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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: ASEC, PTER, PGOB, MILI, PE
SUBJECT: SENDERO ATTACKS IN LIMA MARCH 13-14

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

IS/FPC/CDR

Date: 9/12/94

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1. (U) PRESUMED SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) TERRORISTS
STRUCK LIMA NIGHT OF MARCH 13, HOURS BEFORE PRESIDENT
GARCIA TRAVELLED TO ARGENTINA. SL BLEW UP ELECTRICAL
TRANSMISSION TOWERS IN THE RIMAC VALLEY, CAUSING
A BLACKOUT OF LIMA AND NEIGHBORING TOWNS AT ABOUT

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10:00 P.M., LASTING UP TO TWO HOURS. TERRORISTS ALSO
ATTACKED SEVERAL POLICE-RELATED TARGETS. ALTHOUGH AS
YET UNCONFIRMED TO US BY POLICE, PRESS REPORTS THAT SL
ATTACKED AT LEAST FOUR POLICE CHECKPOINTS AND STATIONS;
ONE POLICEMAN REPORTEDLY WAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED, AND ONE
TERRORIST REPORTEDLY CAPTURED. IN ADDITION, SEVERAL
SMALL FIRES WERE SET IN DOWNTOWN LIMA (NEAR THE SITE
OF A FIRE SET BY TERRORISTS IN EARLY FEBRUARY), AS

WELL AS IN A DEPARTMENT STORE IN THE AFFLUENT-SUBURB OF
SAN ISIDRO. DAILY "EXPRESO" CLAIMED THAT A PERSON
PURPORTING TO REPRESENT A RIGHT-WING TERRORIST
ORGANIZATION OF EX-POLICEMEN ("SENDERO VERDE") PHONED
TO CLAIM RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ATTACKS.

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2. (C) WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT TERRORISTS SHOT AND KILLED NAVY COMMANDER ALZAMORA BUSTAMANTE A.M. OF MARCH 14 WHILE LEAVING HIS HOUSE. ALZAMORA HAD SERVED IN THE AYACUCHO EMERGENCY ZONE.

3. (C) COMMENT: ATTACKS FIT STANDARD SL PROCEDURES: BLACKOUT, DYNAMITE AND GUNFIRE HIT AND RUN ATTACKS, AND SELECTIVE ASSASSINATION. WHILE WE DO NOT DISCOUNT DISRUPTIVE POTENTIAL OF SEVERAL HUNDRED RECENTLY FIRED POLICEMEN, IN THIS CASE WE HAVE NO INFORMATION TO SUBSTANTIATE THE EXISTENCE OF SENDERO VERDE OR ANY OTHER ALLEGED RIGHT-WING TERRORIST GROUP. HOWEVER, UNDOUBTEDLY THERE ARE THOSE WITHIN THE PERUVIAN LEGAL LEFT AND IN APRA FOR WHOM IT IS USEFUL TO DECLAIM AGAINST "RIGHT-WING" VIOLENCE. ATTACKS ILLUSTRATE SL RETAINS CONSIDERABLE FREEDOM OF ACTION IN LIMA NOTWITHSTANDING STATE OF EMERGENCY AND CURFEW. THE ASSASSINATION OF YET ANOTHER MILITARY OFFICER COULD STEP UP MILITARY PRESSURE ON GARCIA TO BETTER ADDRESS TERRORIST PROBLEM.]

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