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 SUBJECT: SENDERO CAR BOMBS ROCK LIMA; ATTACKS
 POLICE STATIONS

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1. SUMMARY: ONE, POSSIBLY TWO, POWERFUL
 SENDERO LUMINOSO CAR BOMBS EXPLODED IN THE
 CENTER OF LIMA'S EXCLUSIVE MIRAFLORES DISTRICT
 AT 21:00 JULY 16. AT LEAST 18 PEOPLE WERE
 KILLED AND 200 WOUNDED. CASUALTY FIGURES ARE
 EXPECTED TO RISE. THE U.S. CONSULATE, THREE
 BLOCKS FROM THE BLASTS, SUFFERED MINOR DAMAGE.
 THREE USG TDY PERSONNEL STAYING IN NEARBY HOTELS
 RECEIVED MINOR INJURIES. THE BOMBS WERE THE
 FIRST IN LIMA IN WHICH SL SEEMED INTENT ON
 INFLECTING MASS CIVILIAN CASUALTIES. MISSION

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COUNTRY TEAM HAS MOVED ALL PERSONNEL OUT OF MIRAFLORES HOTELS AND TO REVIEW ALL COUNTRY CLEARANCES (REFTEL). END SUMMARY.

CAR BOMBS ROCK LIMA'S MIRAFLORES AREA

2. (U) ONE, POSSIBLY TWO, POWERFUL SENDERO LUMINOSO CAR BOMBS ROCKED LIMA'S MOST EXCLUSIVE BUSINESS DISTRICT, MIRAFLORES, AT 21:00 ON JULY 16. AT LEAST 18 PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND OVER 200 INJURED BY THE BLASTS, CAUSED BY AN ESTIMATED 300-350 KILOS OF DYNAMITE AND ANFO (AMMONIUM NITRATE MIXTURE). CASUALTIES ARE EXPECTED TO RISE. THE BOMBS EXPLODED WITHIN MINUTES ON THE SAME BLOCK, GUTTING BUILDINGS IMMEDIATELY NEXT TO THE BLASTS (INCLUDING AN 18 STORY
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APARTMENT/SHOPPING COMPLEX) AND CAUSING SERIOUS DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS WITHIN A KILOMETER. A MAJOR FIRE AT AN APARTMENT COMPLEX AND A POWER OUTAGE IN THE AREA ADDED TO THE CHAOS AND CONFUSION. THE BOMBS WENT OFF THREE BLOCKS FROM THE U.S. CONSULATE, WHICH SUFFERED DAMAGE TO TWO DOORS. WINDOWS WERE BROKEN IN APARTMENTS ABOVE THE CONSULATE. THE AREA IS LIMA'S PRIMARY HOTEL AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT. THREE USG TDY PERSONNEL RECIEVED SLIGHT INJURIES FROM THE BLAST. THEY INCLUDED DEA CONTRACTOR DONALD HART, WHO REQUIRED STITCHES AND FAA OFFICIAL VICTOR TAMARIZ, WHO HAD FACIAL CUTS.

POLICE STATIONS ATTACKED; OTHER BOMBINGS

3. (U) ABOUT 20:30 SENDERO BLACKED OUT PARTS OF LIMA BY BLOWING DOWN HIGH TENSION POWER PYLONS AROUND THE CITY. SENDERO SIMULTANEOUSLY ATTACKED FOUR POLICE STATIONS, THREE IN LIMA'S "SOUTHERN CONE" SUBURBS AND PRESS REPORTS OF ONE IN LIMA'S PORT CITY OF CALLAO. A REPORTED 300 KILO CAR BOMB AT THE CALLAO STATION INJURED AT LEAST TWO POLICEMEN AND AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF CIVILIANS. POLICE REPORTEDLY DEACTIVATED A 400 KILO CAR BOMB A BLOCK FROM THE STATION IN

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LIMA'S SOUTHERN VILLA MARIA DEL TRIUNFO PUEBLO JOVEN (NEAR VILLA EL SALVADOR). REPORTS INDICATE SENDERO TERRORISTS FIRST TRIED TO PIN DOWN THE POLICE INSIDE SOME OF THE STATIONS WITH [REDACTED]

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SMALL ARMS FIRE. AT 05:30 ON JULY 17 SENDERO BOMBED AND SERIOUSLY DAMAGED THE POLICE'S MAKESHIFT STATION AT VILLA EL SALVADOR'S MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, REPORTEDLY WOUNDING SOME EIGHT POLICEMEN. THE VILLA EL SALVADOR POLICE STATION WAS LEVELED BY AN EARLIER SENDERO CAR BOMB ON APRIL 8. A BANK AND A GAS STATION IN LIMA'S LOWER MIDDLE CLASS LA VICTORIA NEIGHBORHOOD WERE ALSO BOMBED ABOUT 21:00 ON JULY 16.

COMMENT

4. [REDACTED] THE TIMING AND LOCATION OF THE [REDACTED]

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