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SUBJECT: POTENTIAL SHIFTS IN SENDERO'S PATTERNS OF  
ACTIVITY

REF: (A) LIMA 13341, (B) LIMA 13253, (C) LIMA 9264  
1. (C) AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (REFS A, B), SENDERO  
LUMINOSO (SL) TERRORISTS MAY BE ADOPTING NEW/RESUMED  
TACTICS. KEY ELEMENTS APPEAR TO INCLUDE:

-- DIRECT TARGETING OF ARMED FORCES;

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-- RENEWED EMPHASIS ON DYNAMITING KEY TOWERS IN

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ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM;

-- OPENING/EXPANDING THEATER OF OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN AND CENTRAL SIERRA REGIONS. STRETCHING FROM DEPARTMENT OF LA LIBERTAD TO NORTHERN JUNIN.

2. (S/N) ARMED FORCES. MARINE DEATH TOLL IN NOV. 10 LA HAR AMBUSH (REF A) ROSE TO FOUR DEAD (AND FOUR WOUNDED) WITH DISCOVERY NOV. 13 OF CORPSE OF MARINE INITIALLY REPORTED MISSING. COMMUNIQUE ISSUED NOV. 14 BY EMERGENCY ZONE (EZ) POLITICAL-MILITARY COMMAND STATED THAT HIS BODY WAS FOUND "AT BOTTOM OF A RAVINE," BUT OTHERWISE PROVIDED NO DETAILS. ACCORDING TO PERUVIAN NAVY SOURCE, MARINE HAD SUFFERED SEVERAL GUN SHOT WOUNDS AND BROKEN BONES. MEANWHILE (ALSO ON NOV. 13), IN OPERATIONS IN NORTH-CENTRAL SIERRA (DEPARTMENT OF HUANUCO), ARMY SUFFERED FURTHER LOSS. A BRIEF COMMUNIQUE REPORTED DEATH OF SINGLE SOLDIER IN JIVIA, PROVINCE OF DOS DE MAYO. "IN AN ACCIDENT IN THE LINE OF DUTY."

[REDACTED] DEATH OCCURRED WHEN ONE UNIT OF SECURITY FORCES MISTOOK IDENTITY OF SECOND UNIT ENTERING COMMUNITY. IN FIRING THAT ENSUED, ONE SOLDIER DIED AND SECOND WAS WOUNDED.

[REDACTED] MILITARY AUTHORITIES EVALUATING LA HAR AMBUSH HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THERE, TOO, INAPPROPRIATE MILITARY PROCEDURES CONTRIBUTED TO MARINES' LOSS. BY FOLLOWING UNVARYING PATROLLING ROUTE THROUGH AN AREA OF HEAVY VEGETATION, MARINES GAVE TERRORISTS OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY THEIR MOVEMENTS AND SET UP TRAP.

3. (U) ELECTRICAL TOWERS. SL'S LIMA BLACKOUT OF NOVEMBER 5 INVOLVED DOWNING OF SEVEN TOWERS IN LIMA DEPARTMENT (REF B). ONE WEEK LATER (NOV. 13), SL BRIEFLY BLACKED OUT PARTS OF CAPITAL AGAIN. THIS TIME BY  
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BRINGING DOWN TWO MANTARO RIVER VALLEY TOWERS SOUTH OF HUANCAYO (CAPITAL OF DEPARTMENT OF JUNIN). ELECTRIC COMPANY TECHNICANS WERE ABLE TO RESTORE POWER QUICKLY, BUT REPAIR OF THESE TWO ADDITIONAL TOWERS WILL COST AN ESTIMATED \$50,000. ONLY SHOOTING INCIDENT TO OCCUR IN LIMA IN CONJUNCTION WITH BLACKOUT INVOLVED FIRING AT SOLITARY POLICEMAN STATIONED OUTSIDE HONDURAN EMBASSY (IN SAN ISIDRO). POLICEMAN REPORTEDLY SUFFERED LIGHT WOUND, AND ATTACKERS ESCAPED. IN EZ, TERRORISTS FAILED TO BLACK-OUT CITY OF HUANTA WHEN THEY BLEW UP HIGH

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TENSION LINE SUPPORT IN CENTER OF CITY EVENING OF 13TH. IN NOVEMBER 16 EDITORIAL, LIMA DAILY "EXPRESO" COMMENTED ON BLACKOUTS' PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT ON POPULATION. WHAT MATTERS, ACCORDING TO PAPER, IS NOT SO MUCH INCONVENIENCE OF INTERRUPTED POWER SUPPLY AS FEELING OF HELPLESSNESS IT ENGENDERS.

4. (U) EXPANDED THEATER OF OPERATIONS. IN FRAGMENTARY FORM, LIMA NEWSPAPERS ARE ALSO CARRYING ACCOUNTS OF SENDERO ATTACKS ON RURAL COMMUNITIES ALONG LENGTH OF ANDEAN SPINE STRETCHING FROM LA LIBERTAD (PROVINCES OF HUAMACHUCO, OTUZCO, AND SANTIAGO DE CHUCO), THROUGH WESTERN HUANUCO (PROVINCES OF MARANON, HUAMALIES, DOS DE MAYO, HUANUCO, AND AMBO PROVINCES), TO PASCO (DANIEL CARRION AND PASCO), TO NORTHERN JUNIN. A SENDERO ATTACK IN PASCO NOV. 12 BROUGHT DOWN TWO ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION TOWERS; AN ATTACK FOLLOWING DAY DAMAGED FACILITIES AT NEARBY HYDROELECTRIC PLANT. BOTH INCIDENTS INTERFERED WITH OPERATIONS IN REGION'S MINING COMMUNITIES. TO NORTH OF PASCO, MAYORS IN A DOZEN DISTRICTS OF SOUTHERN DOS DE MAYO PROVINCE DECIDED TO CLOSE UP MUNICIPAL OFFICES TO DRAMATIZE

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PERILS REGION FACES FROM SENDERO ATTACKS. (ARMED  
FORCES ENTERED JIVIA--PARA. 2 ABOVE--IN RESPONSE TO ONE  
SUCH ATTACK.)

5. (C) COMMENT: WHILE DANGERS INHERENT IN SENDERO'S  
APPARENTLY CHANGING TACTICS SHOULD NOT BE UNDERESTIMATED,  
THEY NEVERTHELESS ARE, IN A SENSE, A BYPRODUCT OF  
SECURITY PROCE TACTICS THAT HAVE PRODUCED MEASURE OF  
SUCCESS. AS PREVIOUSLY NOTED (REF B), SL'S APPEARANCE

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IN WESTERN HUANUCO COULD BE CONSEQUENCE OF RELOCATION  
OF CADRE FLEEING HUALLAGA VALLEY. IF SO, IT REPRESENTS

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A PRESENCE THAT IS ALIEN TO REGION, PROBABLY UNWELCOME TO LOCAL POPULATION AND VULNERABLE TO DECISIVE ACTION ON PART OF SECURITY FORCES. ANNOUNCED MAYORS' STRIKE REPRESENTS, IN FACT, A SPONTANEOUS EFFORT FROM WITHIN COMMUNITIES AFFECTED TO ATTRACT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT'S ATTENTION AND HELP. JORDAN

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