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 SL STAGES SMALL SCALE ATTACKS

1. (C) SUMMARY: POLICE IN LIMA HANDED SENDERO

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 ANOTHER HEAVY BLOW ON JUNE 16 WITH THE CAPTURE
 OF TWO VERY SENIOR SENDERO LEADERS, SL NATIONAL
 COORDINATOR MOISES LIMACO AND NATIONAL SOCCORO
 POPULAR LEADER MARIO VARGAS ROJAS. TWO DAYS
 LATER, SENDERO MANAGED TO CARRY OUT SMALL
 TERRORIST ACTIONS WITH NO FATALITIES TO MARK THE
 ANNIVERSARY OF THE JUNE 18 LOS PENALES MASSACRE.
 SALIENT SL EFFORTS INCLUDED THE ASSASSINATION OF
 A LIMA GRASS ROOTS LEADER ON JUNE 21, THE
 FORTUITOUS FIND AND DEACTIVATION OF A 120 KILO
 CART-BOMB. IN A POSSIBLY RELATED INCIDENT, A
 STICK OF DYNAMITE WAS THROWN AT A MORMON CHAPEL

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IN HUANCAYO LATE ON JUNE 15, WITH LITTLE DAMAGE AND NO INJURIES. IN A TELEVISION INTERVIEW, PRESIDENT FUJIMORI PRAISED POLICE FOR THE CAPTURES AND TOOK CREDIT FOR THE OVERALL STRATEGY THAT HAD TURNED THE TIDE AGAINST THE TERRORISTS. FUJIMORI BECAME DEFENSIVE OVER THE "ERRONEOUS" RELEASE OF TWO "UNREPENTANT" MID-LEVEL SL TERRORISTS FROM JAIL, ARGUING THAT SUCH MISTAKES WOULD NOT OCCUR IF MILITARY TRIBUNALS HANDLED ALL TERRORISM CASES. END SUMMARY.

SENIOR SENDERO LEADERS DETAINED

2. (U) AT APPROXIMATELY 1600 ON JUNE 17, POLICE IN NORTHERN LIMA'S COMAS SHANTYTOWN CAPTURED MOISES SIMON LIMACO HUAYASCACHI (AKA COMRADE RAMIRO), DESCRIBED BY PRESIDENT FUJIMORI DURING A JUNE 19 TELEVISION INTERVIEW AS SENDERO

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 LUMINOSO'S NATIONAL COORDINATOR, ONE OF THE MOST SENIOR SL LEADERS RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATION OF LOGISTICS AND PERSONNEL AND A MEMBER OF THE SL'S NATIONAL CENTRAL COMMITTEE. LIMACO REPLACED WALTER ZENON VARGAS (AKA COMRADE ARTURO) WHO WAS CAPTURED SHORTLY AFTER SENDERO FOUNDER ABIMAEEL GUZMAN WAS DETAINED IN SEPTEMBER 1992. ALONG WITH LIMACO, POLICE ALSO DETAINED MARIO VARGAS ROJAS (AKA COMRADE ROBERTO), DESCRIBED BY FUJIMORI AS THE NATIONAL HEAD OF THE SL'S MAIN SUPPORT ORGANIZATION, SOCCORO POPULAR. VARGAS HAD REPLACED MARTHA HUATAY RUIZ, WHO WAS ALSO CAPTURED IN SEPTEMBER 1992. SL MEMBER WALTER TUPAC YUPANQUI ASTUQUILCA WAS ALSO DETAINED ALONG WITH LIMACO AND VARGAS. THESE CAPTURES FOLLOW THE DETENTION IN NORTHERN LIMA DEPARTMENT OF FELIPE TENORIO BARBARAN ON MAY 17, WHO WAS A RESERVE MEMBER OF SL'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

3. (U) LIMA PRESS REPORTED THAT THE CAPTURES DISRUPTED SENDERO PLANS TO STAGE LARGE SCALE TERRORIST ACTIONS IN LIMA TO MARK THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE "LOS PENALES" MASSACRE OF SENDERO INMATES DURING A PRISON UPRISING ON JUNE 18, 1986. DESPITE THE CAPTURES, SENDERO DID

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STAGE SEVERAL ATTACKS IN LIMA AND ELSEWHERE:

-- AT ABOUT 2145 ON JUNE 17, SENDERISTAS
DETONATED SMALL DEVICES ESTIMATED AT 200 GRAMS
OF DYNAMITE EACH OUTSIDE BANKS IN LIMA'S SAN
MARTIN DE PORRES AND SURQUILLO DISTRICTS. THREE
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YOUTHS OUTSIDE THE SURQUILLO BANCO CONTINENTAL
BRANCH SUFFERED MINOR INJURIES.

-- AT 0100 ON JUNE 18, AN ESTIMATED 200 GRAMS OF
DYNAMITE EXPLODED OUTSIDE A BANK IN NORTHERN
LIMA'S INDEPENDENCIA SHANTYTOWN. NO INJURIES
WERE REPORTED.

-- AT 2040 ON JUNE 18 A SIMILAR SMALL DEVICE
EXPLODED OUTSIDE A TELEPHONE COMPANY OFFICE IN
SOUTHERN LIMA'S CHORRILLOS DISTRICT AND A
RETIREMENT FUND OFFICE IN NORTHERN LIMA'S COMAS
SHANTYTOWN. NO INJURIES AND ONLY LIGHT DAMAGE
WERE REPORTED.
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 -- AT 2300 THE SAME DAY ANOTHER SMALL DEVICE AT
 A HIGH SCHOOL IN COMAS CAUSED LIGHT DAMAGE BUT
 NO INJURIES.

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-- AT APPROXIMATELY 0730 ON JUNE 20, TWO MEN AND
 WOMAN ASSASSINATED DAVID CHACALIAZA, COMMUNITY
 SERVICES SECRETARY OF HUAYCAN, AS HE WAITED AS
 PER HIS MORNING ROUTINE AT A BUS STOP NEAR HIS
 HOME. THE YOUNG WOMAN SHOT AT HIM FIRST WITH A
 PISTOL, AND THE YOUNG MEN DELIVERED THE COUP DE
 GRACE. A SMALL EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WAS PLACED ON
 CHACALIAZA'S CHEST (AN SL SIGNATURE) BUT DID NOT
 EXPLODE. SENDERO FLYERS STATING "SO DIE THE
 LACKEYS AND DOGS OF THE GENOCIDAL DICTATORSHIP"
 WERE LEFT STREWN NEAR THE BODY. HIS WIFE, STILL
 IN SHOCK FROM HER LOSS, INSISTED THAT SENDERO
 HAD NEVER THREATENED CHACALIAZA PRIOR TO THE
 ASSASSINATION.

-- AT 1230 ON JUNE 20, A POLICE BOMB SQUAD
 DEACTIVATED A CART-BOMB IN CENTRAL LIMA WITH 120
 KILOGRAMS OF AMMONIUM NITRATE FUEL OIL (ANFO)
 AND 5 KILOGRAMS OF DYNAMITE. THE CART-BOMB WAS
 DISCOVERED BY HAPPENSTANCE WHEN IT WAS LEFT AT A
 WAREHOUSE ON JUNE 16 TO BE REPAIRED AFTER A
 WHEEL ON THE TRICYCLE CART BROKE. A REPAIRMAN
 TRYING TO FIX THE CART SAID HE FOUND THE BOMB
 WHEN HE UNLOADED THE CART BECAUSE ITS UNUSUALLY
 HEAVY WEIGHT MADE THE REPAIRS DIFFICULT.
 COMMENT: WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT THE TARGET FOR THE
 BOMB MIGHT HAVE BEEN, BUT THE WAREHOUSE LOCATED
 AT 171 TARMA STREET, SANTA BEATRIZ, IS WITHIN
 THREE BLOCKS OF A VARIETY OF POTENTIAL TARGETS,
 INCLUDING THE EMBASSY, A TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

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 OFFICE, THE NATIONAL TAX ADMINISTRATION OFFICES,
 AND COUNTER TERRORISM POLICE HEADQUARTERS. END
 COMMENT.

-- AT 2020 ON JUNE 20, PRESUMED SENDERO
 TERRORISTS DETONATED AN ESTIMATED 10 KILO ANFO
 BOMB AGAINST THE REAR OF A POLICE STATION IN THE
 ZARATE SECTION OF NORTHERN LIMA'S SAN JUAN DE
 LURIGANCHO DISTRICT. MODERATE DAMAGE TO THE
 POLICE STATION WAS REPORTED BUT NO INJURIES.

4. (C) A MORMON CHURCH OFFICIAL TOLD POLOFF
 JUNE 21 THAT AT ABOUT 2030 ON JUNE 15, A STICK
 OF DYNAMITE WAS THROWN AT A CHAPEL IN CHILCA,
 JUST OUTSIDE HUANCAYO CITY, IN JUNIN DEPARTMENT.
 THE EXPLOSION DETONATED ON THE CHAPEL STEPS AND
 BLEW OUT WINDOWS IN THE CHAPEL AND BUILDINGS NEXT
 TO THE CHAPEL, BUT CAUSED NO INJURIES. DAMAGE
 WAS ESTIMATED AT USD 250. THE MORMON OFFICIAL
 SPECULATED THAT THE ATTACK MAY NOT HAVE BEEN
 TERRORIST RELATED AS THERE HAVE BEEN NO THREATS
 AGAINST THE CHURCH FOR MORE THAN A YEAR AND THERE
 WERE NO TERRORIST FLYERS OR GRAFFITI LEFT AT THE
 CHAPEL. THE GENERAL IN CHARGE OF THE POLICE IN
 HUANCAYO TOLD EMBASSY ON JUNE 20 THAT THE STICK
 OF DYNAMITE HAD DETONATED SOME 20 METERS FROM THE
 CHAPEL AT 2115, BLOWING OUT SOME WINDOWS BUT
 CAUSING NO INJURIES. (COMMENT: WE ARE UNSURE
 WHY THERE IS A DISCREPANCY IN REPORTING ON THE
 INCIDENT -- PERHAPS THE GENERAL SOUGHT TO
 DOWNPLAY WHAT OCCURRED. END COMMENT.)

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FUJIMORI TOUCHY OVER CREDITS FOR WINNING THE WAR

5. (C) DURING A TELEVISION INTERVIEW ON JUNE 19,
 PRESIDENT FUJIMORI SAID THAT HE ALONE WAS
 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GOP'S WINNING STRATEGY
 AGAINST THE TERRORISTS. FUJIMORI SAID THAT HE

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TOOK THE BLAME FOR THE MISTAKES IN THE GOP'S
COUNTER-TERRORIST EFFORT AND ALSO FOR WHAT WENT
RIGHT. HE PRAISED THE POLICE FOR THE CAPTURES
AND ADDED (SURPRISINGLY) THAT THE POLICE WERE
REAPING THE BENEFITS OF YEARS OF DOGGED POLICE
WORK THAT HAD BEGUN UNDER PREVIOUS
ADMINISTRATIONS.

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6. (U) THE PRESIDENT BECAME DEFENSIVE WHEN THE
INTERVIEWER ASKED THE PRESIDENT ABOUT A RECENT
MAY ARTICLE AUTHORED BY PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY

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ADVISOR VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS, WHICH PRESENTS THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIN) AS A LEADING PLAYER IN TURNING THE TIDE AGAINST SENDERO. THE PRESIDENT REPLIED THAT HE HAD NOT READ THE PIECE, HAD NOT AUTHORIZED IT, AND SAID HE WAS SURE THAT THE PIECE HAD NOT APPEARED IN A WIDELY CIRCULATED MEDIUM. THE PRESIDENT LOOKED DISCONCERTED WHEN THE INTERVIEWER TOLD HIM THAT THE PIECE HAD RUN IN PRO-GOP MASS CIRCULATION DAILY "EXPRESO," AND TRIED TO CHANGE THE SUBJECT. WHEN THE INTERVIEWER NEXT MENTIONED THAT "AGENT 001," WHOM THE PRESIDENT HAD ANNOUNCED HAD LED "PEACE ACCORD" TALKS WITH GUZMAN, HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED IN THE LIMA PRESS AS RAFAEL MERINO BARTET, THE PRESIDENT DEFENSIVELY DENIED EVEN KNOWING WHO MERINO WAS. (COMMENT: MERINO HAS WORKED WITH, OR FOR, MONTESINOS IN THE SIN. END COMMENT.)

FUJI ALSO TOUCHY OVER "HIS" REPENTANT STRATEGY

7. (U) DURING HIS INTERVIEW A BEAMING FUJIMORI ALSO DECLARED THAT THE KEY ELEMENT THAT HE HAD INTRODUCED, THE "REPENTANT TERRORIST" LAW, HAD ENCOURAGED CAPTURED TERRORISTS TO TURN IN THEIR OLD COMRADES IN EXCHANGE FOR A REDUCTION OR ELIMINATION OF THEIR SENTENCES. AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF THIS, HE SAID, HAD BEEN THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY LUIS ARANA FRANCO, CAPTURED IN JUNE 1992 WHILE THE HEAD OF COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL WHICH PROVIDED COVER FOR AN
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 SL FINANCE FRONT STRUCTURE. ACCORDING TO FUJIMORI, ARANA FRANCO HAD PROVIDED INFORMATION THAT LED THE POLICE TO MARITZA GARRIDO-LECCA, WHO IN TURN LED THEM TO SENDERO FOUNDER ABIMAEEL GUZMAN. THIS CHAIN OF ARRESTS HAD BROKEN SENDERO'S BACK AND HASTENED THE TERRORISTS' IMPENDING DEFEAT, SAID FUJIMORI. UNLIKE IN PREVIOUS STATEMENTS, HOWEVER; FUJIMORI AVOIDED MAKING HIS STANDARD PLEDGE TO END TERRORISM BY 1995.

8. (U) AS A RESULT OF PROVIDING EXTENSIVE INFORMATION ON SENDERO, ARANA FRANCO'S SENTENCE

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HAD BEEN COMMUTED AND HE WAS NOW FREE. PROOF OF ARANA FRANCO'S "GENUINE REPENTANCE" WAS THAT HIS LIFE WAS NOW IN DANGER FOR HAVING PROVIDED STATE EVIDENCE AND HIS IDENTITY HAD TO BE CHANGED, FUJIMORI SAID PROUDLY. THE PRESIDENT ARGUED THAT ARANA SHOULD SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE TO OTHER JAILED SENDERISTAS TO COME FORWARD AND PROVIDE INFORMATION. (COMMENT: LEFT UNANSWERED WAS WHY FUJIMORI DECIDED TO CONFIRM ARANA'S BETRAYAL OF SENDERO COLLEAGUES ON NATIONAL TELEVISION AND FINGERING HIM FOR TURNING IN HIS COLLEAGUES WILL INDUCE OTHER SL TERRORISTS TO SURRENDER TO POLICE. END COMMENT.)

9. (U) BECOMING DEFENSIVE (AGAIN) LATER ON IN THE INTERVIEW, FUJIMORI ADMITTED THAT THE RELEASE OF JUAN CARLOS RIOS FERNANDEZ (AKA COMRADE NORMAN) AND MONICA FERIA TINTA, BOTH "UNREPENTENT

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 TERRORISTS," HAD BEEN MISTAKES -- MADE, HE EMPHASIZED, BY CIVILIAN COURTS. THE PRESS HAS IDENTIFIED RIOS AS THE MASTERMIND BEHIND A DEADLY 1992 CAR BOMB AGAINST TV CHANNEL 2 -- WHERE THE INTERVIEW WAS TAKING PLACE -- AND THE ASSASSINATION OF POPULAR GRASSROOTS LEADER MARIA ELENA MOYANO, ALSO IN 1992; FERIA WAS ASSOCIATED WITH SL'S CLANDESTINE "EL DIARIO" NEWSPAPER. THE PRESIDENT ADDED THAT IN THE RIOS CASE, HE HAD BEEN DETAINED EVEN BEFORE THE REPENTANCE LAW HAD COME INTO EFFECT, BUT THE RELEASE HAD CLEARLY BEEN AN ERROR BY THE CIVILIAN COURTS AND NEEDED TO BE INVESTIGATED. (COMMENT: SOME LIMA MEDIA HAVE CLAIMED THAT AS MANY AS 60 UNREPENTANT SL TERRORISTS HAVE BEEN ERRONEOUSLY RELEASED OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS. EXPLANATIONS FOR THIS VARY

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 WIDELY AND LIKELY VARY FROM CASE TO CASE. THE
 SUPREME COURT IS SCHEDULED TO RELEASE A REPORT
 ON WHY RIOS AND FERIA WERE RELEASED SOON. END

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 COMMENT.)

10. (U) FUJIMORI USED THE QUESTION TO ONCE AGAIN SAY THAT HE ALL TERRORISTS' CASES SHOULD BE TRIED IN SECRET MILITARY TRIBUNALS, A PROCEDURE WHICH WOULD ELIMINATE SIMILAR MISTAKES BEING MADE IN THE FUTURE. THE PRESIDENT WAS QUICK TO DISCARD ANY SIMILARITY TO THE ACCIDENTAL RELEASE OF THE TWO MID-LEVEL TERRORISTS TO THE 200-PLUS TERRORISTS WHICH WERE RELEASED BY THE CIVILIAN COURTS IN THE MONTHS BEFORE HE STAGED HIS COUP ON APRIL 5, 1992 -- USING THE RELEASE OF THE 200 TERRORISTS AS ONE OF HIS EXCUSES FOR THE COUP.

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11. (U) FUJIMORI EMPHATICALLY SAID THERE WERE NO PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WITH SENDERO OR MRTA. UNLIKE OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE THERE WERE NEGOTIATIONS WITH INSURGENT FORCES, THERE WOULD BE NO PEACE TALKS WITH PERU'S TERRORIST GROUPS. THE PERUVIAN STRATEGY WAS TO ANNIHILATE THE TERRORISTS, PERIOD, SAID FUJIMORI.

12. (C) COMMENT: THE CAPTURE OF LIMACO AND RIOS ARE A HEAVY BLOW AGAINST SENDERO AND DEMONSTRATE ONCE AGAIN THAT THE SECURITY FORCES (PRIMARILY THE POLICE) CONTINUE TO MAKE IMPRESSIVE GAINS AGAINST SENDERO, ESPECIALLY IN LIMA -- CAPTURING TWO CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS
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IN LESS THAN 30 DAYS.. HOWEVER, FUJIMORI INADVERTANTLY CONFIRMED THAT SENDERO HAS REESTABLISHED ITS LEADERSHIP AFTER ITS SEPTEMBER 1992 DEBACLE AND UNNECESSARILY PUBLICLY EXPOSED REPENTANT TERRORIST LUIS ARANA FRANCO TO SL RETRIBUTION AS A KEY INFORMANT. IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT THE GOP ANNOUNCED THE CAPTURE OF LIMACO AND RIOS WITHIN HOURS OF HIS ARREST -- BY 1800 ON JUNE 16 CHANNEL 2 REPORTED THAT FUJIMORI HAD PERSONALLY ANNOUNCED THE CAPTURE. FUJIMORI LEAPED TO TAKE CREDIT FOR ALL THE SUCCESS AGAINST THE TERRORISTS HE CAN GET.
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