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SUBJECT: SL TAKES OVER THREE PRISONS, CARRIES OUT
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CONFERENCE IN LIMA, SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) TERRORISTS RIOTED IN THREE LIMA PRISONS MORNING OF JUNE 18, FOLLOWED BY SEVERAL REPORTED ASSASSINATIONS OF POLICEMEN, THE BOMBING OF THE EDUCATION MINISTRY, AND REPORTEDLY AN ATTEMPTED BOMBING AT THE LIMA AIRPORT. INTERIOR MINISTER ABEL SALINAS INTERRUPTED TRANSMISSION OF A WORLD CUP GAME TO READ COMMUNIQUE ON SITUATION, PROVIDING FOLLOWING DETAILS:

- A. SL HAD TAKEN OVER PRISONS OF FRONTON
 (3 POLICE AND 6 PRISON GUARDS WOUNDED; 4 POLICE
 HOSTAGE); SANTA BARBARA WOMEN'S PRISON (WARDEN AND TWO
 GUARDS HOSTAGE); AND TERRORIST CELL BLOCK AT
 LURIGANCHO (2 GUARDS HOSTAGE).
- B. SL HAD KILLED SEVERAL POLICEMEN ELSEWHERE IN LIMA (REPORTER TOLD US HE KNEW OF ONE CASE);
- C. SL HAD BOMBED SEVERAL CHURCHES IN LIMA (IT WAS UNCLEAR WHETHER THESE BOMBINGS OCCURRED TODAY OR WERE JUNE 16 ATTACKS REPORTED SEPTEL).
- 2. (U) COMMUNIQUE CLAIMED ATTACKS WERE DESIGNED TO TARNISH PERU'S IMAGE ON EVE OF SI CONFERENCE. IT SAID THE GOP COULD NOT TOLERATE LACK OF AUTHORITY IN PRISONS, AND WOULD TAKE ACTION TO RESTORE ORDER. AFTER READING COMMUNIQUE, SALINAS WAS ASKED WHAT STEPS GOP WOULD TAKE. SALINAS RESPONDED THAT "APPROPRIATE INSTITUTIONS" WOULD BE TASKED TO RESPOND TO SITUATION, WHICH UNDER THE LIMA/CALLAO STATE OF EMERGENCY WOULD BE THE ARMED FORCES.

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- 3. ADDITIONAL INCIDENTS: A BOMB EXPLODED ON THE 12TH FLOOR OF THE EDUCATION MINISTRY, WOUNDING AT LEAST ONE PERSON. ACCORDING TO A REPORTER, AUTHORITIES DEACTIVATED A DYNAMITE BOMB PLACED IN A RESTROOM IN THE JORGE CHAVEZ AIRPORT TERMINAL.
- 4. COMMENT: WE ARE CHECKING ON STATUS OF SIX AMCIT PRISONERS HELD IN A SEPARATE CELL BLOCK AT LURIGANCHO PRISON. SCALE AND TIMING OF ATTACKS IS

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EXTREMELY EMBARRASSING TO GARCIA, AND SL MAY BE PREPARED FOR MORE. KEY QUESTION IS GOP AND MILITARY'S NEXT MOVE, WHICH HAS IMPORTANT POTENTIAL FOR INTERNAL POLITICAL SCENE, AS WELL AS PERU'S IMAGE ABROAD. IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER SALINAS' REMARK THAT PRISON TAKEOVERS WERE A MILITARY PROBLEM REFLECTS INITIATIVE OF GARCIA, OR MILITARY, OR BOTH. THE MILITARY ALTERNATELY CHAFE AT PERFORMING POLICE WORK (UNDER THE STATE OF EMERGENCY) AND COMPLAIN THEY CANNOT DO ENOUGH, SUCH AS DEAL WITH THE SL PRISON PRESENCE. GARCIA HAS NOT HESITATED TO PLACE PART OF THE ANTI-TERRORIST FIGHT ON THE MILITARY'S SHOULDERS, BUT HAS RESISTED MOVES THAT COULD HURT HIS IMAGE OR UNDERMINE HIS POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE ARMED FORCES. JORDAN

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