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On Nov. 21, the body of US journalist Todd Carter Smith, 28, was found in the Upper Huallaga, 350 km. from Lima. Smith, a reporter for the Tampa Tribune, had arrived in the city of Huancayo on Nov. 12 to cover the municipal elections and later traveled to villages in the Upper Huallaga, known as a principal coca producing region. Smith had earlier written an article on drug crops and trafficking. According to unidentified local sources cited by Notimex, police found a paper next to the body, reading "Thus do North American spies die," signed by the "PCP- Sendero Luminoso." (Basic data from Notimex, 11/22/89)

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