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	PM-05	PA-02	CCO-00	INRE-00	CA-02	A-01	USSS-00
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 TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2582
 INFO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA
 AMEMBASSY LA PAZ
 AMEMBASSY QUITO
 AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO
 USAFSO HOWARD AFB PM
 USCINCSO QUARRY HTS PM
 AMEMBASSY PANAMA
 DEAHQS WASHDC
 USIA WASHDC 5827
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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
 TAGS: PTER, PINS, ASEC, CASC, PE
 SUBJECT: GOP PUTS DOWN PRISON RIOTS

REFS: (A) LIMA 7094, (B) LIMA 7071

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2. FOLLOWING UNSUCCESSFUL APPEALS BY PERU'S PEACE

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COMMISSION AND JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES TO SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) PRISONERS WHO HAD REBELLED EARLIER JUNE 18 IN THREE LIMA PRISONS, GOP ANNOUNCED LATE JUNE 18 IT HAD BEGUN TO PUT DOWN RIOTS, RESCUE THE NINE HOSTAGES, AND TRANSFER TERRORIST PRISONERS TO CANTOGRANDE MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON. FOLLOWING IS BEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON SITUATION:

- A) SANTA BARBARA WOMEN'S PRISON IN CALLAO: STORMED LAST NIGHT BY POLICE, THREE HOSTAGES RESCUED. OF ABOUT 25 TERRORIST PRISONERS, REPORTEDLY TWO WERE KILLED AND AN UNSPECIFIED WOUNDED.

- B) LURIGANCHO: COMBINED ARMY/POLICE FORCES ATTACKED MORNING OF JUNE 19, AND REPORTEDLY HAVE FULL CONTROL OF PRISON. ACCORDING TO POLICE (GC) G-3 (PROTECT), 140 PEOPLE DIED (NO BREAKDOWN AVAILABLE); WE BELIEVE THERE WERE 150-200 TERRORIST PRISONERS HERE. A JOURNALIST REPORTED 60 PRISONERS DEAD. NO WORD ON HOSTAGES. A SOURCE IN THE PRISON INSTITUTE TOLD CONOFF NO U.S. OR OTHER FOREIGN PRISONERS (WHO WERE LOCATED IN SEPARATE CELL BLOCKS FROM TERRORISTS) AFFECTED, BUT SPECIFICALLY DECLINED TO PROVIDE DETAILS ON TODAY'S EVENTS.

- C) FRONTON: COMBINED NAVY/POLICE (GR) FORCE APPARENTLY BEGAN RECOVERY OPERATION EARLY A.M. JUNE 19. OPERATION APPARENTLY STILL UNDERWAY. TWO NAVY OFFICERS WERE REPORTED WOUNDED. NO FURTHER WORD ON CASUALTIES OR FATE OF HOSTAGES. TERRORIST PRISONERS (WHO NUMBER ABOUT 140) REPORTEDLY FIRED AUTOMATIC WEAPONS YESTERDAY.

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3. OTHER ACTIONS. GOP CONFIRMED JUNE 18 BOMBING OF EDUCATION MINISTRY AND ATTEMPTED BOMBING AT AIRPORT (REF A). GOP SAID THREE POLICEMEN WERE KILLED JUNE 18 IN LIMA, TWO BY PRESUMED SL TERRORISTS. THERE WAS NO MENTION OF ANY CHURCHES BOMBED BEYOND THOSE ATTACKED JUNE 16 (REF B). WE HEARD NUMEROUS BOMBINGS NIGHT OF JUNE 18; POLICE REPORT UP TO 18 BOMBINGS, INCLUDING FOUR BANKS. WE ARE TRYING TO GET COMPLETE TARGET LIST FROM POLICE.

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4. COMMENT: TERRORIST PRISONERS (MOST ARE ACCUSED, NOT CONVICTED) HAVE LONG FEARED THAT GOP WOULD CORRECT SITUATION IN WHICH TERRORISTS HAD THEIR OWN ENCLAVES IN PRISONS WITH VIRTUALLY NO GOP CONTROL. A PREVIOUS RIOT IN LURIGANCHO IN OCTOBER 1985 REVEALED IMPRESSIVE FORTIFICATIONS AND WEAPONS MADE BY INMATES. GARCIA HAS KEPT A LOW PUBLIC PROFILE ON SITUATION, MAKING INTERIOR MINISTER SALINAS THE POINT MAN. LATTER HAS APPEALED TO PERUVIANS' PRIDE TO REJECT TERRORIST ATTEMPT TO SOIL PERU'S IMAGE ON EVE OF SI CONFERENCE. LOCAL MEDIA HAVE PRAISED GOP ACTIONS TO DATE. KEY QUESTIONS NOW ARE WHETHER SL RETALIATION WILL TAKE FORM OF DRAMATIC STRIKES WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS AND WHETHER USE OF MAJOR FORCE TO DEAL WITH SITUATION IN PRISONS WILL LEAD TO CHANGE IN METHOD OF COMBATTING SUBVERSION IN GENERAL. IF IT IS TRUE THAT LARGE NUMBER OF TERRORISTS DIED IN STORMING OF PRISONS BY SECURITY FORCES, QUESTIONS WILL INEVITABLY BE RAISED BOTH HERE AND ABROAD ABOUT TACTICS USED. JORDAN

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