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 SUBJECT: RECENT SENDERO LUMINOSO OPERATIONS: BROAD  
 - RANGE, VARIED METHODS  
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1. (C) SUMMARY: SL HAS CARRIED OUT SEVERAL HIGH  
 PROFILE ACTIONS IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS: AMBUSHES  
 OF MILITARY AND GOP CIVILIAN VEHICLES, ASSASSINATIONS,  
 SABOTAGE, AND PARTICIPATION IN A LIMA DEMONSTRATION.  
 THE ARMY SUFFERED ITS HIGHEST CASUALTIES IN A  
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SINGLE ATTACK IN SL'S EIGHT YEAR WAR. THE ACTIONS

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ILLUSTRATE THE RANGE OF SL AREA AND METHODS OF OPERATIONS, INCLUDING EMPHASIS ON URBAN POLITICAL WORK AND INCREASED ATTENTION TO THE UHV AND THE MANTARO RIVER VALLEY. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) RECENTLY SL HAS CARRIED OUT A NUMBER OF ATTENTION-GRABBING ACTIONS. ON FEBRUARY 8 AN SL UNIT KILLED FIVE PERSONS FROM THE STATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY (ENTEL) IN THE COUNTRYSIDE NEAR TINGO MARIA. THE VICTIMS WERE EN ROUTE TO REPAIR A MICROWAVE TRANSMISSION TOWER DESTROYED BY SL IN JULY 1987. SL MEMBERS AMBUSHED THE VICTIMS' TRUCK WITH GRENADES AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, KILLING FIVE AND WOUNDING TWO. ON FEBRUARY 13 SL SET FIRE TO GOP DEVELOPMENT OFFICES OUTSIDE TOCACHE; NO ONE WAS INJURED.

3. (U) AN SL UNIT AMBUSHED A MILITARY TRUCK ON FEBRUARY 12 IN THE HUANUCO EMERGENCY ZONE. THE VEHICLE WAS CARRYING SOLDIERS WHO HAD FINISHED A CIVIC ACTION PROJECT IN PARCOY, AND WERE RETURNING TO HUANUCO CITY. ALTHOUGH DETAILS ARE SKETCHY, IT APPEARS SL DETONATED AN EXPLOSIVE CHARGE ON THE ROAD UNDERNEATH THE TRUCK AND THEN STRAFED THE VEHICLE. NINE SOLDIERS WERE KILLED, AND 15 WOUNDED, THE HIGHEST ARMY CASUALTIES IN A SINGLE ATTACK. THE DEAD INCLUDED A LIEUTENANT AND THREE NCOS.

4. (U) SL UNITS HAVE BEEN MORE ACTIVE RECENTLY IN THE PASCO-JUNIN AREA AS WELL. IN THE PASCO DEPARTMENT THERE WERE THREE ATTACKS IN LESS THAN 10 DAYS

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AGAINST THE STATE MINING COMPANY (CENTROMIN) FACILITY IN CERRO DE PASCO, AS WELL AS THE FEBRUARY 6 DESTRUCTION OF RAILROAD TRACK BETWEEN CERRO DE PASCO AND LA OROYA. ON FEBRUARY 10, SL SET OFF EXPLOSIVES AT NINE DIFFERENT GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND BUSINESSES IN HUANCAYO, UNDER THE COVER OF A BLACKOUT. ON FEBRUARY 15 SL AGAIN BLEW UP A SECTION OF RAILROAD TRACK.

5. (U) IN AYACUCHO SL HAS NOT CARRIED OUT ANY

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MAJOR OPERATIONS, BUT ASSASSINATIONS OF POLICE AND OTHERS CONTINUE. TWO POLICEMEN ON A BUS WERE KILLED BY SL AT AN SL ROADBLOCK BETWEEN AYACUCHO AND LIMA ON FEBRUARY 9; THE SAME DAY, SL KILLED A POLICE OFFICER AND HIS WIFE AT THE TOURIST SITE OF QUINUA, OUTSIDE AYACUCHO CITY. APPARENT SL MEMBERS ALSO KILLED A HUAMANGA UNIVERSITY (AYACUCHO) PROFESSOR AT HIS HOME ON FEBRUARY 12 (MOTIVE IS UNCLEAR). ON FEBRUARY 15, SL KILLED A POLICEMAN IN BROAD DAYLIGHT IN AYACUCHO DURING CARNIVAL FESTIVITIES.

6. (U) ON FEBRUARY 12 STUDENTS FROM THREE LIMA UNIVERSITIES ORGANIZED A PROTEST MARCH TO MARK THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE GOP'S 1987 RAID ON THE THREE CAMPUSES. MASKED SL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, CHANTING SLOGANS AND DISTRIBUTING SL LITERATURE.

7. (C) COMMENT: THESE ACTIONS ILLUSTRATE BOTH THE BREADTH OF SL'S AREAS OF OPERATIONS AS WELL AS THE VARIETY OF ITS METHODS. THE ATTACKS OCCURRED IN AN ALMOST UNBROKEN CHAIN FROM THE UHV SOUTH TO AYACUCHO. ASSASSINATIONS ("SELECTIVE ANNIHILATION"), SUCH AS THOSE IN AYACUCHO, REMAIN SL'S STRONG SUIT. AMBUSHES SUCH AS THAT AGAINST THE MILITARY TRUCK

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ARE LESS COMMON; THE ARMY SUFFERED 10 DEAD IN  
A SIMILAR APRIL 1987 AMBUSH IN HUANCAYELICA. (IN  
BOTH CASES THE AMBUSHES REFLECTED GOOD INTELLIGENCE  
ON SL'S PART, AND INADEQUATE SECURITY PRECAUTIONS  
(ONLY ONE VEHICLE) TAKEN BY THE ARMY.)

8. (C) THE SL ATTACKS IN THE WHV FOLLOW CONSIDERABLE  
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GROWTH IN SL'S STRENGTH IN THAT ZONE OVER THE LAST  
YEAR: THEY UNDERSCORE THE GOP'S DIFFICULTIES IN

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CONTROLLING AREAS WHERE ITS INFLUENCE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN UNDERMINED BY THE NARCOTICS TRADE.

9. (C) THE SL PARTICIPATION IN THE STUDENT DEMONSTRATION IS ONE MORE ILLUSTRATION OF ITS DECISION TO COMPETE WITH THE LEGAL LEFT AND THE MRTA IN "OPEN" POLITICAL ARENA, INCLUDING THE UNIVERSITIES, UNIONS, AND SHANTYTOWNS.

10. (C) THE ATTACKS AGAINST CENTROMIN IN PASCO CLEARLY ARE DESIGNED TO SABOTAGE THIS IMPORTANT MINERAL PRODUCER AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNER. CENTROMIN HAS SUFFERED OTHER SL INCURSIONS SPORADICALLY OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. THE LATEST ROUND OF ATTACKS REFLECTS MORE THOUGHTFUL TARGETTING: AN ORE TRAIN ONE DAY, A MINING FACILITY THE NEXT, AND THE ELECTRICAL POWER GRID AFTER THAT. THE SL BOMBINGS MAY HAVE BEEN A RESPONSE TO INCREASED MRTA ACTIVITY IN HUANCAYO AND THE SURROUNDING MANTARO RIVER VALLEY (SEPTEL).

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