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SUBJECT: SENDERO MAINTAINS ITS ELECTION CAMPAIGN

1. (U) "UNITED LEFT" (IU) CAMPAIGN RALLY IN CENTRAL SIERRA CITY OF HUANCAYO WAS INTERRUPTED EVENING MARCH 26 BY TWO CLOSELY TIMED DYNAMITE EXPLOSIONS, ONE OF WHICH REPORTEDLY OCCURRED SHORT 120 METERS FROM PLATFORM WHERE ALFONSO BARRANTES AND IU RUNNING MATES WERE STANDING. FIRST EXPLOSION OCCURRED OUTSIDE ENTRANCE TO HEADQUARTERS UNIR (MEMBER OF IU ALLIANCE); SECOND AFFECTED NEARBY OFFICES OF (MOSCOW-LINING) COMMUNIST PARTY (PCP). ESPECIALLY AT LATTER SITE,
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DAMAGE WAS REPORTED TO BE CONSIDERABLE, BUT NO INJURIES

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WERE REPORTED.

2. (U) ON SAME EVENING, FOUR MASKED INDIVIDUALS INVADDED PREMISES "RADIO ANDINA" IN HUANCAYO, FORCING STATION STAFF TO BROADCAST PRERECORDED CASSETTE CONTAINING SUBVERSIVE MESSAGE. ALSO ON SAME EVENING, AT "LA ATARJEJA" RESERVOIR AND WATER PROCESSING PLANT OUTSIDE OF LIMA, GUARDS SURPRISED TWO INDIVIDUALS ATTEMPTING TO PLANT EXPLOSIVES AT FACILITY. BOTH ESCAPED ONCE DISCOVERED.

3. (U) MORE SERIOUS INCIDENT OCCURRED FOLLOWING DAY INSIDE METROPOLITAN AREA OF LIMA. TWO POLICEMEN (GUARDIA CIVIL--GC) WERE APPROACHED FROM BEHIND IN WORKING CLASS AREA OF PAMPLONA ALTA AND SHOT TO DEATH BY TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO, ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORTS, ATTEMPTED TO SEIZE DYING OFFICERS' ARMS BEFORE FLEEING. AS WAS CASE WITH MOST RECENT ATTACKS ON LIMA POLICE (LIMA 2750), THIS INCIDENT TOO OCCURRED IN BROAD DAYLIGHT (5:30 P.M.).

4. (U) WHILE PRECISE INFORMATION ON WHAT IS OCCURRING IN MORE REMOTE PARTS OF PERU IS IMPOSSIBLE TO COME BY, IT IS CLEAR THAT ELECTORALLY RELATED VIOLENCE IS NOT CONFINED TO JUST CAPITAL OR MAJOR CITIES. AYACUCHO POLITICAL-MILITARY COMMAND ANNOUNCED MARCH 27 DEATH ON PREVIOUS DAY OF MAYOR OF EMERGENCY ZONE TOWN OF PAMPA CANGALLO (PROVINCE OF CANGALLO, AYACUCHO DEPARTMENT). MAYOR, A GOVERNING "POPULAR ACTION" (AP) OFFICEHOLDER ELECTED IN 1980, WAS CUT DOWN BY TERRORISTS WHILE ON TRIP OUTSIDE HIS COMMUNITY. REPORTS OUT OF EQUINOXIAL MOUNTAIN AREA OF EASTERN ANCASH INDICATE THAT TERRORIST BARRAGES IN HUARI PROVINCE (SEE CONFIDENTIAL)

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LIMA 746) ARE WARNING CAMPESINO COMMUNITIES THERE TO BOYCOTT ELECTIONS.

5. (C) COMMENT: THESE MULTIPLE EVENTS APPEAR TO FIT INTO PATTERN OF ONGOING SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) CAMPAIGN TO DISRUPT ELECTIONS. TO DATE, CAMPAIGN'S IMPACT HAS BEEN INSIGNIFICANT AND, IN CASE OF IU RALLY, BARRANTES TOOK ADVANTAGE OF DRAMATIC EXPLOSIONS TO REINFORCE HIS CONDEMNATIONS OF SL VIOLENCE AND DENY IU LINKS TO THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION. BARRANTES HAD BEEN

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EMBARRASSED IN RECENT DAYS BY WIDELY PUBLICIZED DIFFERENCES WITHIN IU OVER QUESTION OF OPENING A DIALOGUE WITH SL. SEVERAL PROMINENT IU PERSONALITIES, INCLUDING JAVIER DIEZ CANSECO, RICARDO LETTS, AND SENATORS CARLOS MALPICA AND GENARO LEDESMA, HAVE PUBLICLY ADVOCATED SUCH A DIALOGUE. DIEZ CANSECO STATED THAT IU'S NATIONAL DIRECTIVE COMMITTEE HAD TAKEN POSITION THAT TERRORISM IS A POLITICAL RATHER THAN A MILITARY PROBLEM, AND DIALOGUE WAS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN RESOLVING IT. BARRANTES, BY CONTRAST, HAS DISCOUNTED PRACTICALITY OF SUCH CONTACTS WITH SENDERO. WHAT IS NOT CLEAR IS WHETHER THESE DIFFERENCES ARE SUBSTANTIVE OR MERELY TACTICAL. BARRANTES' PUBLIC LINE ON TERRORISM MAY WELL BE MORE A CALCULATED PITCH TO MODERATE SECTORS OF ELECTORATE AND MILITARY THAN A REFLECTION OF HIS ACTUAL VIEWS. OGDEN

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