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SUBJ/NAVATAC SUPPLEMENT - THREATS TO U.S. ASSETS IN PERU (U)//

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UMMARY: THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT U.S. ASSETS IN PERU, INCLUDING THE U.S. MILITARY, ARE AT INCREASED RISK FROM SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL). THE THREAT APPEARS FOCUSED IN LIMA AND THE UPPER HUALLAGA VALLEY (UHV) BUT MAY NOT BE RESTRICTED TO THOSE LOCALES. THIS IS SUPPORTED BY SL'S RECENT ATTACK AGAINST THE U.S. AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE IN LIMA

2. IN FEB, SL INCREASED ITS LEVEL OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY, ESPECIALLY IN LIMA AND ITS SUBURBS AS PART OF A NATIONWIDE ARMED STRIKE. ON 11 FEB, SL UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTED TO ATTACK THE U.S. AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE BY PLACING A CAR-BOMB OUTSIDE IT. THE EXPLOSION KILLED THREE PERUVIAN POLICEMEN. MORE BOMBINGS FOLLOWED, INCLUDING AN EXPLOSION AT THE FRENCH EMBASSY ON 18 FEB.

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PLANNING A WAVE OF ATTACKS TO DEMONSTRATE THE VIABILITY OF THE GROUP. INCLUDED ARE AMBUSHES AGAINST SECURITY FORCES IN THE UHV AS WELL AS ATTACKS IN OTHER REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY.

6. SL IS NOT WELL-ARMED AND MOST OF ITS WEAPONRY IS STOLEN

FROM SECURITY FORCES. THE GROUP'S INVENTORY INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ASSAULT RIFLES, .30 CALIBER MACHINEGUNS, AND ROCKET-PROPELLED GRENADE LAUNCHERS.

THOUGH MUST SE COLUMNS CONSIST OF 20-30 PERSONNEE, IT UCCASIONALLY FIELDS FORMATIONS WITH SEVERAL HUNDRED COMBATANTS. IN AN ATTACK THAT OCCURED ON 27 MAR 89 AT UCHIZA IN THE UHV, UP TO 150 FIGHTERS WERE REPORTED. ALTHOUGH RUTHLESS,

THE GROUP'S EXPLOSIVE EXPERTS ARE WELL-TRAINED IN THE USE OF DYNAMITE AND COMMAND-DETONATED MINES

IT HAS BEEN ESTIMATED THAT APPOX SO KGS OF DYNAMITE WAS USED IN THE 11 FEB ATTACK ON THE U.S. AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE IN LIMA.

7. (U) PARAS ARE ORIGINATOR CONTROLLED AND MAY NOT BE FURTHER DISSEMINATED.

8. (U) POC THIS COMMAND IS

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