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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. THE FOLLOWING TEXT IS FROM THE ARA/AND ASDAR FOR
7/17/92. BEGIN TEXT:

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(C) LIMA BOMBINGS. SL CARRIED OUT SEVERAL BOMBINGS IN
LIMA LAST NIGHT AND THIS MORNING. EIGHTEEN PERSONS WERE
KILLED AND SOME 200 INJURED -- 2 DEA AGENTS AND ONE FAA
OFFICIAL SUFFERED MINOR INJURIES. THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF

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OTHER AMERICANS INJURED OR KILLED. AT LEAST TWO BOMBS DETONATED AT 9:00 P.M. LAST NIGHT -- IN MIRAFLORES, AN UP-SCALE COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL AREA, AND IN LA VICTORIA, DIRECTED AT A GAS STATION AND BANK. AT 5:30 A.M. TODAY A BOMB DETONATED IN THE VILLA EL SALVADOR SHANTYTOWN, SEVERELY DAMAGING THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, WHERE POLICE HAD BEEN LOCATED SINCE THE STATION WAS BOMBED APRIL 8. COMMENT: SL'S CLEAR INTENT TO KILL A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IS A MAJOR DEPARTURE FROM PREVIOUS BOMBINGS. POST IS REVIEWING ALL TDY REQUESTS, BUT TDY VISITS ARE NOT BANNED. THE AMBASSADOR HAS REQUESTED AGENCIES TO REDUCE PERSONNEL BY COMPLYING WITH THE LONG-STANDING NSDD-38 EXERCISE AND REPORT TO HIM BY MONDAY THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STAFF CUTS OF THIRTY PERCENT. (HALL)

(C) MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS. EMBASSY MADRID WILL REQUEST THAT FELIPE GONZALEZ RAISE WITH FUJIMORI DURING THE JULY 23-24 IBERO-AMERICAN SUMMIT THE NEED TO ANNOUNCE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. (HALL)

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 (LOU) SENATE VEToes CAP TRAVEL. THE VENEZUELAN SENATE HAS UNANIMOUSLY DENIED CAP THE CONSTITUTIONALLY REQUIRED PERMISSION TO ATTEND THE IBERO-AMERICAN SUMMIT. COMMENT: APPARENTLY RESIGNED TO THE INEVITABLE, CAP DID LITTLE ARM TWISTING. HE AVOIDED PUTTING HIS FULL PRESTIGE ON THE LINE THEREBY SUFFERING ONLY LIMITED POLITICAL DAMAGE FROM THE VOTE. (KAPLAN)

(C) LAW ENFORCEMENT CASES. FORMIN OCHOA HAS APPARENTLY SCUTTLED MININT PINERUA'S EFFORTS TO EXPEL TO THE U.S. FUGITIVE WILFREDO VELEZ. WE WILL LIKELY HAVE TO SEEK CUSTODY OF VELEZ THROUGH THE LENGTHY AND UNCERTAIN FORMAL EXTRADITION PROCESS. THE GOV IS, HOWEVER, APPARENTLY READY TO ARREST MIGUEL RECAREY, ANOTHER IMPORTANT LONG-TIME USG FUGITIVE. IF THE ARREST TAKES PLACE PINERUA WILL QUICKLY EXPEL RECAREY, BEFORE OCHOA CAN BECOME INVOLVED. (KAPLAN)

COLOMBIA

(C) DEPUTIES MEET RE COLOMBIA COUNTERNARCOTICS PROGRAM. AT THE DC MEETING ON JULY 16, ENHANCEMENTS TO THE ERADICATION PROGRAM AND TO THE POLICE INTERDICTION PROGRAM

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WERE APPROVED. THE DEPUTIES DEFERRED A DECISION ON INVESTING IN RADAR COVERAGE AND AIR INTERDICTION UNTIL THE RESULTS OF THE UPCOMING SUPPORT JUSTICE IV EXERCISE CAN BE EVALUATED. UP TO USD 25 MILLION IN ENHANCEMENTS TO THE PROGRAM MAY BE FUNDED THIS YEAR. THE ISSUE OF PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO THE MILITARY FOR USE AGAINST GUERRILLAS IN AREAS WHERE THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT NARCO-GUERRILLA CONNECTION WAS INDEFINITELY SHELVED. (EUSER)

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