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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
 TAGS: PTER, PGOV, PHUM, PE  
 SUBJECT: SENDERO LUMINOSO BREAKS RELATIVE CALM  
 1. (U) SUMMARY: WEEKEND CAR BOMBINGS IN LIMA AND ASSASSINATIONS IN THE CAPITAL AND IN OUTLYING AREAS BY THE SENDERO LUMINOSO LEFT DOZENS OF CIVILIANS AND POLICE WOUNDED AND

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 DEAD. PERU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER CRITICIZED THE GOVERNMENT FOR NOT HAVING A COMPREHENSIVE ANTI-TERRORIST STRATEGY. THE GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, HAS REACTED BY DEPLOYING LARGE NUMBERS OF POLICE AND MILITARY AND BY CARRYING OUT DOOR TO DOOR SWEEPS IN TWO TERRORIST INFESTED AREAS. END SUMMARY  
 CAR BOMBS KILL CIVILIANS AND POLICE

2. (U) LIMA'S RELATIVE CALM SINCE MID-JULY WAS BROKEN OVER THE SEPTEMBER 5-7 WEEKEND BY SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) ATTACKS; A REPORTED TWENTY CHILDREN AND ADULTS WERE KILLED AND MANY MORE WOUNDED. THE TWO CAR BOMB EXPLOSIONS WERE THE TWENTY-FIRST AND TWENTY-SECOND SET OFF IN LIMA THIS YEAR.  
 3. (U) THE FIRST BOMB DETONATED AT APPROXIMATELY 20:45 HRS ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5. SL TERRORISTS SET OFF A CAR BOMB AT A GASOLINE STATION KILLING AT LEAST SEVEN AND WOUNDING A REPORTED TWENTY BYSTANDERS. THE GAS STATION WAS LOCATED 22 KILOMETERS OUTSIDE OF

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LIMA ON THE COASTAL HIGHWAY TO THE NORTH.  
4. (U) THE SL ORCHESTRATED THE BOMBING TO CAUSE CASUALTIES AMONG CIVILIANS. FOLLOWING A STAGED ROBBERY OF THE GAS STATION, A GROUP OF SL GUERRILLAS FLED ON FOOT, LEAVING BEHIND THE

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STOLEN MINI-VAN IN WHICH THEY HAD ARRIVED. THE VAN HAD BEEN RIGGED WITH A BOMB WHICH DETONATED WHEN ONE OF THE POLICE WHO HAD BEEN CALLED TO THE SCENE TO INVESTIGATE THE "ROBBERY" OPENED THE DOOR OF THE ABANDONED VEHICLE. KILLED AND WOUNDED WERE PASSERSBYS WHO HAD STOPPED AT THE STATION TO PURCHASE GASOLINE FOR THEIR VEHICLES.

5. (U) ON SUNDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 6, SL TERRORISTS EXPLODED A TRUCK FILLED WITH EXPLOSIVES OUTSIDE A POLICE STATION NEAR CENTRAL LIMA, KILLING ONE POLICEMAN, THREE CIVILIANS, AND INJURING AROUND 20 CIVILIANS. DAMAGE FROM THE ESTIMATED 400 POUNDS OF EXPLOSIVES CAUSED WIDESPREAD DAMAGE IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA, INCLUDING THE DESTRUCTION OF "RADIO MODERNO," A SMALL RADIO STATION.  
COMMUNITY LEADERS ASSASSINATED

6. (U) AN SL GROUP IS ALSO BEING BLAMED FOR THE SEPTEMBER 6 MURDER OF MOISES ZAMORA VARGAS, A COMMUNITY LEADER IN THE OUTLYING LIMA SUBURB OF "LAURA CALLER." ZAMORA, WHO WAS A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST WHO FOCUSED ON PROMOTING ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES IN THE DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY, WAS ACCUSED BY THE GUERRILLAS OF MAINTAINING "TOO CLOSE" CONTACTS WITH AUTHORITIES.

7. (U) TWO DAYS EARLIER, ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER

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4. A GROUP OF HOODED INDIVIDUALS, ALSO BELIEVED TO BE SENDERO, BROKE INTO THE HOME OF MANUEL CASTRO, A COMMUNITY LEADER AFFILIATED WITH "CAMBIO 90" (PRESIDENT ALBERTO FUJIMORI'S PARTY), AND SHOT HIM TWICE.  
RELIGIOUS WORKERS KILLED

8. (U) "EL COMERCIO," LIMA'S LARGEST CIRCULATION NEWSPAPER, REPORTED FOUR PERUVIAN PRESBYTERIAN RELIGIOUS WORKERS HAD BEEN KILLED BY THE SENDERO LUMINOSO ON SEPTEMBER 6 NEAR AYACUCHO. THE FOUR, WHO HAD WORKED ON A QUECHUA VERSION OF THE BIBLE, WERE AMONG TEN PASSENGERS

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KILLED BY THE SENDERO AT A ROADBLOCK SET UP

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 ABOUT 45 KILOMETERS WEST OF AYACUCHO. FIVE  
 MINI-BUSSES AND FOUR VEHICLES WERE REPORTEDLY  
 STOPPED BY THE GUERRILLAS.

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CRACK DOWN ON EXPLOSIVES; AID TO BOMB VICTIMS

9. (U) IN RESPONSE TO THE WEEKEND'S VIOLENCE, THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT ALBERTO FUJIMORI DECLARED A "STATE OF EMERGENCY" ON THE MANUFACTURE AND USE OF EXPLOSIVES IN THE COUNTRY BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 7, 1992. THE INTERIOR MINISTRY WILL BE GIVEN THE AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE STRICT CONTROLS OVER LICENSING OF THE USE OF EXPLOSIVES AND THE PRODUCTION OF EXPLOSIVES AND PRE-CURSOR CHEMICALS. THE FUJIMORI GOVERNMENT ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT BOMB VICTIMS WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN GOVERNMENT CREDITS TO FINANCE REPAIRS TO BUILDINGS DAMAGED BY TERRORIST ATTACKS. OWNERS OF BOMB-DAMAGED PROPERTY WILL HAVE SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE ATTACKS TO APPLY FOR THE CREDITS. TEN MILLION SOLS (APPROXIMATELY 7 MILLION DOLLARS) HAVE BEEN BUDGETED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE LOANS.

10. (U) PRESIDENT ALBERTO FUJIMORI ALSO MET AT MILITARY HEADQUARTERS ON SEPTEMBER 8 FOR MORE THAN TWO HOURS WITH MILITARY, POLICE AND INTERNAL SECURITY CHIEFS.

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GOVERNMENT ORGANIZES DOOR TO DOOR SWEEPS

11. (U) PERUVIAN MILITARY AND POLICE JOINTLY UNDERTOOK A MASSIVE SWEEP OF THE EL PINO AND LA

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VICTORIA AREAS OF LIMA IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF SEPTEMBER 8. IN THE SECOND SUCH OPERATION THIS WEEK, AROUND A THOUSAND PERSONNEL SEALED OFF TARGETED NEIGHBORHOODS AND INITIATED A SERIES OF DOOR TO DOOR SEARCHES. THE MEDIA REPORT 800 INDIVIDUALS WERE ARRESTED AND QUANTITIES OF ARMS, EXPLOSIVES AND DOCUMENTS WERE SEIZED. OF THE "TERRORISTS, COMMON CRIMINALS, SUSPICIOUS (INDIVIDUALS) AND UNDOCUMENTED" DETAINED, THE ANTI-TERRORIST POLICE CLAIMED TO HAVE FILES ON ABOUT FIFTY.

12. (C) NATIONAL POLICE DIRECTOR GENERAL ADOLFO JAVIER CUBA Y ESCOBEDO TOLD THE AMBASSADOR ON SEPTEMBER 8 THAT THESE SWEEPS WERE HELPING TO KEEP THE SL OFF BALANCE WHILE DEVELOPING SOME LEADS. LIEUT. GENERAL CUBA Y ESCOBEDO COMPLAINED THAT THE MEDIA WERE UNFAIRLY CRITICAL OF THE GOVERNMENT. THE PRESS SEEMS TO EXPECT INSTANT RESULTS, HE SAID, WHILE THE FIGHT AGAINST THE SL WILL HAVE TO BE BUILT ON METICULOUS INTELLIGENCE WORK OVER TIME.

13. (C) ARMY COMMANDING GENERAL AND HEAD OF THE MILITARY JUNTA NICOLAS DE BARI HERMOZA RIOS TOLD THE AMBASSADOR ON SEPTEMBER 4 THAT ANOTHER ARMY DIVISION IS BEING DEPLOYED TO THE LIMA AREA TO ENHANCE SECURITY FORCES.

14. (C) COMMENT: THE WEEKEND EXPLOSIONS HAVE ADDED TO LIMA'S LEVEL OF TENSION. IN ITS LEAD

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EDITORIAL SEPTEMBER 8, "EL COMERCIO," THE VOICE OF PERU'S ESTABLISHMENT, CRITICIZED THE GOVERNMENT FOR ITS APPARENT INABILITY TO ARTICULATE AN INTEGRATED STRATEGY TO COMBAT THE SENDERO AND TO PUT AN EFFECTIVE ANTI-TERRORIST CAMPAIGN INTO EFFECT. [THUS FAR, THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE HAS BEEN MUTED. THE SWEEPS OF AREAS INFILTRATED BY SL ACTIVISTS HAVE SOME UTILITY, BUT SO FAR HAVE COVERED ONLY A SMALL PART OF THE "PUEBLOS JOVENES" TERRITORY THAT SENDERO IS SEEKING TO CONTROL, OR USES AS OPERATIONAL BASES FOR TERRORISM. GROWING PUBLIC ANGER OVER THE SENDERO ATTACKS, HOWEVER, COULD

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FORCE THE FUJIMORI GOVERNMENT TO TAKE MORE  
DRASTIC STEPS.  
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