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 TAGS: PTER, PGCV, PE  
 SUBJECT: GARCIA SIGNALS TOUGHER APPROACH TOWARD TERRORISM  
 IN LIMA  
 REFS: (A) LIMA 1215, ✓ (B) LIMA 1326, ✓ (C) LIMA 1335, ✓  
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1. (C) SUMMARY. PRESIDENT GARCIA HAS SIGNALLED A TOUGHER APPROACH TOWARD TERRORISM IN LIMA AND SUGGESTED THAT RIGHT WING TERRORIST GROUPS MAY HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR SOME RECENT ATTACKS. WHILE IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HE MAY DECLARE STATE OF EMERGENCY IN LIMA BECAUSE OF INCREASING

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PRESSURE TO DO SOMETHING, SUCH A STEP WOULD REPRESENT A HIGHLY UNCHARACTERISTIC ADMISSION THAT A PARTICULAR SITUATION HAD DETERIORATED UNDER HIS ADMINISTRATION. WE CANNOT DISMISS POSSIBILITY OF RIGHT WING PROVOCATIVE ACTION, BUT DO NOT FIND GARCIA'S INSINUATION PERSUASIVE.  
 END SUMMARY.

2. (U) SPEAKING TO PRESS AFTER LUNCHEON WITH LEADERS OF PERUVIAN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS FEBRUARY 5, GARCIA

STATED THAT, FACED WITH TERRORIST ATTACKS OF PAST FEW DAYS, GOVERNMENT WOULD TAKE CERTAIN DECISIONS WHICH HE HOPED PUBLIC WOULD SUPPORT. PRESIDENT DESCRIBED RECENT TERRORIST ACTIONS AS "NEW, VERY PROFESSIONAL, MYSTERIOUS, AND NOT NECESSARILY CARRIED OUT EXCLUSIVELY BY LEFT." HE ASSERTED THAT TERRORISTS' OBJECTIVES

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WERE TO CREATE IMAGE OF WEAKENED GOVERNMENT INCAPABLE OF REACTING EFFECTIVELY AND, AT SAME TIME, TO PRESS GOVERNMENT INTO AN EXAGGERATED RESPONSE. IN DISCUSSING OPTICNS, GARCIA NOTED HE IS EMPOWERED TO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY, AND, IN THAT CONTEXT, TO ORDER MILITARY TO TAKE CHARGE OF PUBLIC ORDER AND TO IMPOSE A CURFEW.

3. (C) COMMENT. GARCIA'S COMMENTS REFLECT FACT THAT TERRORIST ACTIONS OF PAST FEW DAYS HAVE RENEWED AND DEEPENED GENERAL SENSE OF INSECURITY IN LIMA. SPECIFIC TARGETTING OF APRA FACILITIES AND ASSASSINATION OF AN ARMY LT. COLONEL, ALBEIT RETIRED, HAVE INCREASED PRESSURES FOR ACTION FROM MILITARY AND CERTAIN PARTY CIRCLES. DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN LIMA WOULD, HOWEVER, RUN CONTRARY TO WHAT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN PREVIOUS STRATEGY OF GRADUALLY REDUCING NUMBER OF AREAS IN WHICH MILITARY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PUBLIC

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ORDER AND CIVIL LIBERTIES ARE SUSPENDED. FURTHERMORE, IT WOULD DEMONSTRATE THAT, CONTRARY TO ADMINISTRATION'S EVIDENT DESIRE TO SHOW PROGRESS IN ANTI-TERRORIST EFFORT, FACT IS THAT IN LIMA SITUATION HAS BECOME WORSE. UNTIL THIS POINT, GARCIA HAS BEEN TOTALLY UNWILLING TO TRANSMIT NEGATIVE MESSAGE OF THIS KIND

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AND PAY CONCOMITANT DOMESTIC POLITICAL PRICE IN HANDLING OF ANY ISSUE. VICE MINISTER OF INTERIOR TOLD POLCOUNS MORNING OF FEBRUARY 6 THAT HE HAD RECOMMENDED AGAINST IMPOSING STATE OF EMERGENCY HERE AND BELIEVED PRESIDENT WOULD NOT GO FORWARD WITH IT.

4. (C) PRESIDENT'S REFERENCE TO POSSIBILITY THAT TERRORIST ACTS OF PAST FEW DAYS MAY HAVE BEEN PERPETRATED BY OTHER THAN LEFT WING TERRORISTS IS NEW AND DISQUIETING. GARCIA APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN INSINUATING THAT RIGHT WING GROUPS INTERESTED IN DESTABILIZING HIS ADMINISTRATION MAY HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE. IN MAKING THIS INSINUATION, PRESIDENT REFERRED TO UNCHARACTERISTICALLY LARGE NUMBER OF TARGETS AND MATHEMATICAL SYNCHRONIZATION OF DYNAMITE EXPLOSIONS. HE OFFERED NO OTHER JUSTIFICATION FOR COMMENT. OUR OWN VIEW IS THAT NEITHER FEBRUARY 2 BOMBINGS NOR FEBRUARY 4 INCENDIARY DEVICE ATTACK GO BEYOND PREVIOUSLY DEMONSTRATED TERRORIST CAPABILITIES, EXCEPT IN TERMS OF NUMBER OF TARGETS, WHICH DOES SUGGEST AN INCREASE IN THESE CAPABILITIES. POSSIBILITY THAT RIGHT WING GROUPS ARE RESPONSIBLE, HOWEVER, CANNOT BE RULED OUT. GARCIA MAY HAVE HAD SOME BASIS FOR HIS REMARK OF WHICH WE

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~~C~~ ARE NOT AWARE. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, LEVEL OF  
DISSATISFACTION WITH ADMINISTRATION IN BOTH ARMED  
FORCES AND POLICE IS ON INCREASE. ~~J~~ JORDAN  
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