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3. INFO ON THE NATIONAL PRISON SYSTEM HEADQUARTERS, LOCATED ON THE JANE BLOCH AS THE U.S. EMBASSY, TERRORISTS BOMBED THE CAR OF PRISON SYSTEM CHIEF OSCAR MELIA QUIROZ. THE BOMB DESTROYED THE VEHICLE AND BROKE WINDOWS IN THE BUILDING.

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- 6. (U) OTHER KNOWN ATTACKS INCLUDE:
  - A BOMBING AT CHANNEL 5 TELEVISION IN DOWNTOWN LIMA.
  - BOMBING AT BRANCH OF THE CONTINENTAL BANK IN MIRAFLORES.
  - BOMBING AT THE POPULAR BANK IN LIMA.
  - BOMBING AT THE BANCO DE CREDITO IN LIMA.

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SUBJECT: WIDESPREAD TERRORIST ATTACKS IN LIMA

1. (C) SUMMARY: IN WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN DUBBED A "NIGHT OF SAVAGERY" BY THE LOCAL PRESS, TERRORISTS STAGED ONE OF THEIR LARGEST ATTACKS IN RECENT MEMORY THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 15. SIX DEPARTMENTS WERE BLACKED OUT, TWO TEXTILE FACTORIES BURNED, THE HEAD OF THE PRISON SYSTEM'S CAR DYNAMITED (JANE BLOCH FROM THE EMBASSY) AND NUMEROUS BOMBS EXPLODED. THERE WERE NO REPORTED ATTACKS AGAINST U.S. INTERESTS OR DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS OF ANY COUNTRY. ATTACKS RECALL PRE-1986 SL OPERATIONS AND MAY SPARK SPECULATION OF SL RESURGENCE IN LIMA. END SUMMARY.

7. (C) COMMENT: ATTACKS BEAR TRADEMARK OF SENDERO'S PRE-1986 OPERATIONS -- A MASSIVE BLACKOUT ACCOMPANIED BY NUMEROUS DYNAMITE AND INCENDIARY ATTACKS. SL HAS LONG TARGETED BANKS AND FACTORIES; ITS ATTACK AGAINST THE PRISON DIRECTORY NEATLY PARALLELS INCREASING DENUNCIATIONS IN THE RADICAL MARXIST PRESS ABOUT TREATMENT OF SL MEMBERS IN CARO GRANDE PRISON. SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ATTACKS IS THE EXTENT OF THE BLACKOUT (AT LEAST AS EXTENSIVE AS ANY PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS) AND RANGE OF COORDINATED ACTIVITIES WITHIN LIMA. POLICE INDICATED THE ATTACKS AGAINST THE TEXTILE FACTORIES WERE PLANNED BY TERRORISTS FAMILIAR WITH FACTORY OPERATIONS AND LAYOUT. THE SIZE OF ATTACK WILL FUEL SPECULATION THAT SL IS EMERGING FROM REORGANIZATION PROCESS THAT FOLLOWED JUNE 1986 PRISON DEATHS. HOWEVER, IN ITS PRE-1986 ATTACKS IN LIMA SL RARELY LOST PERSONNEL. THE LOSS OF THREE MEMBERS THIS TIME MAY POINT TO PROBLEMS IN TRAINING AND RECRUITING ADEQUATE PERSONNEL.

2. (U) BEGINNING AT ABOUT 8:30 P.M. WHEN THE FIRST POWER FAILURES BEGAN, SUSPECTED SENDERO LUMINOZO TERRORISTS STAGED A SERIES OF ATTACKS IN METROPOLITAN LIMA AND THE PROVINCES. AT LEAST ONE TERRORIST WAS KILLED AND ANOTHER INJURED AS THEY TRIED TO BOMB A BRANCH OF THE BANCO DE CREDITO. CONSIDERING THE AMOUNT OF OVERALL PROPERTY DAMAGE, THERE WERE FEW INJURIES.

8. (C) A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF COUNTRY TEAM WAS PRESENT WITH THE MINISTER AND VICE MINISTER OF INTERIOR, ALONG WITH TOP POLICE OFFICIALS. AT A DINNER IN HONOR OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY WEDBLESKI WHEN THE LIGHTS STARTED TO GO OUT AND REPORTS OF ATTACKS BEGAN TO COME IN, SALINAS AND MANTILLA REMAINED CALM AND RELAXED THROUGHOUT THE EVENING BUT ACKNOWLEDGED WITHOUT HESITATION THAT THE ATTACKS WERE A CLEAR DEMONSTRATION OF THE TERRORISTS' ABILITY TO CARRY OUT A LARGE-SCALE HIGHLY COORDINATED OPERATION. WATSON

3. (U) ELECTRIC SERVICE TO SIX OF THE NINE DEPARTMENTS SERVED BY ELECTROPERU'S CENTRAL MAIN AND SYSTEM WAS DISRUPTED BY THE BOMBING OF POWER INSTALLATIONS AND TOWERS IN LIMA AND JUNIN DEPARTMENTS. THE DEPARTMENTS OF LIMA, JUNIN, ANCON, LA LIBERTAD, ICA AND LAMBAYEQUE LOST POWER AT LEAST BRIEFLY AND PARTS OF LIMA WERE STILL WITHOUT ELECTRICITY THE MORNING OF JANUARY 16.

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4. (U) IN TWO SIMILAR ACTIONS, TERRORISTS ATTACKED THE EATON CELANESE FACTORY AND THE MANUFACTURING (MANTILLA) FACTORY, SETTING FIRES AND LOBBING (MANTILLA). IN NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS, THE TERRORISTS FIRST WARNED WORKERS AWAY FROM THE BUILT SITES AND LATER PULLED OUT PROPAGANDA. MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN DAMAGES ARE ESTIMATED.

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