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1. (C) SUMMARY: SENDERO LUMINOSO LED UP TO ITS
ANNOUNCED FEBRUARY 14 "ARMED STRIKE" WITH A
SERIES OF BOMBINGS THAT STRUCK THE AMBASSADOR'S
RESIDENCE, GOVERNMENT OFFICES, BANKS AND OTHER
TARGETS, LEAVING AT LEAST FIVE DEAD AND OVER
FORTY INJURED. ASSASSINATIONS, THREATS TO
PUBLIC TRANSPORT DRIVERS AND OTHER TERRORIST

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ACTIONS HAVE STEADILY INCREASED TENSIONS IN THE CITY, BUILDING UP TO THE STRIKE. NEWS REPORTS INDICATE THE GOP IS MOBILIZING AS MANY AS 10,000 POLICEMEN. END SUMMARY.

SENDERO FLYER CALLS FOR ARMED STRIKE FEBRUARY 14

2. SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) CALLED FOR AN "ARMED STRIKE" ON FEBRUARY 14 AND BACKED UP ITS CALL WITH A SERIES OF VIOLENT ACTIONS AIMED AT INTIMIDATING LIMA'S POPULATION INTO COMPLIANCE. A FLYER WIDELY CIRCULATING AROUND METROPOLITAN LIMA AND SURROUNDING SHANTY TOWNS CALLS FOR THE STRIKE IN SUPPORT OF "LAND, SALARIES AND NATIONAL PRODUCTION, THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE AND POPULAR WAR, AND THE POPULAR REPUBLIC OF PERU." THE FLYER ATTACKS PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S ELECTORAL LEGITIMACY AND ENUMERATES A LONG LIST OF SUPPOSED GOP ATROCITIES AGAINST "THE PEOPLE." IT ALSO REPEATEDLY ATTACKS "YANKEE IMPERIALISM" AND GIVES CREDIT TO SENDERO FOR "SHOOTING DOWN" THE "DEA HELICOPTER."
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SENDERO STEPS UP PRESSURE ON LIMA

3. (U) SENDERO STEPPED UP PRESSURE ON LIMA IN THE RUN UP TO ITS "ARMED STRIKE" WITH A WAVE OF HIGH-PROFILE TERRORIST BOMBINGS BEGINNING WITH THE FEBRUARY 7 BOMBING OF THE NATIONAL TAX SUPERINTENDENCY (SUNAT) OFFICES THAT KILLED ONE AND LEFT 35 INJURED (REF A). THIS BOMBING, AND A COMPANION BOMBING OF THE NATIONAL PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION INSTITUTE (INAP) WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A SIMULTANEOUS BLACKOUT, A NORMAL SL TACTIC. SL CRAFTILY CHOSE THIS TARGET SINCE THE BOMBING OF THE TAX OFFICE UNDERSTANDIBLY DID NOT CAUSE MUCH PUBLIC OUTRAGE, ESPECIALLY AMONG LIMA'S ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED. A FEBRUARY 11 CAR BOMB AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE (REF B) KILLED THREE GUARDS AND CAUSED CONSIDERABLE

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DAMAGE TO THE PERIMETER WALL AND RESIDENCE. ALSO ON FEBRUARY 11, SENDERO BOMBED AT LEAST SEVEN BANKS, A POPULAR UP-SCALE CINEMA, AND A BUSINESSMAN'S HOME IN LIMA'S PORT CITY OF CALLAO. ANOTHER SERIES OF BOMBS IN THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 12 HIT A BANK, AN ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION, A PAINT FACTORY AND A MUNICIPAL BUILDING IN A LIMA SUBURB BUT CAUSED NO INJURIES.

4. (U) SENDERO CONTINUED ITS CAMPAIGN AGAINST LOCAL LEADERS ON FEBRUARY 11 WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF VILLA EL SALVADOR COMMUNITY
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LEADER JUAN HUAMAN YALLE. ON FEBRUARY 11 SENDERO ALSO ASSASSINATED A MILITARY INSTRUCTOR AT THE CHORRILLOS MILITARY SCHOOL (OUTSKIRTS OF LIMA) AND THE BODYGUARD OF A RETIRED POLICE GENERAL, FORMERLY COMMANDER OF THE SEVENTH POLICE REGION (LIMA).

5. (U) SENDERISTAS HAVE ALSO BEEN PARTICULARLY ACTIVE IN PAINTING GRAFFITI, PASTING POSTERS AND "RAISING" THEIR RED HAMMER-AND-SICKLE FLAGS THROUGHOUT VARIOUS POORER AREAS OF LIMA, ESPECIALLY IN OUTLYING "PUEBLO JOVENES" OR SHANTY TOWNS. THREAT LETTERS AND LEAFLETS WARNING PUBLIC TRANSPORT DRIVERS AGAINST OPERATING THEIR BUSES ON FEBRUARY 14 HAVE BEEN

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6. (U) NEWS REPORTS INDICATE THE GOP WILL
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MOBILIZE AS MANY AS 10,000 POLICEMEN TO MAINTAIN
ORDER. GOP AUTHORITIES HAVE PROMISED THAT
TRANSPORTATION DRIVERS AND THEIR BUSES WILL BE
PROTECTED. GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO REASSURE
DRIVERS AND WORKERS OF THE SAFETY OF PUBLIC
TRANSPORTATION MAY BE A CRUCIAL FACTOR IN THE
SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF THE STRIKE.

PROMINENT SCHOOL TARGETED

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7. (U) PRESUMED SENDERO TERRORISTS DETONATED THREE EXPLOSIVES AT THE PROMINENT SAN AUGUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL, TWO OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL AND ONE INSIDE THE COMPUTER LAB ON FEBRUARY 12. THE RATHER LARGE SCHOOL, LOCATED A MAJOR INTERSECTION, OFTEN SERVES AS THE VENUE FOR LARGE PUBLIC EVENTS SUCH AS POP CONCERTS. ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL WAS NOT OVERLY RESTRICTED.

8. (U) A TELEPHONE BOMB THREAT WAS MADE ON FEBRUARY 12 TO THE ROOSEVELT SCHOOL, WHICH IS ATTENDED BY MOST MISSION DEPENDENTS. THE THREAT COULD HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY AN AN ONGOING LABOR DISPUTE AT THE SCHOOL. SCHOOL IS OUT FOR SUMMER VACATION. TEACHERS AND STUDENTS WILL NOT RETURN UNTIL MARCH. REGARDLESS OF THE AS YET UNDETERMINED SOURCE OF THE THREAT, THE EMBASSY SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE SCHOOL AND THE RELEVANT SECURITY MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN.
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AMERICAN AIRLINES CANCELS FLIGHTS

9. (U) CONCERN OVER THE ARMED STRIKE AND CURRENT UNREST HAS PROMPTED AMERICAN AIRLINES TO CANCEL ITS MORNING AND EVENING FLIGHTS OUT OF LIMA ON FEBRUARY 13. THE MORNING FLIGHT'S PLANE OVERNIGHTS IN LIMA, AND SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS LED AMERICAN TO SUSPEND THIS FLIGHT. AMERICAN ALSO CANCELED ITS FEBRUARY 13 AFTERNOON FLIGHT FOR SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS BUT SAID THAT ITS FEBRUARY 14 AFTERNOON FLIGHT WILL LEAVE AS SCHEDULED.

LEFTIST MARCH FIZZLES ON FEBRUARY 13

10. (U) A PROTEST MARCH BY LEGAL LEFTIST ORGANIZATIONS, HEADED BY THE NEW BUT DIVIDED

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MRTA-ALIGNED PATRIA LIBRE, FIZZLED ON FEBRUARY 13. THE MARCH, PLANNED PRIOR TO SENDERO'S CALL FOR AN ARMED STRIKE, ORIGINALLY WAS TO PROTEST SENDERO ATROCITIES AND INCLUDED A WIDE SPECTRUM OF LEFTIST AND CENTER GROUPINGS SUCH AS THE RESPECTED NATIONAL COORDINATOR FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. COORDINADORA SOURCES EXPLAINED THAT THEY HAD WITHDRAWN FROM THE DEMONSTRATION ONCE IT BECAME CLEAR THAT IT HAD BEEN TAKEN OVER BY THE MORE RADICAL LEFTIST GROUPS SUCH AS PATRIA LIBRE AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS CONTENTS OF THE

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DEMONSTRATION PLATFORM REDUCED TO NIL. ADS BY PATRIA LIBRE ANNOUNCING THE DEMONSTRATION INCLUDED THE GRATUITOUS SUBTITLE: "IMF CAMDESSUS OUT OF PERU," IN REFERENCE TO THE CURRENT VISIT OF IMF HEAD CAMDESSUS TO LIMA.

COMMENT

11. (U) THE LAST SL CALL FOR AN ARMED STRIKE, ON MAY 19, 1991 WAS WIDELY PERCEIVED TO HAVE FAILED. HOWEVER, SL HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY ACTIVE IN THE LEAD UP TO THIS ONE -- FEATURING HEADLINE-GRABBING INCIDENTS LIKE THE BOMBING OF THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE -- AND HAS SENT A STRONG SIGNAL THAT IT WANTS THIS ARMED STRIKE TO

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WORK. AS WITH MOST STRIKES OF THIS NATURE, THE
TRANSPORT SECTOR IS KEY TO ITS SUCCESS AND MUCH
DEPENDS ON HOW WELL THE GOP CAN CONVINCE BUS
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OWNERS AND DRIVERS THAT IT IS SAFE TO OPERATE.
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