF MILITARY FACILITIES IN SOUTH-CENTRAL SIERRA EMERGENCY ZONE (EZ). TRIP GENERATED MAJOR NEWS STORIES IN REPUBLICA ON THREE SUCCESSIVE DAYS (JAN. 16-20), AS WELL AS SHORT INTERVIEW WITH GENERAL THAT APPEARED ON 20TH. SERIES IS NOTEWORTHY FOR ITS POSITIVE CONFIDENTIAL 2221457 CONFIDENTIAL 00815" 07"OF" 02 PAGE 02 LIMA

TONE (IN CONTRAST TO CRITICISMS PREVIOUSLY DIRECTED BY

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REPUBLICA AT SECURITY FORCES ACCUSED OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS). FOR ITS EMPHASIS ON WARM RESPONSE GENERAL'S TRIP EVOKED AMONG EZ COMMUNITIES VISITED. AND FOR PRO-HUMAN RIGHTS COMMENTS RUIZ VOLUNTEERED IN INTERVIEW.

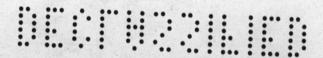
(U) RUIZ TRAVELED THROUGH FORMER SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) HEARTLAND IN DEPARTMENT OF YACUCHO ACCOMPANIED BY OTHER TOP ARMY OFFICERS. INCLUDING SECOND MILITARY REGION COMMANDER GEN. SINESIO JARAMA. VISITED INCLUDED PAST AND PRESENT "HOT SPOTS" IN COMMUNITIES PROVINCES OF CANGALLAMANGA. HUANTA, LA MAR. AND ANDAHUAYLAS (IN DEPARTMENT OF APURIMAC.) "LA REPUBLICA" CORRESPONDENT REPORTED THAT GENERAL'S PARTY WAS GREETED IN MOST OF COMMUNITIES BY BOTH LOCAL OFFICIALS. AND BY RESIDENTS, ALL OF WHOM WELCOMED GENERAL AND SOLICITED ARMY'S CONTINUING PRESENCE FOR DURATION OF TERRORIST EMERGENCY. ROBLES NOTED THAT, REVERSING PREVIOUS TREND TOWARD ABANDONMENT OF FARMING LAND THROUGHOUT TERRORIST-AFFECTED REGION. SOME CAMPESINOS ARE RETURNING TO THEIR HOMES ON OUTSKIRTS OF MILITARY GARRISONS. CORRESPONDENT ALSO WROTE THAT MANY COMMUNITIES DREW SHARP DISTINCTION BETWEEN ARMY TROOPS (WHOSE PRESENCE WAS WELCOME) AND POLICE, WHO WERE ACCUSED OF COMMITTING ABUSES. ROBLES MENTIONED LA MAR JUNGLE CENTER OF SAN FRANCISCO AS SITE WHERE RUIZ RECEIVED NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS OF SECURITY FORCE EXCESSES. COMPLAINTS WHICH EZ POLITICAL-MILITARY COMMANDER CO... WILFREDO MORI PROMISED TO LOOK INTO AND TO TAKE STEPS TO BRING TO A HALT. CONFIDENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT THEY MAY BE ABLE TO EAT. WORK AND SELL THEM WHAT YOU PRODUCE." 4. (U) IN INTERVIEW, RUIZ HADE FOLLOWING POINTS: -- TROOP MORALE IS HIGH. DESPITE HARDSHIPS OF FIGHTING AN UNSEEN ENEMY IN UNCONFORTABLE TERRAIN; -- BACKGROUND OF ECONOMIC MISERY OF ZONE MUST CHANGE; DEVELOPMENT IS ESSENTIAL IF TERRORISM IS TO BE DEFEATED: -- ARMY'S CIVIC ACTION UNDERTAKIN ZONE ARE DELIBERATE PART OF ITS ANTI-TERRORIST STRATEGY, BECAUSE "IT IS FUNDAMENTAL THAT THE ARMY SHOULD HAVE THE POPULATION'S SUPPORT. WITHOUT THIS SUPPORT IT CANNOT WIN." -- MILITARY DISCIPLINE "IS OUR MAJOR CONCERN. BECAUSE IN THE HEAT OF COMBAT EXCESSES CAN BE COMMITTED. . WE ARE KEEPING AN EYE ON OUR TROOPS, AND ON OUR OFFICERS, TO MAKE SURE THEY ACT PROPERLY. RESPECT THE GENEVA ACCORDS. WE ARE SOLDIERS. AND WE HAVE BEEN TRAINED TO ACT THUS, AND IT IS UNTHINKABLE THAT HE SHOULD FIGHT IN ANY FORM OTHER THAN RESPECTING THE GENEVA ACCORDS. WE MUST AVOID ABUSES AND FIND OUR WAY CLEAR TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF OUR PEOPLE." (C) COMMENT: RUIZ' LANGUAGE IS NOTEWORTHY IN SEVERAL RESPECTS. IT REPRESENTS, AT MOST BASIC, ARMY'S CONTINUING EMPHASIS ON IMPORTANCE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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AS KEY TO WINNING SUPPORT AMONG EMERGENCY ZONE'S

POPULATION AND, THEREBY, DEFEATING TERRORISTS DECISIVE.

BUT REFERENCE TO IMPORTANCE OF MILITARY DISCIPLINE (AND.)

BY INFERENCE, SUGGESTION THAT INDISCIPLINE HAS BEEN A

PROBLEM) IS SOMETHING NEW. RUIZ MAY BE SIGNALLING, AT

THE VERY OUTSET OF HIS ONE-YEAR TENURE AS ARMY HEAD. THAT

HE INTENDS TO CRACK DOWN ON TROOPS WHO MAY BE
IMPLICATED IN INSTANCES OF RIGHTS ABUSES. PERHAPS MOST
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GENEVA ACCORDS. A FEW PROMINENT VOICES HAVE BEEN RAISED

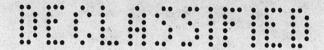
IN THE PAST ABOUT A "NO QUARTER ALLOWED" STRATEGY TO

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COMBAT SENDERO. RUIZ' COMMENTS SHOW THAT CURRENT TOP ARMY COMMAND DOES NOT SHARE THAT VIEWPOINT. ALTHOUGH



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BROAD GENERALIZATIONS ARE RISKY, GIVEN INADEQUACY OF STATISTICS AVAILABLE. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT ARMY'S HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD HAS IMPROVED IN RECENT MONTHS. CASES OF ABUSE (SUCH AS DISCOVERY OF "CLANDESTINE GRAVES"--REFTEL) HAVE TENDED TO INVOLVE EZ AREAS WHERE ARMY IS NOT IN CHARGE. OGDEN

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