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ONE WEEK AFTER GUZMAN'S ARREST:

LIMA CELEBRATES, SL REACTION MUTED

SL ASSASSINATIONS CONTINUE

1. (U) SENDERO LUMINOSO CONTINUED ASSASSINATION OPERATIONS AGAINST COMMUNITY LEADERS IN LIMA'S SHANTY TOWNS. ON SEPTEMBER 20, TWO SENDERO

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LIMA 12622 2223072 PAGE 02 LUMINOSO (SL) TERRORISTS SHOT AND KILLED FERNANDA MALDONADO, MOTHER OF SIX AND COORDINATOR OF THE "VASO DE LECHE" (GLASS OF MILK) FEEDING PROGRAM FOR CENTRAL LIMA'S EL AGUSTINO SLUM AREA. PRESS ARTICLES DESCRIBED MALDONADO AS A NON-POLITICAL COMMUNITY LEADER. IN AN UNRELATED ATTACK, TWO LIMA POLICEMEN WERE KILLED BY A SENDERO ASSASSINATION TEAM ON SEPTEMBER 19 IN LIMA'S COMAS SECTOR. SENDERO DYNAMITES AREA OF GUZMAN CAPTURE

2. (U) IN THE EARLY HOURS OF SEPTEMBER 19. AND IN APPARENT REACTION TO THE ARREST OF THEIR FOUNDER, SL CADRE THREW DYNAMITE AT SEVERAL HOMES IN LIMA'S UP-SCALE SURCO NETGHBORHOOD, NEAR THE SAFE HOUSE WHERE ABIMAEL GUZMAN AND OTHER SENDERO LEADERS WERE CAPTURED SEPTEMBER 12. DESPITE EXTENSIVE PROPERTY DAMAGE, NO ONE WAS KILLED OR INJURED IN THE ATTACKS. SIMILAR SHALL BOMB ATTACKS OCCURRED SEPTEMBER 21 AT SAN MARCOS UNIVERISTY; THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES. MARCH AGAINST TERRORISM .

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3. (U) RESIDENTS OF TWO LIMA DISTRICTS AT THE OPPOSITE EXTREMES OF THE ECONOMIC SPECTRUM MARCHED TOGETHER SUNDAY. SEPTEMBER 20. TO CELEBRATE THE CAPTURE OF SENDERO LUMINOSO

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PAGE 03 12622 2223072 LIMA FOUNDER ABIMAEL GUZMAN. SEVERAL THOUSAND RESIDENTS FROM WEALTHY OCEAN-FRONT MIRAFLORES AND IMPOVERISHED SHANTY TOWN VILLA EL SALVADOR MARCHED TOGETHER CHANTING "WE WILL NEVER BE DEFEATED." MARCHERS, LED BY THE MAYORS OF THE TWO TOWNS, CARRIED HOMEMADE SIGNS, PICTURES OF MARTYRED CIVIC LEADER MARIA ELENA MOYANO, AND SHOUTED DENUNCIATIONS OF THE SENDERO LUMINOSO. THE GOVERNMENT BILLED THE EVENT AS A "MARCH FOR PEACE." THE EVENT ECHOED A SIMILAR MARCH FOLLOWING THE CAR BOMBINGS OF MIRAFLORES. TARATA STREET. LIMA'S PRINT AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA GAVE THE EVENT EXTENSIVE COVERAGE. WHILE EMOTIONALLY CHARGED, THE MARCH DID NOT ATTRACT LARGE NUMBERS. 4. (C) COMMENT: THE SENDERO REACTION TO THE ARREST OF MOST OF THE GROUP'S LEADERSHIP IN LIMA SEPTEMBER 12 HAS THUS FAR BEEN MUTED. IT IS LIKELY THE DYNAMITINGS OF THE SURCO NEIGHBORHOOD WERE SPUR-OF-THE-MOMENT ACTIONS. THE MURDER OF THE FOOD VOLUNTEER, IN CONTRAST WAS PART OF THE SL'S ON-GOING TERROR CAMPAIGN AGAINST INDIVIDUALS ENGAGING IN HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES WHICH: IN THE SENDERO'S EYES, SHORE UP THE GOVERNMENT. BRAYSHAW