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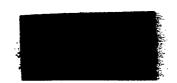
PRESUMED: SENDERG LUMINOSO (SL) TERRORISTS CARRIED OUT SEVERAL ATTACKS IN LIMA ON THE NIGHT OF OCTOBER 7. PRINCIPAL TARGET WAS SIX APRA PARTY OFFICES ON OUTSWIRTS OF LIMA. HARDEST HIT WAS PARTY OFFICE IN VILLA EL SALVADOR, WHERE TERRORISTS FIRED INTO LECTURE ROOM. KILLING FOUR PERSONS AND WOUNDING SEVERAL HORE. TERRORISTS ALSO LEFT EXPLOSIVE DEVICES CONSIDERATION. CONFIDENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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AT ALL SIX OFFICES. WHICH CAUSED VARYING AMOUNTS OF

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DAMAGE BUT APPARENTLY NO ADDITIONAL CASUALTIES. A BOMB ALSO WENT OFF AT A BANCO DE CREDITO OFFICE IN CALLAO. TERRORISTS ALSO REPORTEDLY ATTEMPTED TO BLOW UP ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION TOWERS NEAR LIMA, BUT FAILED TO CAUSE A MAJOR BLACKOUT. BUNFIRES IN THE SHAPE OF A HAMMER AND SICKLE WERE REPORTED ON ONE HILL NEAR LIMA. ATTACKS SHOCKED GOP AND APRA OFFICIALS, AND WERE CONDEMNED BY POLITICIANS RANGING FROM CONSERVATIVE TO MARXIST.

EXPLOSION AT IBM OFFICE EARLIER ON OCTOBER 7.
FOR WHICH SL PROBABLY WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE (REFTEL).
SECURITY FORCES HAD REPORREVIOUSLY THAT SL
HIGHT CARRY OUT ATTACKS IN THE PERIOD LEADING UP
TO OCTOBER 7. WHICH IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE
PERUVIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (WHICH SL CLAIMS TO
REPRESENT). UNLIKE PREVIOUS SL ATTACKS IN JULY
AND AUGUST ON APRA OFFICES, ON THIS OCCASION SL
TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO KILL PARTY
MEMBERS, PERHAPS IN RETAILIATION FOR THE OCTOBER 4
DEATHS OF 30 SL INMATES AT LURIGANCHO PRISON
(SEPTEL). WE DO NOT RULE OUT ADDITIONAL SL
REPRISALS AGAINST GOP AND APRA IN CONNECTION WITH
LURIGANCHO, HOWEVER. OCTOBER 7 ATTACKS MAY FORESHADOW INCREASE IN SL CHOICE OF NON-MILITARY OR
POLICE TARGETS IN LIMA, A DEVELOPMENT THAT COULD

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3. (C) THESE ATTACKS PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROOF.
ALBEIT UNNEEDED. OF GOP VULNERABILITY TO URBAN
TERRORISM. WE EXPECT TO SEE GROWING PRESSURE
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WITHIN THE GOT AND APRA FOR MEASURES TO ADDRESS THIS WEAKNESS BUT DOUBT GOP CAN CHANGE SITUATION SIGNIFICANTE IN NEAR TERM.