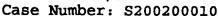
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SUBJECT: SENDERO VIOLENCE ON UPSWING IN FIRST HALF OF MAY

REFS: (A) LIMA 5422 (NOTAL); (B) LIMA 5450

1. SUMMARY: VIOLENCE PERPETRATED BY SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) TERRORISTS CLAIMED MORE LIVES IN SOUTH-CENTRAL ANDEAN HIGHLANDS EMERGENCY ZONE (EZ) DURING FIRST HALF OF MAY.
SL ATTACKS BOTH IN AND OUTSIDE EZ TARGETTED IN ON MINES, WITH THEIR SUPPLIES OF DYNAMITE AND ON VULNERABLE ECONOMIC

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TARGETS. THE LATTER INCLUDED AN OIL PIPELINE IN

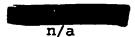
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MORTHERN PERU AND "TOURIST" HOTELS IN NORTHERN AND CENTRAL SIERRA CITIES. WE BELIEVE SENDERO'S DYNAMITE COLLECTING OPERATIONS PROBABLY PRESAGE AN INCREASE IN URBAN DIRECTED VIOLENCE. BUT WE EXPECT POLICE IN LIMA WILL CONTINUE TO EXACT EFFECTIVE TOLL OF ARRESTS. END SUMMARY.

- 2. (U) EMERGENCY ZONE VIOLENCE.
 DEPARTMENT OF AYACUCHO WAS SCENE OF MORE BLOODSHED
 IN FIRST HALF OF MAY, WORST TERRORIST VIOLENCE INVOLVED
 COMMUNAL MASSACRE MAY 9 OF 21 PEASANTS AT PAICCAS (PROVINCE
 OF LA MAR). GREATEST INCREASE APPEARED TO TAKE PLACE IN
 NORTHERNMOST PROVINCES (HUANTA AND LA MAR), BUT MORE CENTRALLY
 LOCATED CANGALLO--WHERE POLICEMAN WAS SHOT TO DEATH MAY 5--WAS
 SIMILARLY AFFECTED. STATISTICS APPEARING INLIMA DAILY
 "EXPRESO" MAY 5 REFERRED TO 130 VICTIMS (INCLUDING DEAD
 SL SUSPECTS). FIR NIBTG IF AORUKN.
- 3. (U) MINES AND DYNAMITE. SENDERISTAS' MOST SUCCESSFUL DYNAMITE HAUL OCCURRED MAY 7 AT "RECUPERADA" MINE IN HUANCAVELICA PROVINCE (INSIDE EZ), WHERE THEY SEIZED SOME 100 BOXES OF EXPLOSIVE. A SIMILAR ATTACK AT "AURELIA" MINE NEAR CAPITAL (PROVINCE OF LIMA) ON MAY3 NETTED ONLY 290 STICKS OF DYNAMITE--THE SAME NUMBER FOUND ONE DAY LATER INPOSSESSION OF BOUR SUSPECTS PICKED UP IN AREA. OTHER SL ATTEMPTS TO SECURE DYNAMITE TOOK PLACE IN CENTRAL SIERRA JUNIN PROVINCE AND CARHUAZ (DEPARTMENT OF ANCASH, TO NORTH OF LIMA).
- 4. (U) HOTELS AND OTHER ECONOMIC TARGETS. INTERIOR MINISTER PERCOVICH WARNED PRESS ON MAY 11 OF APPARENT SL ATTEMPT TO DISRUPT PERU'S TOURIST INDUSTRY WITH DYNAMITE ATTACKS ON "TOURIST" HOTELS IN

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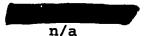
DIFFERENT PARTS OF COUNTRY. AT TIME MINISTER SPOKE, INCIDENTS HAD OCCURED AT FIVE HOTELS (CUZCO, CHICLAYO, TRUJILLO, EUANCAYO, AND CONCEPCION--THE LATTER BEING SOME 22 KILOMETERS FROM HUANCAYO). NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED, AND NO OTHER ATTACKS HAVE OCCURRED SINCE. SL'S MAY 1 TARGETING OF OIL PIPELINE IN NORTHERN AMAZONAS DEPARTMENT (REF A) WAS QUICKLY REPAIRED. TECHNICIANS ALSO WORKED SWIFTLY TO RESTORE ELECTRICAL SERVICE IN CITY OF HUANCAVELICA, WHICH WAS BLACKED OUT MAY.

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NORTHERN CITY OF PIURA WAS SIMILARLY STRUCK TWO NIGHTS LATER. ON MORNING MAY 7, TERRORISTS ATTEMPTED TO BLOW UP A LOCOMOTIVE IN JULIACA (SOUTHERN DEPARTMENT OF PUNO) AND, AT SAME TIME, STRUCK IN LIMA AT ELECTRICAL AND WATER COMPANY INSTALLATIONS. CUMULATIVE DAMAGE CAUSE IN LIMA AMOUNTED TO OVER ONE BILLIN SOLES (AROUND 300,000 DLRS AT CURRENT EXCHANGE RATE).

5. OTHER TERRORIST ACTIVITY.
ON MAY 4, SL BANK
OF 15 TERRORISTS CONDUCTED PUBLIC EXECUTION IN TOWN SQUARE
OF COINA, PROVINCE OF OTUZCO (DEPARTMENT OF LA LIBERTAD).
SOME 50 SENDERISTAS ATTACKED POLICE POST AT HUARIACA, NEAR
CERRO DE PASCO (PASCO) MAY 12. FRAGMENTARY RPORTS OUT OF
ISOLATED AREAS OF LA CONVENCION PROVINCE (CUZCO) SPOKE OF
FOUR SENDERO CAUSED DEATHS IN FIRST PART OF MONTH. OTHER
TERRORIST ACTIVITY INVOLVED JUNIN DEPARTMENT (INCLUDING
THREE DYNAMITE EXPLOSIONS WITHIN 48 HOUR PERIOD NEAR
CAPITAL, HUANCAYO) PUERTO CASMA (ANCASH), AND THE UPPER
HUALLAGA VALLEY (REF B).

6. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT SL'S DYNAMITE COLLECTING EFFORTS MAY PRESAGE NEW SERIES OF OPERATIONS DIRECTED AGAINST PERU'S MAJOR URBAN CENTERS. SECURITY FORCES AND, ESPECIALLY, PREVENTIVE MEASURES TAKEN BY ELECTRICAL SYSTEM TECHNICIANS, SHOULD ASSURE A MORE EFFECTIVE RESPONSE TO SL ATTACKS AGAINST TRANSMISSION TOWERS

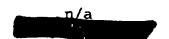
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(SHOULD THIS OCCUR) THAN WAS THE CASE A YEAR AGO.
RENEWED SL OPERATIONS
(SUCH AS OCCURRED IN JUNE-JULY AND OCTOBER-NOVEMBER LAST
YEAR) MAY ALSO TAKE PLACE IN LIMA.
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THIS STRATEGY INVOLVES RISKS FOR SENDERO, HOWEVER, AS LIMA PLICE HAVE DEMONSTRATED IMPROVED ABILITY TO FOLLOW-UP SUCH INCIDENTS WITH EFFECTIVE ARRESTS--DISARTICULATING SENDERO'S PERSONNEL INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE CAPITAL AND ALL OTHER MAJOR PERUVIAN CITIES OUTSIDE THE EMERGENCY ZONE.

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