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- 1. Let PERU; HIGH THREAT; UNTIL 21 MAY 92.(U)
- 2. (U) BACKGROUND: (U)
- A. (U) URBAN TERRORISTS DETONATED A LARGE CAR BOMB NEAR A POLICE STATION IN THE LIMA SUBURB OF CALLAD EARLY ON 13 APR, KILLING FOUR AND WOUNDING AT LEAST 20 PERSONS. THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF DAMAGE. THE SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) IS SUSPECTED. (PRESS)
- B. (U) ON 11 APR, EIGHT SUSPECTED SL GUNMEN ASSASSINATED A MEMBER OF PERU'S CONGRESS. THE POLICE REPORTED THE TERRORISTS, ARMED WITH MACHINEGUNS, BURST INTO A POPULAR RESTAURANT IN LIMA AND OPENED FIRE ON THE VICTIM AND A FEMALE COMPANION. BOTH DIED INSTANTLY. (PRESS)
- C. (U) A BUS LOADED WITH EXPLOSIVES CRASHED INTO A-POLICE STATION IN THE LIMA SLUM OF VILLA EL SALVADOR ON THE EVENING OF 8 APR, KILLING OR INJURING SEVERAL POLICEMEN, AND SEVERELY DAMAGING SUSPECTED SL TERRORISTS LOADED A REPORTED 100 KILOGRAMS OF DYNAMITE INTO A STATE-OWNED BUS BEFORE SETTING IT ON A THE STATION. CRASH COURSE INTO THE POLICE FACILITY. (DIA 100001Z APR92)
- D. (U) ON 7 APR, FOUR SUSPECTED SL GUNMEN KILLED THE SON OF A RETIRED ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF AND HIS DRIVER IN CENTRAL LIMA. EARLY ON THE PREVIOUS DAY, SL TERRORISTS KILLED A POLICE MAJOR AND A SERGEANT IN SAN JUAN DE LURIGANCHO (12025 07701W). THE MAJOR SERVED ON THE PROTECTION DETAIL OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ELECTORAL BOARD. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, THE MAJOR WAS ON HIS WAY TO WORK AND APPARENTLY TOOK THE SAME ROUTE EVERY DAY. (AMEMBASSY 072237Z APR92 (JS 072252Z APR92)
- E. (U) ON 31 MAR, THE TUPAC AMARU REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MRTA) EXPLODED A CAR BOMB AT A CROWDED MIRAFLORES RESTAURANT IN LIMA. LEAST NINE PASSERSBY WERE INJURED. THE MRTA ALSO BOMBED A BANK BRANCH OFFICE IN LIMA. THE BANK WAS WIDELY PERCEIVED BY THE PUBLIC AS HAVING SWINDLED ITS DEPOSITORS. (AMEMBASSY 011834Z APR92 (JS 012352Z APR92))
- F. (U) A FOUR-MEMBER SL HIT TEAM ASSASSINATED A DEVELOPMENT WORKER ON 31 MAR NEAR THE VICTIM'S HOME IN VITARTE (1202S 07656W). THE TERRORISTS SHOT THE WORKER 13 TIMES BEFORE ESCAPING IN A CAR. THE VICTIM BELONGED TO AN ORGANIZATION WHICH FOCUSED ON SMALL BUSINESSES AND INDUSTRIES IN THE POOREST AREA OF LIMA.

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- G. (U) ACCORDING TO A LIMA NEWSPAPER, THE PERUVIAN ARMY ON 27 MAR RESCUED THREE OF THE FOUR SOLDIERS KIDNAPPED BY SUSPECTED MRTA TERRORISTS. THE SOLDIERS WERE KIDNAPPED ON 22 MAR IN THE ALTO AMAZONAS PROVINCE (0430S 07700W). THE FOURTH SOLDIER WAS REPORTEDLY KILLED DURING THE KIDNAPPING. MILITARY AUTHORITIES CONFISCATED A MOTORBOAT AND SEVERAL RIFLES, FOUR GRENADES AND SOME COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. (USDAO 011710Z APR 92 (COMNISCOM 032000Z APR92)
- H. (U) EARLY ON 20 MAR, A POLICE MAJOR WAS ASSASSINATED ONE BLOCK FROM HIS HOME IN COMAS, A MARGINAL WORKING CLASS SUBURB OF LIMA. THE MAJOR, WHO WAS DRIVING TO WORK AFTER SAYING GOODBYE TO HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN. WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY A HIT TEAM OF THREE MEN AND A WOMAN. THE FEMALE ASSASSIN SUBSEQUENTLY PLACED A BOMM ON HIS CHEST AND BLEW THE BODY APART. WITNESSES REPORTED THE TERRORISTS WAITED AT LEAST 20 MINUTES FOR THE MAJOR TO PASS IN HIS ROUTINE COMMUTE. (AMEMBASSY 242334Z MAR92 (JS 250005Z MAR92))
- I. (U) DURING MID-DAY ON 20 MAR, SUSPECTED SL GUNMEN
 ASSASSINATED TWO PERUVIAN NAVY LIEUTENANT COMMANDERS IN LIMA'S PORT
 CALLAO. PRESS SOURCES INDICATED ONE OF THE OFF-DUTY OFFICERS WAS
 EXITING A CAR TO MEET HIS FIANCEE WHEN HE WAS SHOT SIX TIMES. THE
 OTHER OFFICER, DESPITE BEING MORTALLY WOUNDED, WAS ABLE TO SHOOT
 ONE OF THE SIX ASSAILANTS IN THE LEG BEFORE HE WAS GIVEN THE COUP DE
 GRACE. ALL OF THE TERRORISTS, INCLUDING ONE THAT WAS WOUNDED,
 WERE ABLE TO ESCAPE DESPITE SWEEPS OF THE AREA BY PERUVIAN MARINES.
 (AMEMBASSY 242334Z MAR92 (JS 250005Z MAR92))
- J. (U) AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WAS LAUNCHED FROM A MOVING VEHICLE AT THE PERUVIAN-JAPANESE CULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF LIMA ON 16 MAR, CAUSING DAMAGE BUT NO INJURIES. WITNESSES REPORTED THE PROJECTILE DESTROYED A VEHICLE PARKED OUTSIDE THE ASSOCIATION'S DOOR, AND SHATTERED THE WINDOWS OF BUILDINGS AND RESIDENCES WITHIN A 100-METER RADIUS. NO GROUP CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INCIDENT, BUT POLICE ATTRIBUTE THE ATTACK TO THE MRTA. (DIA 190001Z MAR92)
- K. (U) DURING THE LATE MORNING HOURS ON 13 MAR, SIX SUSPECTED SL GUNMEN MURDERED THREE SOLDIERS PROVIDING SECURITY AT THE NATIONAL ENGINEERING UNIVERSITY (UNI) IN LIMA. A FOURTH SOLDIER WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED WITH FOUR BULLET WOUNDS TO THE HEAD. A CIVILIAN GUARD ACCOMPANYING THE SOLDIERS WAS PISTOL-WHIPPED AND BEATEN. PRESS REPORTS SAID THE TERRORISTS HAD ENTERED THE CAMPUS, POSSIBLY WITH FALSE STUDENT IDS, CARRYING LARGE BOOKS AND NOTEBOOKS. TWO OF THE CASUALLY DRESSED "STUDENTS," APPARENTLY ON THEIR WAY OUT OF THE CAMPUS, APPROACHED THE SOLDIERS AT THE GATE AND ENGAGED THEM IN CONVERSATION. THE OTHERS THEN OPENED THEIR "BOOKS," REMOVED PISTOLS AND SHOT THE SOLDIERS IN THE BACK AT CLOSE RANGE. (AMEMBASSY 162219Z MAR92 (JS 162233Z MAR92))
- 3. (C/NF) COMMENTS: THE SENDERO LUMINOSO APPEARS TO HAVE REACTED TO PRESIDENT <u>FUJIMORI</u>'S SUSPENSION OF THE CONSTITUTION WITH ASSASSINATION AND ATTACKS. THE 8 APR INCIDENT AGAINST A LIMA POLICE

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STATION REFLECTS THE CAPABILITY OF THE SL TO CONDUCT BOLD ATTACKS IN MAJOR URBAN AREAS, EVEN WITH THE PRESENCE OF ADDITIONAL POLICE AND MILITARY PATROLS. PRESIDENT FUJIMORO'S DECISION TO IMPLEMENT EMERGENCY MEASURES ON 5 APR WILL PROVOKE FURTHER RESPONSES FROM PERU'S GUERRILLA MOVEMENTS. IN THE LONG RUN, THE SL MIGHT GAIN ADDITIONAL POPULAR SUPPORT SHOULD MORE SEVERE SECURITY MEASURES BE IMPLEMENTED AND SECURITY FORCES OVERREACT TO ISOLATED TERRORIST ATTACKS. THE SL WILL LIKELY BE MORE SELECTIVE IN FUTURE TARGETING, FOCUSING PRIMARILY ON PERUVIAN POLICE, MILITARY, AND GOVERNMENT ASSETS. ATTACKS AGAINST US OR OTHER FOREIGN INTERESTS, HOWEVER, MAY OCCUR BUT NOT BE AS INTENSE AS IN PREVIOUS ATTACKS. WE CONTINUE TO ASSESS A HIGH TERRORIST THREAT TO USTRANSCOM PERSONNEL TRANSITING PERU. THE NEXT AIRLIFT MISSION INTO LIMA IS SCHEDULED ON 21 APR.

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