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5. (C) WE DO NOT EXPECT SL VIOLENCE IN THE NEXT 48 HOURS TO SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT THE ELECTIONS IN LIMA OR ALONG THE COAST. WE BELIEVE THAT TRANSPORTATION DIFFICULTIES IN THE EMERGENCY ZONES, COMBINED WITH SL DEATH THREATS AGAINST VOTERS, WILL RESULT IN AN ABSENTEE RATE FOR THESE ELECTIONS HIGHER THAN THE 1985 ELECTION'S SEVEN PERCENT. IT IS ALSO LIKELY THAT THERE WILL BE ISOLATED ACTS OF VIOLENCE FOLLOWING THE ELECTION, DIRECTED AGAINST VOTERS AND ELECTION OFFICIALS. THEN WE EXPECT SL ACTIVITY TO TAPER OFF UNTIL RESUMING JUST PRIOR TO THE SECOND ROUND PRESIDENTIAL VOTING IN JUNE.

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1. (U) DURING THE WEEK LEADING UP TO THE APRIL 8 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, THERE HAS BEEN VERY LITTLE ANTI-ELECTION VIOLENCE IN LIMA. THE LAST MAJOR INCIDENTS WERE THE SCATTERED BOMBINGS THE NIGHT OF MARCH 28 AS SENDERO CLOSED OUT ITS ATTEMPTED ARMED STRIKE. 33 OF THE 128 SUSPECTED TERRORISTS ARRESTED THE WEEK OF THE STRIKE HAVE BEEN FORMALLY CHARGED. COLONEL JAVIER PALACIOS PARADED TWO DOZEN OF THEM BEFORE TELEVISION CAMERAS THIS WEEK, AND EXPLAINED THAT THE POLICE HAVE THE SITUATION IN LIMA UNDER CONTROL.
2. (U) THE LEVEL OF VIOLENCE IN THE INTERIOR REMAINS HIGH. AYACUCHO HAS BLACKED OUT AGAIN APRIL 2, ONE DAY AFTER POWER WAS RESTORED FOLLOWING EIGHT DAYS WITHOUT LIGHTS. THERE ARE DAILY BOMBINGS AND KILLINGS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN AYACUCHO, JUNIN, PASCO AND ANCASH DEPARTMENTS. ARMED STRIKES HAVE BEEN CALLED IN PARTS OF ALL THESE DEPARTMENTS.
3. (U) A DEATH THREAT WAS ISSUED AGAINST THE OWNERS AND DRIVERS OF INTER-DEPARTMENTAL BUSES TRAVELING BETWEEN LIMA AND CITIES IN JUNIN AND PASCO DEPARTMENTS. THE THREE COMPANIES WHICH RUN REGULAR ROUTES HAVE SUSPENDED ALL TRIPS UNTIL AFTER THE ELECTIONS. BUS TRAVEL NORTH AND SOUTH ALONG THE COAST APPEARS UNAFFECTED BY SENDERO THREATS AGAINST COMMUTING VOTERS.
4. (U) THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF DISTURBANCES AT ANY OF PERU'S PRISONS. CURRENT POWER RATIONING IN LIMA IS DUE TO LOW WATER AT HYDROELECTRIC PLANTS, NOT SL ACTION. THERE HAVE BEEN NO SERIOUS ATTEMPTS AGAINST CANDIDATES SINCE THE MARCH 23 KILLING OF A FREDEMO PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATE IN LIMA. SL IS BELIEVED RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BOMBING OF AN APRIL 4 APRA RALLY IN TRUJILLO. TWO CHILDREN IN THE CROWD LISTENING TO

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