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 SUBJECT: MILITARY ANNOUNCES TERRORIST ATTACKS AND
 CHANGES IN MILITARY STRATEGY

REFS: (A) LIMA 10542, (B) LIMA 10418

1. (U) ON SEPTEMBER 24, THE ARMED FORCES JOINT COMMAND
 ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE ON THREE RECENT ATTACKS BY PRESUMED
 SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) AGAINST CIVILIANS AND SOLDIERS.
 ACCORDING TO THE COMMUNIQUE, TERRORISTS AMBUSHED AN
 ARMY PATROL ON SEPTEMBER 19 IN LA UNION (HUANUCO

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DEPARTMENT), KILLING AN ARMY CORPORAL. ON SEPTEMBER 23,

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A GROUP OF 60 TERRORISTS REPORTEDLY KILLED THREE CAMPESINOS IN LARAMATE (HUANCVELICA DEPARTMENT), WHILE A FOURTH CAMPESINO WAS REPORTED MISSING. ON SEPTEMBER 22, PRESUMED SL MEMBERS KILLED SEVEN CAMPESINOS IN SAN JOSE DE PORCON (LA LIBERTAD DEPARTMENT). THE MILITARY REPORTED ON SEPTEMBER 25 THE DEATH OF 29 SL TERRORISTS ON AUGUST 2 IN BELLAVISTA (AYACUCHO DEPARTMENT).

2. (U) ARMY MINISTER GENERAL JORGE FLORES TOLD REPORTERS ON SEPTEMBER 25 THAT THE SECURITY FORCES WOULD SOON IMPLEMENT A NEW COUNTERTERRORIST STRATEGY IN THE AYACUCHO EMERGENCY ZONE. FLORES DID NOT GIVE DETAILS ON THE NEW STRATEGY, BUT IMPLIED IT WOULDNTINUE USE OF CAMPESINO SELF-DEFENSE FORCES, OF WHICH HE SAID 400 HAD BEEN ORGANIZED TO DATE. HE ALSO SAID THAT SECURITY FORCES HAD CEASED PATROLS IN THE EMERGENCY ZONE.

3. COMMENT: THE FLURRY OF MILITARY INFORMATION ON THE COUNTERTERRORIST EFFORT RESPONDS IN PART TO PRESIDENT GARCIA'S EARLIER PUBLIC CRITICISM OF THE WITHHOLDING OF SUCH INFORMATION (REF A). IN ADDITION, REPORTS OF TERRORIST ATTACKS, ALONG WITH FLORES' STATEMENTS ON A "NEW" COUNTERTERRORIST STRATEGY MAY BE AN ATTEMPT TO COUNTER RECENT HEAVY NEGATIVE REACTION TO THE MILITARY'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE PUCAYACU AND ACCOMARCA KILLINGS. SOME OBSERVERS MAY BE SKEPTICAL, HOWEVER, ABOUT THE ONE-SIDED SL LOSSES REPORTED AT BELLAVISTA.

4. [REDACTED] DETAILS ON THE GOP'S REPORTED NEW COUNTER-

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TERRORIST STRATEGY ARE LACKING. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE RELIANCE ON CONTINUED STRONG MILITARY EFFORT WILL CONTINUE (REF B).

5. THE REPORTED HALT IN MILITARY PATROLS IN THE EMERGENCY ZONE IS SIGNIFICANT. THESE PATROLS HAVE BOTH PRESSURED TERRORISTS AND GIVEN RISE TO ALLEGATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES, WHICH IN THE CASE OF ACCOMARCA WERE CONFIRMED. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE MILITARY DESIRES A RENEWED MANDATE FROM THE CIVILIAN

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