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 SUBJECT: GOP RENEWS STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR LIMA  
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1. (U) THE GOP ANNOUNCED MARCH 29 THAT IT WOULD RENEW THE STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR LIMA PROVINCE FOR AN ADDITIONAL 60 DAYS. GOP SPOKESMEN SAID THE ARMED FORCES JOINT COMMAND SOON WOULD ADDRESS THE SEPARATE ISSUE OF CONTINUATION OF

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THE CURFEW IN LIMA.

2. (C) COMMENT: THE STATE OF EMERGENCY AND CURFEW IN LIMA HAVE NOT PREVENTED TERRORISTS FROM CARRYING OUT ASSASSINATIONS AND BOMBINGS. WE KNOW THE ARMY QUESTIONS ITS EFFECTIVENESS, IS UNHAPPY ABOUT CARRYING OUT POLICE FUNCTIONS IN LIMA AND REPORTEDLY URGED THE PRESIDENT NOT TO EXTEND THE STATE OF EMERGENCY IN CAPITAL. NEVERTHELESS, PUBLIC OPINION FAVORS CONTINUATION OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY AND CURFEWS. IN THE WAKE OF ASSASSINATION OF THE PREFECT OF ICA LAST WEEK (REFTEL), THE RENEWAL

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OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY IS A POLITICAL SYMBOL OF THE GOP'S DETERMINATION TO CHALLENGE TERRORISTS.

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3. (C) THE STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE CENTRAL AND SOUTH CENTRAL SIERRA PROVINCES EXPIRES APRIL 6. WE EXPECT THE STATE OF EMERGENCY TO BE RENEWED IN MOST, IF NOT ALL OF THOSE PROVINCES. OF SPECIAL INTEREST WILL BE WHETHER THE GOP WILL INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PROVINCES IN RESPONSE TO INCREASED TERRORISM IN PASCO AND PUNO DEPARTMENTS.

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