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1. SUMMARY. LIMA IS ONCE AGAIN STUNNED BY
 A DARING SENDERO ATTACK JUNE 3 AGAINST A MILITARY
 BUS SIX BLOCKS FROM THE PARLIAMENT BUILDING.
 AT LEAST SEVEN SOLDIERS FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL
 ESCORT BATTALION DIED. THE BOMB THAT DESTROYED
 THE BUS ALSO WOUNDED (AND PROBABLY KILLED SOME OF)
 DOZENS OF PASSERS-BY. PERUVIANS ARE ALSO
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ATTEMPTING TO UNDERSTAND THE MAY 31 KILLING

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OF A WOMAN ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTER FOR "EL COMERCIO". SHE AND THE DIRECTOR OF A VICUNA PROJECT WERE KILLED BY SENDERO IN HUANCVELICA DEPARTMENT. WHILE FOCUSING ON THESE TWO INCIDENTS, THE PRESS IS UNDERPLAYING A SENDERO AMBUSH OF A POLICE PATROL IN THE UHV IN WHICH AT LEAST FIVE DIED, AND CONTINUED SL ATTACKS IN ANCASH DEPARTMENT. THIS DEPARTMENT TO LIMA'S NORTH HAS CLEARLY BECOME THE FOCUS OF A NEW SENDERO FRONT. ADDED TO THE FEAR WE SENSE HERE IS A GROWING BELIEF THAT THE MILITARY SHOULD BE GIVEN FREER REIN IN FIGHTING TERRORISM. END SUMMARY.

2. (C) THE AURA OF FEAR AND UNCERTAINTY IS ALMOST PALPABLE IN LIMA AND ELSEWHERE IN PERU. MAJOR TERRORIST INCIDENTS IN ANCASH DEPARTMENT TO THE NORTH OF LIMA, JUNIN AND HUANCVELICA TO THE EAST AND SOUTH, AND A DARING INCIDENT IN THE HEART OF LIMA, HAVE PERUVIANS ONCE AGAIN WONDERING IF THERE IS SAFETY ANYWHERE. THE INCIDENTS OF THE PAST WEEK PROVED ONCE MORE THAT SENDERO LUMINOSO IS CAPABLE OF SURPRISING EVEN THE VIOLENCE-HARDENED INHABITANTS OF THIS TERRORISM-WEARY NATION.

3. SOLDIERS DIE NEAR THE CONGRESS:

(U) NEAR NOON, SATURDAY, JUNE 3, SUSPECTED SENDERO TERRORISTS BOMBED AN UNARMED BUS CARRYING THE CHANGE OF THE GUARD FOR THE CEREMONIAL PRESIDENTIAL ESCORT BATTALION. THE BUS WAS CARRYING 20 TROOPS TO RELIEVE THE
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DETAIL ON DUTY AT THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE. SIX BLOCKS FROM THE PARLIAMENT, A VOLKSWAGEN TAXI STALLED ON THE STREET IN FRONT OF THE BUS. THE UNSUSPECTING SOLDIERS APPARENTLY DID NOT NOTICE A NEARBY "STREET VENDOR" TOSS A PACKAGE UNDER THEIR VEHICLE. SECONDS LATER THE PACKAGE EXPLODED, KILLING AT LEAST SEVEN SOLDIERS AND INJURING THE REST. DOZENS OF PEDESTRIANS WERE ALSO INJURED. THERE ARE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS OF CIVILIAN DEAD.

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4. (U) THE POLICE JUDGE THAT THE PACKAGE CONTAINED 100 STICKS OF DYNAMITE AND SEVERAL POUNDS OF ALUMINUM POWDER. THE BUS WAS TOTALLY DESTROYED. FROM ITS REMAINS IT SEEMED AMAZING THAT ANY OF THE POLICE HAD SURVIVED. WITNESSES DESCRIBED BODIES HURLED THROUGH THE AIR, THE DYING AND WOUNDED, CLOTHES IN FLAMES, LIMBS CRUSHED AND TWISTED, ATTEMPTING TO CRAWL AWAY FROM THE BURNING VEHICLE. FIVE SOLDIERS WERE PRONOUNCED DEAD AT THE SCENE. TWO DIED LATER.

5. (U) ONE POLICE OFFICER ALSO DIED. HE WAS WALKING TO WORK WHEN HE HEARD THE EXPLOSION AND SAW SEVERAL SUSPECTS FLEEING. HE DREW HIS REVOLVER AND SHOT ONE SUSPECT BEFORE HE WAS CUT DOWN BY MACHINE GUN FIRE. HE DIED AT THE HOSPITAL. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS THERE WERE FOUR TO SIX TERRORISTS, INCLUDING ONE WOMAN. THREE WERE IN THE TAXI WHICH WAS USED TO BLOCK THE STREET. THE TAXI HAD BEEN STOLEN EARLIER IN THE DAY. THE CAB DRIVER STUMBLED INTO A LIMA SUBURB POLICE STATION AT FOUR IN THE AFTERNOON, CLAIMING

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THAT HIS CAB HAD BEEN ROBBED AND HE HAD BEEN
DRUGGED BY AN INJECTION IN THE ARM. WE DO NOT
YET KNOW IF THESE PRESS-REPORTED DETAILS-ARE
ACCURATE. 5,000 LIMA RESIDENTS WERE DETAINED
FOLLOWING THE INCIDENT.

- PRESIDENT GARCIA VISITED THE SCENE OF THE BOMBING
LITTLE MORE THAN AN HOUR AFTER IT HAPPENED AND STAYED
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THE BETTER PART OF AN HOUR. HE TOLD REPORTERS THAT
FAILURE TO VARY THE SCHEDULE OF THE BUS WAS CLEARLY

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A FACTOR AND THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE WOULD BE PUNISHED.
COMMENT: THIS BOMBING DOES NOT BREAK NEW GROUND. A
POLICE BUS WAS DESTROYED WITH CONSIDERABLE LOSS OF
LIFE IN LIMA 18 MONTHS AGO, USING SIMILAR TECHNIQUES.

6. (C) SOME POLICE SOURCES HAVE TOLD US AND
THE PRESS THAT THE ATTACKERS WERE MRTA AND NOT
SENDERO. THE USE OF ALUMINUM CHLOROHYDRATE
IS TYPICAL OF MRTA OPERATIONS, AND HAS BEEN
THE EXPLOSIVE OF CHOICE IN MRTA ATTEMPTS AGAINST
LIMA AREA POWER LINES. WE WERE ALSO TOLD
THAT THE ALLEGED MODUS OF KIDNAPPING A CAR
OWNER AND DRUGGING HIM BY INJECTION CORRESPONDS TO
THE METHOD THE MRTA USED TO OBTAIN THE VEHICLE
USED IN THE MAY 6 ATTACK ON THE MILITARY POST
IN A LIMA SUBURB. THERE WERE NO FLYERS OR OTHER
PROPAGANDA TYPICAL OF MRTA ATTACKS.

7. (C) WE BELIEVE THE ATTACK WAS SENDERO.
THE TARGET, THE DISREGARD FOR HUMAN LIFE, AND
THE CARE OF THE EXECUTION, ALL POINT TO SL.
PIECING TOGETHER PRESS ACCOUNTS AND OUR OWN INVESTI-
GATIONS, WE BELIEVE THE TERRORISTS STALLED A
VEHICLE AT THE EXACT MOMENT THE BUS WAS MOVING
TOWARD THE PALACE. A TERRORIST "VENDOR"
WAS WAITING AT OR NEAR THE EXACT SPOT THE BUS
WAS HALTED. HE THREW THE DYNAMITE. THERE WERE
SUPPORTIVE TERRORISTS IN THE CROWD. WHEN THE
PASSING COP SURPRISED ONE OF THE FLEEING SUBVERSIVES,
THE OFFICER WAS IMMEDIATELY CUT DOWN BY BACK-UP
FORCES. OUR CONCLUSIONS ARE TENTATIVE, AND ARE
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COMPLICATED BY THE UTTER DISARRAY OF THE POLICE
INVESTIGATION. EMBASSY FSN INVESTIGATORS HAVE
BEEN TO SEVERAL OF THE POLICE OFFICES DEALING
WITH THE CASE. THEY TELL US THE INVESTIGATION
IS GETTING NOWHERE AND IS WITHOUT DIRECTION.

8. THE DEATH OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTER

(U) BARBARA D'ACHILLE WAS PERU'S MOST NOTED
ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTER. SHE WROTE PRIMARILY
FOR "EL COMERCIO", LIMA'S LARGEST CIRCULATION

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DAILY. ESTONIAN-BORN, HER FAMILY HAD EMIGRATED TO PERU BEFORE WWII. SHE WAS A LOVER OF PERU, ITS FLORA AND FAUNA, AND IN RECENT YEARS HAD DEDICATED HER WRITING TO ENVIRONMENTAL CAUSES. THAT INTEREST WOULD COST HER HER LIFE.

- BARBARA WAS WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO MANY OF US IN THE EMBASSY. SHE WAS A KEY CONTACT ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, INCLUDING THE USE OF HERBICIDES AGAINST COCA.

9. (U) SHE WAS TRAVELING IN THE HIGHLANDS OF THE HUANCVELICA DEPARTMENT PURSUING A STORY ON ENDANGERED SPECIES OF CAMELOIDS (LLAMAS, ALPACAS, ETC.) NATIVE TO PERU. WITH HER WAS HUGO CABEZAS, DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN CAMELOID PROJECT, TWO OTHER PROJECT TECHNICIANS, AND A DRIVER. THEY WERE HEADED TO A VICUNA PROJECT IN THE SIERRA VILLAGE OF TINYACLLA, NORTH OF HUANCVELICA.

10. (U) NEAR NOON MAY 31 THEIR VEHICLE WAS INTERCEPTED BY A SENDERO COLUMN. THE FIVE WERE TRANSPORTED TO A NEAR-BY COMMUNITY UNDER

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SENDERO CONTROL. ALL WERE QUESTIONED AS TO
THEIR BUSINESS IN THE AREA. NEAR SUNSET,
THREE OF THE PARTY WERE RELEASED. D'ACHILLE
AND CABEZAS WERE NOT. AS THE THREE ESCAPEES
WALKED DOWN THE TRAIL TOWARD SAFETY, THEY HEARD
THE SHOTS THAT KILLED THEIR TWO COMPANIONS.

11. (C) A MILITARY PATROL REACHED THE
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SITE OF THE KILLINGS THE NEXT DAY. THEY FOUND
D'ACHILLE AND CABEZAS, THEIR HANDS TIED BEHIND

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THEIR BACKS, BARE-FOOTED, LYING FACE-UP IN THE RAIN. BOTH HAD BEEN SHOT THROUGH THE FOREHEAD. D'ACHILLE'S MURDER SHOCKED THE LIMA JOURNALIST AND POLITICAL COMMUNITY. THE PRESS HAS PREVIOUSLY LARGELY BEEN IGNORED BY SENDERO. IN FACT, SENDERO OFTEN COOPERATES WITH VISITING PRESS (ESPECIALLY IN THE UPPER HUALLAGA VALLEY). WE WILL CONSIDER THE REASONS FOR D'ACHILLE'S MURDER SEPTEL.

12. ANOTHER AMBUSH IN THE UHV

(C) IT SEEMS A REPEAT OF A DOZEN SIMILAR INCIDENTS IN THE PAST YEAR. A POLICE PATROL IS DRIVING THE CARRETERA MARGINAL (THE UHV'S MAJOR NORTH-SOUTH ARTERIAL). IT IS AMBUSHED BY AN ENTRENCHED SENDERO COLUMN. THE SENDERO AMBUSH APPEARS BASED ON PREVIOUS INTELLIGENCE ON THE POLICE PATROL'S MOVEMENT.

13. (U) THIS LATEST AMBUSH OCCURRED JUNE 4 NEAR TOCACHE. THE UNIT WAS COMPOSED PRIMARILY OF SPECIAL OPERATIONS POLICE (DOES), THE PRINCIPAL TARGET OF SENDERO ATTACKS IN THE UHV. THEY WERE REPORTEDLY RETURNING FROM AN ANTI-NARCOTICS OPERATION. ACCORDING TO ANONYMOUS POLICE SOURCES QUOTED IN THE PRESS, FIVE POLICE DIED. THE NUMBER OF WOUNDED IS NOT KNOWN.

14. (C) THE JUNE 4 ATTACK IS NOTEWORTHY ONLY FOR THE ABSOLUTE SECRECY WHICH THE POLICE
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ARE MAINTAINING IN THE CASE. NONE OF OUR LIMA CONTACTS HAS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT SOURCES IN TINGO MARIA WHERE THE SURVIVORS WERE REPORTEDLY EVACUATED. GIVEN THE OTHER EVENTS OF THE WEEK, THE PRESS HAS BEEN CONTENT TO UNDER-PLAY THIS MOST RECENT POLICE DEFEAT IN THE UHV.

15. MORE ATTACKS IN ANCASH DEPARTMENT

(C) SENDERO HAS CLEARLY OPENED A NEW FRONT IN

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THE DEPARTMENT OF ANCASH, THE DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF LIMA DEPARTMENT. BEGINNING WITH THE SIMULTANEOUS ATTACKS OF MAY 25 AGAINST SEVERAL TOURIST FACILITIES IN AND AROUND HUARAZ CITY (LIMA 7889), THE SL HAS ATTACKED TARGETS IN DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE DEPARTMENT VIRTUALLY EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK SINCE.

16. (U) ON JUNE 2 A COLUMN ESTIMATED BETWEEN 50 AND 250 ATTACKED THE TOWN OF AIJA, 80 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF HUARAZ. ONE POLICEMAN WAS KILLED AND FOUR WOUNDED AS THE TERRORISTS OVERRAN THE POLICE STATION. THE SUBVERSIVES ALSO SACKED THE TOWN, TAKING AN UNKNOWN QUANTITY OF MONEY FROM THE LOCAL BANK AFTER KIDNAPPING AND THREATENING THE APRISTA GOVERNOR OF THE AREA WHO IS ALSO THE BANK DIRECTOR. THE POLITICIAN WAS LATER RELEASED UNHARMED. THE SAME SENDERO COLUMN ATTACKED THE TOWN OF LA MERCED THE FOLLOWING DAY, JUNE 3. THEY KILLED THE MAYOR, FELIPE MORENO.

17. (C) WE HAVE ALSO LEARNED

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OF AN UNPUBLISHED ATTACK ON
A PRIVATE RELIGIOUS DUTCH HEALTH PROJECT IN
THE ANCASH TOWN OF MASIN, 60 KILOMETERS NORTHEAST
OF HUARAZ. A SENDERO COLUMN ENTERED THE VILLAGE
MAY 27, SACKED THE PROJECT HEADQUARTERS, DISTRI-
BUTED ITS FOOD AND MEDICINE TO THE MASIN VILLAGERS,
THEN DYNAMITED THE BUILDING. THE SENDERO COMMANDER
ASKED THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE TWO DUTCHMEN
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WORKING THE PROJECT. BOTH, A DOCTOR AND A
TECHNICIAN, WERE VISITING A NEARBY VILLAGE.

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THEY SINCE HAVE BEEN EVACUATED TO LIMA.

18. THE AFTERMATH

(C) THE PEOPLE ARE AFRAID AGAIN. ACTUALLY THEY ARE AFRAID STILL, BUT LIKE AN ILLNESS THAT GOES INTO RECESSION ONLY TO FLARE UP UNEXPECTEDLY, THE PERUVIAN FEAR IS CURRENTLY IN HIGH FEVER. WE ARE HEARING IN SOME CIRCLES A GROWING FEELING THAT "IT IS TIME TO TURN THE MILITARY LOOSE" TO FIGHT SENDERO. THAT FORLORN WISH PRESUMES, OF COURSE, THAT THE MILITARY WANTS TO BE TURNED LOOSE.

19. (C) WE HAVE ALSO SPOKEN TO SOME OF THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE JUNE 4 FUNERAL FOR SIX OF THOSE KILLED IN THE BOMBING ATTACK ON THE MILITARY BUS. THESE WITNESSES TOLD US THAT MOST IN THE CROWD WERE FURIOUS AT THE SPEECH GIVEN BY THE RECENTLY APPOINTED MINISTER OF DEFENSE. GENERAL JULIO VELASQUEZ SAID, "WAITING IN THE PLACE OF THESE FALLEN ARE MANY MORE (SOLDIERS) READY TO GIVE THEIR LIVES IN DEFENSE OF THE PATRIA."

INSTEAD OF MORE, POINTLESS LOSS OF LIFE, PERUVIANS WANT A COHERENT STRATEGY BACKED BY SUFFICIENT RESOURCES AND POLITICAL WILL TO SUPPORT THE POLICE AND MILITARY.

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