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TAGS: PTER, PGOV, PHUM, PE

SUBJECT: TERRORISM: NEW ATTACKS, INCREASED PRESIDENTIAL INTEREST

REF: LIMA 1963 ✓

1. (U) FOLLOWING NUMEROUS COORDINATED ATTACKS FEBRUARY 21 IN LIMA (REFTTEL), SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) CARRIED OUT ADDITIONAL ATTACKS IN LIMA AND IN THE NORTHERN CITY OF TRUJILLO ON FEBRUARY 22. TERRORISTS

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BOMBED TWO APRA PARTY NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICES IN LIMA AT ABOUT 3:30 A.M.; NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED. IN TRUJILLO, WHERE PRESIDENT GARCIA DELIVERED A SPEECH EVENING OF FEBRUARY 22, SL BOMBED AN APRA OFFICE, WOUNDING FIVE PERSONS, AND A BRANCH OF THE BANCO POPULAR (NO CASUALTIES). SL WAS NOT INACTIVE IN RURAL AREAS; IN ADDITION TO AN AMBUSH NEAR CERRO DE PASCO ON FEBRUARY 19, IN WHICH FOUR MEMBERS OF THE GUARDIA REPUBLICANA AND A DRIVER WERE KILLED, SL

ASSASSINATED MAYOR OF HUANCARALLA, (AYACUCHO DEPARTMENT) ON FEBRUARY 21, AND REPORTEDLY TRIED AND EXECUTED 11 PERSONS IN THE VILLAGE OF TOTORA (APURIMAC DEPARTMENT). MEANWHILE, PRESS REPORTS POLICE HAVE ARRESTED SUSPECTED TERRORISTS.

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2. (C) COMMENT: THE LATEST SL ATTACKS HAVE DEMONSTRATED THE LIMITED EFFECTIVENESS OF THE LIMA STATE OF EMERGENCY AND CURFEW IN ADDRESSING TERRORISM. TO DATE, ARMED FORCES DO NOT APPEAR TO HAVE PLAYED A DRAMATIC ROLE IN CITY. INDEED, MINISTER OF WAR FLORES HAS EMPHASIZED IN COMMENTS TO PRESS THAT MILITARY HAS NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY CONFRONTATION OR HOSTILE INCIDENTS WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY SINCE STATE OF EMERGENCY WAS DECLARED. MILITARY GOAL AT THIS POINT WOULD APPEAR TO BE AS MUCH TO PRESERVE ITS IMAGE AND STANDING WITH POPULACE AS ANYTHING ELSE.

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3. (C) AS SL ATTACKS ARE FREQUENTLY CYCLICAL IN NATURE, SO IS PUBLIC CONCERN ABOUT TERRORISM; LATEST EXAMPLE OF APPARENT SL IMPUNITY HAS TOUCHED A NERVE IN LIMA. THIS TIME THE CONCERN IS SHARED BY THE PRESIDENT WHO SPENT A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF HIS FEBRUARY 22 TRUJILLO SPEECH DENOUNCING TERRORISM

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PAGE 03 LIMA 01996 242026Z (SEPTEL). IN ADDITION TO TERRORISM'S THREAT TO GENERAL POPULACE, WE BELIEVE THERE IS AN EMOTIONAL ANGLE INVOLVED: TERRORISM IS A CHALLENGE TO GARCIA'S MANDATE, AND POPULARITY; UNLIKE ALL OTHER POLITICAL FORCES IN THE COUNTRY, IT CANNOT BE IGNORED, CAJOLED, SEDUCED, OR FORCED INTO LINE. IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT GARCIA, EVER LOATH TO DELEGATE MUCH AUTHORITY, WILL TAKE AN INCREASING PERSONAL INTEREST

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IN-GOP COUNTER-TERRORISM EFFORTS. THE PRINCIPAL PROBLEM GARCIA FACES, HOWEVER, IS THAT PRESIDENTIAL RHETORIC AND DIRECTIVES ARE NOT ENOUGH TO RESOLVE VIOLENCE. IN RECENT DAYS, DRAMATIC BLAME FOR CONTINUED TERRORISM HAS BEEN LAID AT THE FEET OF THE MILITARY AND POLICE (FOR INEFFICIENCY), THE MEDIA (FOR OVEREMPHASIZING SCOPE OF VIOLENCE), AND THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM (FOR FREEING SL DEFENDENTS OR HANDING DOWN LIGHT SENTENCES). ALTHOUGH THERE IS AN ELEMENT OF TRUTH IN ALL THESE OBSERVATIONS, IT IS DOUBTFUL GARCIA WILL BE ABLE TO ACT UPON THEM AND ACHIEVE EARLY RESULTS. JORDAN

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