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2. SUMMARY: A FORMER ARMY OFFICER PROVIDED A
DETAILED ACCOUNT OF WHAT HE CLAIMS WAS HIS DIRECT
INVOLVEMENT AS A MEMBER OF ARMY COMMANDO AND
INTELLIGENCE UNITS THAT ENGAGED IN SYSTEMATIC AND
OFFICIALLY-SANCTIONED ASSASSINATION AND TORTURE

OF SUSPECTED TERRORISTS AND POLITICAL OPPONENTS.
THESE INCLUDED THE 1984 KILLING OF A MAYOR; FIVE
LETTER BOMBS IN 1991 THAT KILLED TWO PERSONS AND
MAIMED TWO; AND MANY OTHER MURDERS, RAPES, AND
TORTURE OF SUSPECTS DURING ASSIGNMENTS OUTSIDE OF
LIMA. SOURCE CLAIMS THAT NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

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SERVICE (SIN) DE FACTO CHIEF MONTESINOS' AIDE LTC HUAMAN TOLD HIM AFTER THE FACT THAT HUAMAN HAD COORDINATED ORDERS AUTHORIZING THE LETTER BOMBINGS BETWEEN THE SOURCE'S UNIT AND THE SIN; SOURCE CONCLUDED THIS SHOWED MONTESINOS HAD APPROVED. SOURCE ALSO CLAIMS THAT U.S. ARMY URBAN HOSTAGE RESCUE TRAINING IN 1990 UNWITTINGLY HELPED HIM IMPROVE HIS EXPLOSIVES ABILITY. AS LATE AS SEPTEMBER 1993, HE CLAIMED HE WAS UNDER ORDERS (NEVER CARRIED OUT) TO ASSASSINATE THREE ICRC DELEGATES AND A JOURNALIST. HIS ROLE IN WHAT HE CLAIMED WAS SYSTEMATIC DRUG CORRUPTION WITHIN ARMY UNITS STATIONED IN THE COCA PRODUCING AREAS IS BEING SENT SEPTEL. CREDIBILITY OF SOURCE MUST BE WEIGHED CAREFULLY, CONSIDERING HE WAS CASHIERED FOR NARCOTICS INVOLVEMENT. THIS IS, HOWEVER, THE THIRD MILITARY SOURCE TO HAVE ALLEGED HIGH-LEVEL SIN AND/OR ARMY INVOLVEMENT

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IN POST-1990 ASSASSINATIONS. IN GENERAL, ARMY OFFICERS DO NOT ENGAGE IN RISKY OPERATIONS ON THEIR OWN. WE WERE STRUCK BY THE PERVASIVENESS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES THAT THE SOURCE ALLEGED EXISTED IN HIS UNITS, AND IN WHICH HE PARTICIPATED. SOURCE MET ON JUNE 14 WITH A HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH-AMERICAS REPRESENTATIVE, WHO EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN OBTAINING HIS TESTIMONY. SOURCE ASKED IF USG WOULD LET HIM ENTER U.S. POLCOUNS SAID HE COULD NOT ENCOURAGE HIM ON THIS, BUT THAT HE WOULD PASS ON REQUEST. FINALLY, SOURCE SAID HE COULD MEET WITH POLOFFS AGAIN. SEPTEL WILL ADDRESS, INTER ALIA, ISSUES RAISED BY SOURCE'S REQUEST. END SUMMARY

COMING FORWARD TO TELL A GRISLY TALE

3. POLCOUNS AND POLOFF MET JUNE 15 WITH A FORMER ARMY OFFICER (COMPANY LEVEL) WHO PROVIDED A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF HIS DIRECT PARTICIPATION IN AN ARMY COMMANDO UNIT AND THE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIE) IN WHAT HE CLAIMED WERE SYSTEMATIC AND OFFICIALLY-SANCTIONED OPERATIONS THAT INCLUDED ASSASSINATION, TORTURE, AND HARASSMENT OF TERRORISTS, SUSPECTED TERRORISTS AND POLITICAL

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OPPONENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT UNDER THE RUBRIC OF
THE GOP'S COUNTER-INSURGENCY EFFORT. THE SOURCE
ALSO PROVIDED EXTENSIVE INFORMATION ON HIS ROLE
IN SYSTEMATIC DRUG CORRUPTION WITHIN ARMY UNITS
STATIONED IN THE COCA PRODUCING AREAS OF THE

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HUALLAGA VALLEY (SEPTTEL). TWO JOURNALISTS WHO
BROUGHT THE SOURCE TO THE EMBASSY'S ATTENTION
WERE ALSO PRESENT AT THE THREE-HOUR MEETING (REF
A). THE JOURNALISTS HAD PROVIDED POLCOUNS WITH
READOUTS ON ARMY SOURCES THAT LED TO THE
BREAKTHROUGHS IN THE LA CANTUTA AND BARRIOS ALTOS
CASES IN 1992-93. WHILE THEY ARE INTERESTED IN
POSSIBLE ENTRANCE INTO THE U.S. FOR THEIR
SOURCES, THEY ALSO BELIEVE THE EMBASSY WILL USE
THEIR INFORMATION TO ADVANCE HUMAN RIGHTS.
POLCOUNS HAS KNOWN ASSOCIATES OF ONE OF THE
JOURNALISTS SINCE 1973 AND 1985.

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4. THE OFFICER GRADUATED FROM THE MILITARY

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ACADEMY IN 1981 AS AN INFANTRY OFFICER AND WAS POSTED TO THE BOLIVIAN BORDER. IN 1983 HE ATTENDED A CAVALRY COURSE AND WAS SENT TO A TANK BATTALION NEAR TACNA DEPARTMENT, ON THE CHILEAN BORDER. IN 1984, HE ATTENDED COMMANDO SCHOOL IN LIMA AND HAD A SERIES OF POSTINGS AS AN OFFICER IN A SPECIAL COMMANDO UNIT IN EMERGENCY ZONES IN TINGO MARIA, HUANUCO DEPARTMENT (1984-5), QUILLABAMBA, CUZCO AND LA MAR, AYACUCHO (1986).

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HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO A TANK BATTALION IN MOQUEGUA IN 1986 AND A MILITARY POLICE BATTALION IN 1987. FROM 1988 TO 1992 HE SERVED IN THE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIE). IN 1992 HE WAS POSTED TO THE 26TH COUNTER-SUBVERSIVE BATTALION IN TOCACHE, SAN MARTIN AND RETIRED FROM THE ARMY UNDER THE CLOUD OF A NARCOTICS INVESTIGATION IN OCTOBER 1993.

5. THE SOURCE CLAIMED HIS PRIMARY MOTIVE FOR COMING FORWARD WAS HIS ANGER AT BEING SINGLED OUT FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND FORCED TO LEAVE THE ARMY -- FOR FOLLOWING ORDERS AND DOING NOTHING OTHER THAN WHAT OTHER OFFICERS HAD DONE (I.E., NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING). HE BLUNTLY ADMITTED THAT THE ARMY HAD, UNTIL VERY RECENTLY (MEANING THIS YEAR), PROTECTED ITS OWN, BUT IT NOW LOOKED AS IF IT WAS WILLING TO PENALIZE SOME OFFICERS FOR PAST ACTIONS. SINCE THIS WAS SO, THE OFFICER ARGUED, ALL THE OFFICERS SHOULD PAY FOR WHAT THEY HAD DONE. WITH NO EVIDENT REMORSE, HE DESCRIBED HIS ACTIONS IN THE ARMY AS "GOOD WORK," BUT REALIZED THAT THE "CIVILIAN" WORLD CONSIDERED HIS WORK "CRIMINAL."

6. THE SOURCE SAID HE HAD CONTACTED JOURNALISTS AND, THROUGH THEM, THE EMBASSY BECAUSE HE COULD NOT PROVIDE HIS INFORMATION AND REMAIN IN THE COUNTRY FOR SAFETY REASONS. THE JOURNALISTS AGREED TO KEEP THE INFORMATION "OFF THE RECORD" AND USE IT FOR BACKGROUND UNTIL HIS SAFETY

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CONCERNS WERE ADDRESSED. THEY AGREED NOT TO
PUBLISH THE FACT THAT OFFICER MET WITH POLOFFS.
THE SOURCE ASKED THAT THE USG "SEE WHAT IT COULD
DO TO HELP" HIM IF IT FOUND THE INFORMATION
USEFUL AND OFFERED TO MAKE HIS TESTIMONY PUBLIC,
BUT ONLY IF HE WERE RELOCATED OUTSIDE PERU.
POLCOUNS THANKED THE OFFICER FOR SHARING HIS
INFORMATION BUT MADE IT CLEAR THAT WE COULD NOT
ENCOURAGE HIM TO THINK ABOUT TRAVEL TO THE U.S.
DUE TO LEGAL CONCERNS OVER THE ACTS THE SOURCE
HAD ACKNOWLEDGED. TRAVEL TO A THIRD COUNTRY
MIGHT BE MORE PRACTICAL. POLCOUNS AGREED,
HOWEVER, TO PASS ON HIS REQUEST TO TRAVEL TO THE
U.S.

ROVING DEATH SQUADS: KILLING UNDER ORDERS

7. IN 1985, THE SOURCE CLAIMED HE WAS ASSIGNED
TO A HIGHLY MOBILE, LIMA-BASED "SPECIAL COMPANY"
OF SOME 120 COMMANDOS ASSIGNED TO TERRORIST HOT
SPOTS THAT FLARED OR WERE IDENTIFIED IN ANY PART
OF THE COUNTRY. THE COMPANY, COMMANDED BY A COL.
ESPINOZA LABURIER, SPENT MOST OF ITS TIME "ON
PATROLS," SEARCHING OUT AND KILLING TERRORISTS OR
SUSPECTED TERRORISTS. THE COMPANY CONDUCTED,
INTER ALIA, ASSASSINATIONS ("ELIMINATIONS"),
ABDUCTIONS, DETENTIONS, INTERROGATIONS,
HARASSMENT AND SURVEILLANCE. THE UNIT'S HIGH
MOBILITY WAS A DESIRABLE ASPECT, AS IT INCREASED
MEMBERS' PERSONAL SECURITY AND PREVENTED THEIR

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IDENTIFICATION BY THE LOCAL POPULATION. AS FOR
INTERROGATIONS, TORTURE WAS COMMONLY USED AND THE
VICTIMS WERE ROUTINELY KILLED TO PREVENT
REPERCUSSIONS. THE PROCEDURE TO DISPOSE OF THE
BODIES, HE EXPLAINED AT SOME LENGTH, WAS TO BURY
THEM IN REMOTE PLACES UNDER DIRT AND A LAYER OF
STICKS, NECESSARY TO PREVENT DOGS AND ANIMALS
FROM DIGGING THE BODIES UP. HE CRITICIZED THE
SOLDIERS WHO CARRIED OUT THE ACCOMARCA MASSACRE
FOR FAILING TO USE STICKS, WHICH ALLOWED DOGS TO
DIG UP THE BODIES AND LED TO THEIR DISCOVERY IN
A MASS GRAVE THAT LED TO AN INTERNATIONAL OUTCRY

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8. ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, IN JULY 1985 (WHILE HE WAS ASSIGNED TO AN ADVANCED INFANTRY TRAINING COURSE), THE "SPECIAL COMPANY" WAS GIVEN ORDERS BY THEN-POLITICAL MILITARY COMMANDER OF THE AYACUCHO FRONT GEN. HUAMAN TO ASSASSINATE HUANCAYO MAYOR SAUL MUNOZ, HUAMANGA MAYOR LEONOR ZAMORA, AYACUCHO EX-UNIVERSITY RECTOR EFRAIN MOROTE (FATHER OF THREE SL LEADERS, BUT NOT A MEMBER OF SL HIMSELF), JOURNALIST PEDRO MORALES, THE HEAD OF THE AYACUCHO DEFENSE FRONT MARIO

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CAVALCANTI, AND THE MAYOR OF LA OROYA. THE SOURCE ALLEGES THAT GEN. HUAMAN PERSONALLY GAVE THE LIST OF TARGETS TO THE HIT TEAM, LED BY A CAPT. ROJAS, AT A BRIEF MEETING THAT TOOK PLACE IN A CLASSROOM AT THE COMMANDO SCHOOL IN LIMA. GEN. HUAMAN ALLEGEDLY EVEN SHOOK THE HANDS OF THE TEAM MEMBERS. THE LIST OF TARGETS AND THAT THE

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TEAM WAS ISSUED H AND K SILENCED SUBMACHINE GUNS FOR THE OPERATION.

9. OF THE SIX PERSONS SINGLED OUT FOR ASSASSINATION, THE ONLY ONE KILLED BY THE TEAM WAS HUANCAYO MAYOR SAUL MUNOZ. THE TEAM FIRST DROVE TO LA OROYA, A FEW HOURS EAST OF LIMA ON THE CENTRAL HIGHWAY, TO ASSASSINATE THAT CITY'S MAYOR (SOURCE DID NOT RECALL HIS NAME). THE PLAN WAS TO AMBUSH HIM ON A BRIDGE OVER A RIVER THAT HE NORMALLY TOOK ON HIS WAY HOME EACH EVENING. FORTUNATELY FOR THE MAYOR, JUST SHORT OF THE BRIDGE HE WAS ASKED BY FRIENDS TO JOIN THEM AT NEARBY BAR AND STAYED WITH THEM UNTIL 10:00 PM.

10. NOT ABLE TO WAIT ANY LONGER IN LA OROYA, THE TEAM DROVE ON TO THEIR NEXT TARGET, HUANCAYO MAYOR SAUL MUNOZ. ORIGINALLY, MUNOZ WAS TO HAVE BEEN KILLED AS HE WAITED FOR HIS MAID TO OPEN THE BACK DOOR TO HIS HOUSE WHEN HE CAME HOME IN THE EVENING, A PATTERN HE NORMALLY FOLLOWED. FURTHER SURVEILLANCE, HOWEVER, REVEALED THAT MUNOZ ALSO HAD A HABIT OF JOGGING THROUGH A PATCH OF WOODS. DRESSED IN CIVILIAN CLOTHING AND WEARING WIGS,

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ARMY NCO (TECNICO) RAMOS, ASSISTED BY CAPT. BARDALES (NOW AN ACTIVE DUTY MAJOR, PER THE SOURCE) ASSASSINATED MUNOZ IN THE WOODS. THE SOURCE EXPLAINED THAT THE INDIVIDUALS WHO PERFORMED THE ASSASSINATIONS TOOK THE LEAD IN DECIDING THE METHOD AND PLACE OF THE KILLING, WITH THE REST OF THE TEAM PROVIDING OPERATIONAL SECURITY AND BACKUP ASSISTANCE.

11. THE TEAM THEN LEFT IMMEDIATELY FOR AYACUCHO, BUT FURTHER ASSASSINATIONS WERE CALLED OFF AND THE TEAM WAS RECALLED TO THE COMMANDO SCHOOL IN LIMA BECAUSE, AS THE SOURCE QUOTED CAPT. ROJAS AS SAYING, THERE WAS "TOO MUCH WHINING" IN THE PRESS OVER THE MUNOZ KILLING. THE SOURCE RECALLED THAT THEY ABANDONED THE OPERATION SO QUICKLY THAT THEY EVEN LEFT THEIR ASSIGNED VEHICLES BEHIND AND RETURNED IN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ("COLECTIVOS"). IN ONE VEHICLE, SOURCE AND A SUB-LT. RODRIGUEZ (ANOTHER TEAM

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MEMBER) OVERHEARD THE DRIVER OF THE VEHICLE, A SOLDIER NICKNAMED "EL GRINGO," TELL ANOTHER PASSENGER THAT HE KNEW THAT THE MUNOZ KILLERS WERE ARMY PERSONNEL. "GRINGO" CLAIMED THAT A LT. COL. ZARATE ROJAS (AT THAT TIME SUB-DIRECTOR OF THE COMMANDO SCHOOL) HAD BECOME TALKATIVE AFTER DRINKING TOO MUCH WHILE ON A TRIP TO HUANCAYO. THE SURPRISED TEAM MEMBERS INFORMED THE COMMANDO SCHOOL COMMANDANT, COL. ESPINOZA, WHO IN TURN ORDERED THEM TO ELIMINATE "GRINGO" BECAUSE HE KNEW TOO MUCH. THE SOURCE SAID THAT

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"GRINGO" AND A WOMAN COMPANION WERE ASSASSINATED BY CAPT. ROJAS AND NCO RAMOS SOON AFTERWARDS IN CHOSICA, JUST EAST OF LIMA.

TORTURE: THE PREFERRED METHODS OF PAIN

12. THE SOURCE THEN EXPLAINED THAT ONCE A DETAINEE SUFFERED MAJOR PHYSICAL INJURY DURING INTERROGATION, HE/SHE WAS ALMOST ALWAYS KILLED. INTERROGATORS NORMALLY BEGAN BY ASKING SUSPECTS TO INCRIMINATE THEMSELVES. THREATS AGAINST SUSPECTS AND THEIR FAMILIES, INCLUDING THREATS TO

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RAPE THEIR FEMALE RELATIVES OR EVEN THE SUSPECTS THEMSELVES, WOULD THEN FOLLOW AND QUICKLY GIVE WAY TO PHYSICAL ABUSE IF THE SUSPECT WAS NOT FORTHCOMING.

13. COMMON METHODS OF TORTURE INCLUDED PLACING A STICK BEHIND THE VICTIMS KNEES, MAKING HIM SQUAT SO THAT HIS ARMS COULD BE TIED IN FRONT OF HIM WITH THE ARMS LOOPED UNDER THE STICK AT THE ELBOW JOINT AND THEN HANGING THE VICTIM FROM A

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RAFTER. OUR SOURCE CLAIMED THAT THIS METHOD HAD BEEN LEARNED FROM "THE AMERICANS" BUT DID NOT ELABORATE. ANOTHER METHOD WAS TO DUNK THE VICTIM IN A BARREL OF WATER AND EVENTUALLY DROWN HIM. NEEDLES WERE RAMMED UNDER A VICTIM'S GUMS OR FINGERNAILS. TEETH AND FINGERNAILS WERE PULLED OUT.

14. OUR SOURCE INDICATED THAT HIS FAVORITE PERSONAL METHOD INVOLVED PLACING THE VICTIM IN A COVERED TANK WITH ENOUGH WATER TO FORCE THE VICTIM TO STAND ON THE TIPS OF HIS TOES AND WITH A MINIMUM OF AIR SPACE SUFFICIENT ONLY FOR THE VICTIM'S NOSE TO PROTRUDE ABOVE WATER AND BREATHE. CHUCKLING IN RECOLLECTION AT THIS METHOD, OUR SOURCE SAID VICTIMS INVARIABLY POUNDED ON THE TANK COVER BEGGING TO BE LET OUT ONLY TO PLEAD THEIR INNOCENCE AND INSIST THAT A MISTAKE HAD BEEN MADE IN THEIR CASE AND THEY HAD NO INFORMATION TO GIVE. THE SOLDIERS WOULD PUT THE COVER BACK ON AND TELL THE VICTIM TO FEEL FREE TO POUND AGAIN LOUDLY WHEN HE WAS READY TO TALK. EVENTUALLY THE VICTIM WOULD TIRE OF STANDING ON HIS TOES, SINK BELOW THE WATER AND DROWN.

15. ANOTHER FAVORITE METHOD WAS TYING A CORD TO THE VICTIM'S TESTICLES AND PULLING ON THE CORD.

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OUR SOURCE EXPLAINED THAT THE CORD WAS PULLED
BACKWARD THROUGH THE VICTIM'S LEGS AND ADDED
THAT IT WAS BEST IF THE CORD WAS LEFT A LITTLE
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LOOSE. POLCOUNS ASKED SOURCE TO BE MORE
SPECIFIC ON THE USE OF RAPE. SOURCE SAID IT WAS
ROUTINE FOR WOMEN DETAINEES TO BE RAPED AND
SODOMIZED. GOOD-LOOKING WOMEN WERE RESERVED FOR
OFFICERS -- HE INDICATED HE HAD DONE THIS --
WHILE OTHERS WERE "GIVEN" TO THE TROOPS. THE
SOURCE SAID ANOTHER METHOD OF TORTURE WAS TO
PLACE "RACUMIN" (RAT POISON) IN THE VAGINA. A
POINT OF NO RETURN FOR THE VICTIMS
WAS IF THE INTERROGATORS BEGAN TO MUTILATE THEM.
ONCE A VICTIM'S EARS OR TONGUE WERE CUT OFF, OR
IF THEIR EYES WERE PRICKED WITH A KNIFE, THEY
WERE INVARIABLY KILLED. THE EYES WERE NOT
NORMALLY GOUGED OUT, WE WERE TOLD, SINCE
PRICKING THEM SERVED THE PURPOSE JUST AS WELL
AND DID NOT BLEED AS MUCH.

16. COMMENT: OUR SOURCE INDICATED THAT THE
"SPECIAL COMPANY" WAS PROBABLY THE WORST OFFENDER
IN TERMS OF TORTURE AND ASSASSINATING TARGETS,
BUT ADDED THAT IT WAS NOT THE ONLY UNIT THAT
CARRIED OUT SIMILAR ACTIVITIES. AS THE SOURCE
OUTLINED HIS CAREER, IT BECAME CLEAR THAT THE
POLICY WAS "ONCE A COMMANDO, A SOLDIER WAS
ALWAYS A COMMANDO;" EVEN WHEN ASSIGNED TO
DIFFERENT UNITS DOING UNRELATED TASKS, SUCH AS
THE MILITARY POLICE, THE SOURCE WAS STILL
PERIODICALLY DETAILED BACK TO COMMANDO (I.E.
COUNTER-SUBVERSIVE) OPERATIONS. END COMMENT.

ARMY INTELLIGENCE: BETTER LETTER BOMBS .

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17. IN 1989, OUR SOURCE CLAIMED HE WAS POSTED TO
THE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIE). HE WAS
ASSIGNED TO THE INTERNAL FRONT SECTOR CHARGED

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WITH OPERATIONS AGAINST SENDERO, MRTA, AND "LEFT AND RIGHT OPPOSITION PARTIES." (THE SEPARATE EXTERNAL FRONT SECTOR CONCENTRATES ON FOREIGN OPERATIONS, CONCENTRATING ON CHILE, ECUADOR AND COLOMBIA.) OUR SOURCE SPECIFICALLY WORKED IN THE "SPECIAL OPERATIONS GROUP" (GRUPO DE TRABAJOS ESPECIALES - RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSASSINATIONS, INTIMIDATION AND HARASSMENT OF

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A LT. COL. VALDERRAMA WHO REPORTED IN TURN TO COL. VICTOR SILVA MENDOZA. OUR SOURCE SAID HE WAS DETAILED TO WORK WITH THE "LIMA INTELLIGENCE POST," A 120-PERSON SHOP HEADED BY A CAPT. LA ROSA THAT COVERS THE METROPOLITAN AREA FOR SIE.

18. OUR SOURCE WAS EMPHATIC THAT ALL ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE OPERATIONS ARE DONE WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND PERMISSION OF THE ARMY COMMANDING GENERAL. ORDERS FOR OPERATIONS COME

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FROM THE ARMY'S NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE (DINTE) WITH APPROVAL OF THE ARMY COMMANDING GENERAL. THE CHAIN OF COMMAND IS STRICTLY FOLLOWED AND EVEN THE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR FUNDS IS CLOSELY MAINTAINED. ROGUE AND FREE-LANCE OPERATIONS ARE NOT ALLOWED OR TOLERATED BECAUSE OF THE CONFUSION THIS WOULD CAUSE. ALL PLANS ARE CLEARED WITH SUPERIORS AND EVEN APPROVED PLANS ARE NEVER EXECUTED WITHOUT PRIOR EXPRESS PERMISSION TO PROCEED. OUR SOURCE ADDED THAT HERMOZA HAS A REPUTATION OF BEING PARANOID THAT LEAKS INVOLVING INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS WILL OCCUR.

19. IN 1991, OUR SOURCE RECEIVED ORDERS FROM COL. SILVA TO PLAN THE ASSASSINATION OF OVER TEN PERSONS. HE WAS ALLOWED TO WATCH COL. SILVA MENDOZA SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZE THE ORDER OVER CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION. HE PRESUMED THE OPERATION WAS CONDUCTED WITH THE CONSENT OF, IF NOT ON ORDERS FROM, PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY ADVISOR VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS. HE BASES THIS ASSUMPTION ON A CONVERSATION HE HAD WITH HIS "COMPADRE," LT. COL. (THEN MAJOR) ROBERTO HUAMAN AZCURRA,

WHOM WE KNOW IS A KEY INTELLIGENCE FIGURE VERY CLOSE TO MONTESINOS. HUAMAN SURPRISED OUR SOURCE BY INITIATING A CONVERSATION ABOUT THE HIGHLY-SENSITIVE ORDERS TO KILL THE TARGETS. HE HAD PREVIOUSLY TOLD OUR SOURCE THAT HE WAS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE "COORDINATOR" BETWEEN

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THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIN) AND DINTE AS WELL AS IN CHARGE OF MONTESINOS' PERSONAL SECURITY. HUAMAN NOW ALLEGEDLY TOLD OUR SOURCE THAT HE HAD PERSONALLY TRANSMITTED THE ORDERS FOR THE ASSASSINATIONS TO SIE'S COL. SILVA.

(DAO COMMENT: THE USDAO LIMA SUPPORTS THE CLAIM MADE IN PARA 19 OF THIS MESSAGE THAT THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE ARMY HAS TRADITIONALLY RETAINED APPROVAL AUTHORITY OVER SENSITIVE SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS CONDUCTED BY SIE THAT, IF REVEALED, WOULD MAR THE IMAGE OF THE

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ARMY AS AN INSTITUTION OR THREATEN THE CAREERS OF THE ARMY LEADERSHIP. THIS APPROVAL AUTHORITY ALLEGEDLY INCLUDES APPROVAL OF OPERATIONAL CONCEPTS AND PROJECT FUNDING. ROGUE OPERATIONS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED; THE RIGID COMMAND CLIMATE REQUIRES APPROVAL OF ALL SENSITIVE OPERATIONS. THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE EP (ARMY) DURING 1991 WAS GENERAL VILLANUEVA VALDIVIA, WHILE GENERAL HERMOZA SERVED AS HIS CHIEF OF STAFF. AS FOR THE CLAIM THAT HE VIEWED COL. SILVA GIVE ASSASSINATION ORDERS OVER A CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION, WE HAVE STRONG RESERVATIONS THAT ANY ASSASSINATION ORDERS WOULD HAVE BEEN TRANSMITTED VIA THIS MEANS. THE USDAO HAS RECEIVED UNCONFIRMED REPORTS, HOWEVER, THAT THE EP DOES HAVE A SMALL TELECONFERENCING CAPABILITY. END DAO COMMENT.)

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20. THE ORDERS CALLED FOR THE ASSASSINATION, INTER ALIA, OF HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS FRANCISCO SOBERON AND AUGUSTO ZUNIGA PAZ; JOURNALISTS CESAR HILDEBRANDT AND HOLGUIN; AND LEFTIST POLITICIANS RICARDO LETTS, LUCAS CACHAY, AND GENARO LEDESMA. THE ASSASSINATION METHOD SELECTED FOR MOST OF TARGETS WAS THE USE OF LETTER OR PACKAGE BOMBS, A TERRORIST TACTIC LITTLE USED IN PERU, AND ONE WHICH IMMEDIATELY RAISED SUSPICIONS THAT THE SECURITY SERVICES WERE INVOLVED. OUR SOURCE CLAIMED THAT LT. COL. VALDERRAMA PROVIDED HIM WITH A VOLKSWAGEN VEHICLE AND FUNDS FOR HIS

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30-PERSON TEAM TO WORK ON PLANS FOR THE ASSASSINATIONS. SOME OF HIS OPERATIVES WOULD SURVEIL THE TARGETS AND PROVIDE INFORMATION THAT WAS VERIFIED BY YET ANOTHER GROUP OF OPERATIVES AND FINALLY VERIFIED A THIRD TIME BY OUR SOURCE, AS TEAM LEADER.

21. COMMENT: POST RECORDS SHOW THAT ON MARCH 15, 1991, PROMINENT HUMAN RIGHTS LAWYER AUGUSTO ZUNIGA PAZ WAS SEVERELY INJURED AND LOST AN ARM

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WHEN HE OPENED A LETTER BOMB. ON JUNE 21, 1991, VICTOR HUGO LUIS LEON WAS KILLED AT HIS OFFICE, LOCATED DIRECTLY OPPOSITE THE THEN-LEGAL MRTA MOUTHPIECE "CAMBIO" WEEKLY NEWSPAPER OFFICE. AT THE TIME OF THE BOMB, MANY OBSERVERS SPECULATED IT WAS SENT TO THE WRONG OFFICE. ON JUNE 28, 1991, EDMUNDO CALDERON CASAS, A GUARD AT THE CLOSED OFFICES OF THE SL MOUTHPIECE "EL DIARIO" NEWSPAPER LOST AN ARM AFTER ACCEPTING DELIVERY OF A LETTER. ON OCTOBER 10, 1991, "CAMBIO" EDITOR MELISA ALFARO WAS KILLED WHEN SHE OPENED A LETTER ADDRESSED TO CHIEF EDITOR CARLOS ARROYO. ON OCTOBER 16, 1991, A LETTERBOMB ADDRESSED TO RADICAL, DEMOCRATIC LEFTIST CONGRESSMAN RICARDO LETTS WAS DISCOVERED BY HIS OFFICE IN THE CONGRESS BUILDING AND DISPOSED OF BY THE POLICE BOMB SQUAD WITH A CONTROLLED EXPLOSION. END COMMENT

22. THE SOURCE TOLD US THAT THE "FAILED" LETTER BOMB THAT ONLY INJURED ZUNIGA PAZ LED HIM TO CONSTRUCT A BETTER LETTER BOMB. THIS FIRST BOMB

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USED A SINGLE WIRE RUNNING THROUGH THE LETTER THAT, WHEN THE LETTER WAS TORN OPEN, WAS PULLED AND COMPLETED THE DETONATING CIRCUIT. THROUGH TRIAL AND ERROR WITH A MOCK ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT, HE WAS ABLE TO CONSTRUCT A FOUR WIRE LETTER BOMB THAT WOULD DETONATE WHETHER THE LETTER WAS OPENED FROM THE TOP, SIDE OR EVEN RIPPED IN HALF.

23. THE SOURCE ADDED THAT SURVEILLANCE ON
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HOLGUIN, WHO RAN AN AUTO REPAIR SHOP AT THE TIME, REVEALED THAT HE HAD A LETTER BOMB DETECTION DEVICE AT THIS OFFICE, SECURITY AT HIS HOME, AND THAT EVEN HIS DAUGHTER TRAVELED TO UNIVERSITY CLASSES WITH AN ARMED ESCORT. THIS PRE-EMPTED AN ATTACK ON HIM. CONGRESSMAN LETTS HAD BEEN SURVEILLED AND A PLAN TO AMBUSH HIM ON THE HIGHWAY SOUTH TO PISCO (LETTS HAS OLIVE ORCHARDS NEAR PISCO) WAS DEVISED BUT, ORDERS TO CARRY THEM OUT WERE NEVER GIVEN.

LETTER BOMBS: U.S. TRAINING HELPS BOMBERS

24. SOURCE THEN CLAIMED HE HAD LEARNED ABOUT BOMB MAKING FROM U.S. MILITARY TRAINERS SENT TO HELP THE GOP DETECT AND NEUTRALIZE TERRORIST BOMBS. UNDER CLOSE QUESTIONING FROM POLCOUNS, OUR SOURCE INDICATED THAT U.S. "DELTA" COUNTER-TERRORISM TRAINING TEAMS HAD UNWITTINGLY PROVIDED HIM WITH THE USEFUL "PRINCIPLES" THAT HELPED HIM MAKE AND IMPROVE HIS LETTER BOMBS. THE SOURCE CLAIMS HE PARTICIPATED IN FOUR TRAINING SESSIONS WITH U.S. MILITARY TRAINING TEAMS HELD IN PERU OVER SEVERAL YEARS. (COMMENT: WE CAN CONFIRM THAT THE USG PROVIDED MILITARY URBAN HOSTAGE RESCUE TRAINING IN 1988 AND 1990, AT LEAST. END COMMENT.) IN 1990, THE AMERICAN TEAM TRAINED HIM AND ANOTHER PERUVIAN ARMY CAPTEIN NAMED PAREJA PUENTA IN DISARMING ENEMY BOMBS AND BOOBY TRAPS, INCLUDING LETTER BOMBS.

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THIS TRAINING FORMED PART OF A HOSTAGE RESCUE IN
URBAN AREAS COURSE HELD AT THE SPECIAL FORCES
(DIFE) DIVISION SITE IN LIMA.

25. OUR SOURCE REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES THAT AT
NO TIME DID THE U.S. TRAINERS GIVE INSTRUCTION
IN MAKING LETTER BOMBS; RATHER, THE BASICS
BEHIND THE BOMBS WERE EXPLAINED IN ORDER TO
BETTER INSTRUCT THE PERUVIAN OFFICERS IN
DISARMING THE BOMBS. HE ADDED THAT "BOOK BOMB"
CONSTRUCTION HAD LONG BEEN A PART OF PERUVIAN
DEMOLITIONS TEXT BOOKS AND THAT THE PERUVIAN
OFFICERS HAD A RUDIMENTARY NOTION OF HOW TO MAKE

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SIMILAR BOMBS. THE U.S. MILITARY TRAINER WHO
PROVIDED THE INSTRUCTION WAS KNOWN TO THE
PERUVIAN OFFICERS ONLY BY HIS FIRST NAME AND
RANK.

26. THE U.S. TRAINERS USED "FLEX" EXPLOSIVES IN
THEIR INSTRUCTION, AND OUR SOURCE SAID THAT
"FLEX" WAS ALSO USED IN MAKING THE LETTER BOMBS.
HE DID NOT INDICATE THAT THE "FLEX" BROUGHT BY
THE TRAINERS WAS USED IN THE LETTER BOMBS AND

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SAID THAT THE PERUVIAN MILITARY HAD THEIR OWN
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STOCKS OF "FLEX" -- A SHAPED FLAT STRIP EXPLOSIVE
MORE FLEXIBLE AND POWERFUL THAN THE MORE COMMON
C-4 PLASTIC EXPLOSIVE. HE DID, HOWEVER, SAY THAT
THE AMERICAN TEAM HAD BROUGHT "PLENTY" OF FLEX,
DETONATING CORD, AND 40 MM M-203 GRENADE ROUNDS
WITH THEM AND HAD LEFT UNUSED SUPPLIES OF

MATERIAL WITH THE PERUVIAN MILITARY WHEN THEY
LEFT. (COMMENT: WE CANNOT CONFIRM THIS; WE
UNDERSTAND SUCH TRAINING TEAMS AS A MATTER OF
PRINCIPLE LEAVE NO LETHAL EQUIPMENT BEHIND. END
COMMENT.) SOURCE ALSO SAID THAT THE ARMY HAD
PURCHASED "FLEX" FROM THE USG WHEN IT OBTAINED
ITS M'16S (COMMENT: MILITARY ASSISTANCE GROUP
RECORDS AT POST SHOW THAT NO DEMOLITION
MATERIALS HAVE BEEN SOLD TO THE PERUVIAN
FORCES. END COMMENT).

TARGETTING THE ICRC AND JOURNALISTS

27. IN 1993, OUR SOURCE CLAIMED THAT WHILE
SERVING IN THE UHV AS A BASE COMMANDER HE
RECEIVED ORDERS TO PLAN THE ASSASSINATION OF
THREE ICRC FOREIGN DELEGATES WORKING OUT OF
RIOJA, IN NORTHERN SAN MARTIN DEPARTMENT. THE
ORDERS, HE WAS ADAMANT, CAME FROM HUALLAGA FRONT
POLITICAL MILITARY COMMANDER EDUARDO BELLIDO,
ALBEIT INDIRECTLY. BELLIDO, HE FURTHER CLAIMED,
HAD ORDERED ASSASSINATIONS AND OTHER DIRTY
OPERATIONS ON HIS OWN AUTHORITY, BUT THE SOURCE

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DID NOT STATE WHETHER THE ASSASSINATIONS IN
MENTION WERE ON BELLIDO'S ORDERS OR ORDERED FROM
LIMA. ONE TARGET WAS A MALE DELEGATE WHO WAS
PREPARING TO DEPART PERU FOR AN ONWARD
ASSIGNMENT, ANOTHER WAS A YOUNG MALE DELEGATE
WHO HAD JUST ARRIVED IN RIOJA TO REPLACE THE
OUTGOING DELEGATE AND A THIRD WAS A FEMALE

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DELEGATE DESCRIBED AS TALL, IN HER THIRTIES AND WITH GREEN EYES. THE PLAN WAS TO AMBUSH THEM ON A TRIP TO BAGUA (IN CAJAMARCA DEPARTMENT) AND MAKE IT LOOK AS IF SENDERO WAS RESPONSIBLE. AS SENDERO HAD JUST BEGUN TO MOVE INTO THIS AREA, THE ASSASSINATION TEAM WOULD DRESS LIKE SL CADRE AND SET UP A ROAD BLOCK. THE ICRC VEHICLE WOULD BE ALLOWED THROUGH BUT AMBUSHED AND THE VEHICLE BURNED, AN SL SIGNATURE.

28. HE PLAN WAS ALMOST CARRIED OUT BUT DIFFICULTIES AROSE WITH A PARALLEL OPERATION INVOLVING CONTROVERSIAL JOURNALIST FRANCISCO REYES. REYES WAS ALSO TO HAVE BEEN ASSASSINATED, BUT IN A SEPTEMBER 1993 ALTERCATION WITH MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN YURIMAGUAS, REYES DREW TOO MUCH ATTENTION TO HIMSELF AND FOCUSED HUMAN RIGHTS ATTENTION ON THE JUNGLE, SO BOTH THE REYES AND ICRC OPERATIONS WERE SHELVED.

29. OU SOURCE ADDED AS AN ASIDE THAT, WHILE SERVING AS A COUNTER-SUBVERSIVE BASE COMMANDER IN THE HUALLAGA VALLEY, HE HAD ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS BEEN VISITED BY ICRC DELEGATES

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INQUIRING ABOUT D&AINEES. SMILING BROADLY, HE SAID THAT "ALL" SUCH BASES IN PERU'S JUNGLE EMERGENCY ZONES IN FACT HAD TWO "JAILS." ONE WAS WHERE DETAINEES WHO WERE KNOWN BY OUTSIDERS TO HAVE BEEN BROUGHT IN OR LESS-SERIOUS DETAINEES WERE PUT. THIS WAS THE HOLDING FACILITY THAT THE ICRC WAS GIVEN ACCESS TO. THE SECOND HOLDING CELL WAS NEVER SHOWN TO THE ICRC AND DETAINEES IN THIS FACILITY RARELY WERE ALLOWED TO LIVE.

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30. RESPONDING TO POLCOUNS' QUESTIONS, OUR
SOURCE LAUGHED AND SAID THAT HE HAD NEVER SEEN
HUMAN RIGHTS SERIOUSLY TAUGHT OR DISCUSSED 9N THE
FIELD. AFTER ONE ICRC VISIT TO A BASE WHERE THEY
DISCUSSED HUMANITARIAN LAW, THE BASE COMMANDER
MOCKED THE TRAINERS AND TOLD HIS TROOPS TE IGNORE
THE MESSAGE. IT WAS COMMONLY BELIEVED BY THE
TROOPS THAT THE ICRC AIDED AND ABETTED THE
TERRORISTS AND TRANSPORTED WEAPONS FOR THEM IN
THEIR VEHICLES. OUR SOURCE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT
HE WAS SOMEWHAT UNSURE OF THE LATTER BECAUSE HE
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HAD ALWAYS BEEN INVITED TO INSPECT ICRC VEHICLES
BY DELEGATES WHEN HIS PATROLS RAN ACROSS THEM IN
THE FIELD.

31. THE SOURCE BECAME VISIBLY BITTER WHEN THE
TOPIC TURNED TO HUMAN RIGHTS. HE WAS HIGHLY
UPSET THAT THE RULES OF THE GAME HAD BEEN CHANGED
ON HIM IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS. WHEREAS A YEAR
AGO HIS INVOLVEMENT IN DIRTY TRICKS OPERATIONS
WOULD NOT HAVE RAISED AN EYEBROW, WITHIN THE
LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS OFFICERS WERE NOW
HYPOCRITICALLY CRITICIZING HIS PARTICIPATION IN
THESE KINDS OF ACTIONS.

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32. RECALLING AN INCIDENT IN 1984, OUR SOURCE CLAIMED THAT HE PARTICIPATED IN AN OPERATION IN CERRO DE PASCO INVOLVING THE DETENTION OF A UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR (NFI). THE PROFESSOR WAS STOPPED AND SEARCHED BY CHANCE DURING A ROUTINE SECURITY SWEEP. IN A BOX WITH SHOES FOR THE HIS DAUGHTER, THE SOLDIERS FOUND A SMALL MAOIST BOOK. THE PROFESSOR WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY, INTERROGATED, TORTURED AND THEN ALLEGEDLY KILLED BY AN ARMY LT. COL. (COMANDANTE) PERCY DELGADO DE LA FLOR (AKA "LOBO NEGRO").

33. HE ALSO RECOUNTED AN INCIDENT DURING HIS TOUR IN AYACUCHO WHERE HE VISITED A COUNTER-SECRET

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SUBVERSIVE BASE AND FOUND ITS COMMANDER, A CAPT. MEDINA AND TWO OTHER JUNIOR OFFICERS CALLED MORI AND FIGUEROA, USING FOUR LIVE PRESUMED TERRORISTS FOR KNIFE THROWING PRACTICE. HE JOINED THEM IN THIS ACTIVITY UNTIL HE RECEIVED A RADIO MESSAGE THAT REQUIRED HIM TO LEAVE THE POST IMMEDIATELY. ON HIS RETURN THREE DAYS LATER, HE FOUND THAT THE BODIES HAD BEEN BURIED IN THE GARAGE OF THE POST WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN AN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH STATION.

34. IN A SEPARATE COMMENT, OUR SOURCE CLAIMED THAT CAPT. TELMO HURTADO, CONVICTED FOR ORDERING THE KILLING OF SOME 69 NON-COMBATANTS AS A LIEUTENANT IN THE ACCOMARCA MASSACRE, REMAINED ON ACTIVE DUTY AND WAS SOLICITING HIS PROMOTION TO MAJOR; HE HAD APPLIED IN 1993 BUT HAD BEEN TURNED DOWN. (COMMENT# MINDEF GEN. MALCA TOLD THE AMBASSADOR IN EARLY 1994 THAT HE "DID NOT KNOW" IF REPORTS THAT HURTADO WAS ON ACTIVE DUTY WERE CORRECT. END COMMENT).

COMMENT: A CREDIBLE WITNESS AND PARTICIPANT

35. THE SOURCE GAVE A CONVINCING LEVEL OF DETAIL ABOUT EXCESSES HE CLAIMS HE WAS PERSONALLY INVOLVED WITH. THE JOURNALISTS, WHO WERE

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CONCERNED THIS MIGHT BE A DISINFORMATION EFFORT,
ARE CONVINCED OF HIS VERACITY. AS HARD AS IT
WOULD BE TO FAKE THE LEVEL OF DETAIL, EVEN
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HARDER WOULD BE TO RECOUNT IT, INTERSPERSED BY
CHUCKLES AND LAUGHS, FOR THREE HOURS. HE HAS AN
AXE TO GRIND AGAINST THE ARMY FOR FIRING HIM FOR
INVOLVEMENT IN NARCOTICS; HE DID NOT, HOWEVER,
JUST POINT THE FINGER AT OTHERS, HE ALSO
ACKNOWLEDGED HIS OWN PROMINENT ROLE IN GROSS
ABUSES. MUCH OF WHAT HE TOLD US, WITH THE
EXCEPTION OF THE SIE'S AND SIN'S ALLEGED ROLE IN
USING LETTER BOMBS, COINCIDES WITH WHAT WE HAVK
LEARNED OVER THE YEARS ABOUT COUNTERINSURGENCY
PRACTICES IN PERU.

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36. WHAT NEW LIGHT DOES THIS SOURCE SHED ON
HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS? FIRST IS THE ALLEGATION
THAT A SIE UNIT USED TERRORIST METHODS -- LETTER
BOMBS -- THAT KILLED AND MAIMED SEVERAL PERSONS.
WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THE SOURCE LIED ON

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THIS POINT. THE EMBASSY CAN CONFIRM THAT FIVE PERSONS RECEIVED LETTER BOMBS DURING 1991.

37. SECOND IS THAT THE SIE HIERARCHY, AND ALLEGEDLY LT. COL. HUAMAN OF THE SIN, ACTING ON BEHALF OF MONTESINOS, ORDERED THE LETTER

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BOMBINGS. WHILE THIS IS ONLY ONE SOURCE'S ALLEGATION, IT MUST BE STRESSED THAT PERUVIAN ARMY OFFICERS RARELY TAKE ACTIONS WITHOUT EXPLICIT ORDERS FROM THEIR SUPERIORS. NOR ARE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY CHIEFS UNAWARE OF WHAT GOES ON ON THEIR TURF. THE LETTER BOMBINGS CONTINUED OVER A PERIOD OF FIVE MONTHS, SUGGESTING AT A MINIMUM THAT INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITIES COULD NOT, OR DID NOT WANT TO, PREVENT THE ATTACKS. THE FACT THAT THE BOMBINGS CEASED AFTER THE ABORTED ATTACK ON LETTS SUGGESTS SOMEONE AT LEAST GAVE AN ORDER TO STOP. AS IN LA CANTUTA AND IN BARRIOS ALTOS, THE KEY QUESTION IS HOW HIGH DID RESPONSIBILITY GO, AND WHEN DID THE SENIOR OFFICIALS ACQUIRE RESPONSIBILITY. GIVEN ALL THE ALLEGATIONS WE HAVE ABOUT MONTESINOS', HUAMAN'S, AND SENIOR ARMY OFFICERS' INVOLVEMENT IN LA CANTUTA AND BARRIOS ALTOS, WE CANNOT RULE OUT THAT THEY DID IN FACT ORDER THE LETTER BOMBINGS, OR AT LEAST DID NOTHING TO STOP THEM FOR FIVE MONTHS. WHILE THIS IS, WE REPEAT, ONLY ONE SOURCE, THIS IS AT LEAST THE THIRD SOURCE THAT HAS ALLEGED -- WITHOUT DIRECT EVIDENCE, TO BE SURE -- THAT MONTESINOS AND THE SIN, AND THE ARMY LEADERSHIP, WERE INVOLVED IN EXTRA-LEGAL EXECUTIONS. SINCE THE SOURCE HAS SAID HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR MORE DETAILED DEBRIEFING, AND APPARENTLY HAS SOME WRITTEN RECOLLECTIONS, THIS AVENUE SHOULD BE PURSUED.

38. THIRD IS THE ALLEGATION THAT U.S. MILITARY TRAINERS UNWITTINGLY ASSISTED THE SOURCE TO

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PERFECT HIS KNOWLEDGE IN MAKING BOMBS. THE SOURCE READILY ACKNOWLEDGES HE ALREADY KNEW HOW

TO MAKE LETTER BOMBS (WHY HIS ARMY TRAINED HIM IS A GOOD QUESTION) AND THAT THE U.S. TRAINERS ONLY SOUGHT TO TEACH HIM AND OTHERS TO DEAL WITH TERRORIST BOOBY TRAPS. THIS POINTS OUT, HOWEVER, THE TRICKY NATURE OF PROVIDING LETHAL TRAINING TO ARMIES WHICH DO NOT PREVENT ITS MEMBERS FROM MISUSING IT.

39. FOURTH, TO BE ADDRESSED SEPTEL, IS THE PERVASIVE, SYSTEMATIC NATURE OF MILITARY NARCOTICS CORRUPTION IN THE UHV DURING THE MIDDLE 1980S, AND 1992-93, AS ALLEGED BY THE SOURCE. THIS CORRUPTION EXTENDED AT LEAST AS HIGH AS UHV FRONT COMMANDER GEN. BELLIDO, AND PERHAPS HIGHER, ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE.

40. FIFTH, THE PERVASIVE AND SYSTEMATIC USE OF ASSASSINATION, RAPE, AND TORTURE BY THE ARMY COMMANDOS, AS ALLEGED BY THE SOURCE. NONE OF THE SOURCE'S STATEMENTS ON METHODS ARE NEW. WHAT WAS STRIKING, NOT TO SAY CHILLING, ABOUT HIS ALLEGATIONS -- APART FROM HIS TOTAL LACK OF REMORSE -- WAS HIS INSISTENCE THAT SUCH VIOLATIONS WERE THE NORM, RATHER THAN EXCESSES. GOP KILLINGS HAVE PLUMMETED FROM THOUSANDS IN THE LATE 1980S, TO SEVERAL HUNDRED IN 1992, TO LESS THAN 30-40 TO DATE IN 1994. WHAT REMAINS, HOWEVER, IS A MINDSET AMONG AT LEAST SOME MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY, THAT THE END JUSTIFIES THE MEANS.

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41J WHAT TO DO WITH THE SOURCE? ONE OF THE JOURNALISTS TOLD POLCOUNS THAT THE SOURCE MET ON JUNE 14 WITH A VISITING WASHINGTON OFFICE MEMBER OF HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH-AMERICAS. THE LATTER REPORTEDLY TOLD THE SOURCE THAT WHILE IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO TRAVEL TO THE U.S., SHOULD HE DO SO, HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH-AMERICAS WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED IN USING HIS TESTIMONY AND MAYBE COULD GET HIM A LAWYER. THE SOURCE DID NOT TELL THE HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH-AMERICAS PERSON ABOUT U.S. MILITARY TRAINING'F THE

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42. POLCOUNS WILL BE IN WASHINGTON JUNE 23 -
JULY 11 ON CONSULTATIONS/HOME LEAVE SHOULD END-
USERS DESIRE TO DISCUSS SOURCE'S ALLEGATIONS
FURTHER.

43. SEPTTEL WILL ADDRESS WHAT TO DO ABOUT ISSUES
RAISED IN THIS REPORT AS WELL AS RECOMMENDATIONS
ON THE SOURCE'S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN
REACHING THE UNITED STATES.

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ASSIGNED TO THE EP'S TRAINING BASE, THOUGH HE
HAS NOT ADMITTED THAT THESE MISSIONS INCLUDE

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