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SUBJECT: PERU WEEKEND TERRORIST ATTACKS

REF: (A) LIMA 5140, (B) LIMA 5233

1. TERRORISTS AGAIN BLACKED OUT LIMA AND SEVERAL OTHER CITIES THE EVENING OF MAY 9, STAGING A SERIES OF BOMBINGS AND ASSAULTS AS SOON AS THE LIGHTS WENT OUT. THE BLACKOUTS CAPPED AN INTENSE WEEK OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY WHICH INCLUDED A MAJOR BLACKOUT AND COORDINATED ATTACKS MAY 4 (REF A) AND ASSAULTS AGAINST TWO FACTORIES MAY 5 AND 6.

2. THE MAY 9 ASSAULTS BEGAN JUST BEFORE 8 P.M. WHEN POWER WAS LOST IN ALL OF METROPOLITAN LIMA, AS WELL AS CITIES IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ICA, JUNIN, ANCASH, LA LIBERTAD, AND LAMBAYEQUE. THE PRESS HAS REPORTED AS MANY AS 20 BOMBINGS AGAINST VARIED TARGETS, INCLUDING TWO APRA OFFICES, AN OPEN MARKET NEAR THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE, TWO POLICE STATIONS, AN OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT TEMPORARY WORKERS PROJECT, AND THE HEADQUARTERS OF MILITARY INDUSTRIES. IN ADDITION, BOMBS WENT OFF UNDER A PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY A BLOCK FROM THE EMBASSY AND IN THE GENERAL AREA OF THE MILITARY COMMAND ABOUT TWO BLOCKS FROM THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.

3. TWO TERRORISTS WERE BLOWN UP WHEN THE BOMB THEY WERE REPORTEDLY TRYING TO USE AGAINST A BRANCH OF BANCO CONTINENTAL EXPLODED IN THEIR HANDS. THE TERRORISTS WERE IDENTIFIED AS TWO BROTHERS: FREDY AND RENE [illegible], AGED 25 AND 21, RESPECTIVELY, BOTH OF LIMA. THE OLDER BROTHER HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN 1983 ON TERRORIST CHARGES AND WAS RELEASED IN 1985. HE WAS THOUGHT TO BE A MEMBER OF

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[illegible] CONTROL [illegible] DENIED
[illegible] AN INJURY OF AN APRA MEMBER AT [illegible] ALSO REPORTED.

4. IN THE HUANCAYO AREA, TERRORISTS HIT SEVERAL TARGETS, INCLUDING A POLICE STATION, A MUNICIPAL BUILDING, AND A PUBLIC BANK ASSOCIATED WITH THE JAUJA COOPERATIVE. ONE DEATH AND SEVERAL INJURIES ARE REPORTED. ON MAY 8 IN HUANCAYO, TERRORISTS ASSASSINATED ROBERTO BERROSPI MELGAR, HEAD OF THE GOVERNMENT'S POPULAR COOPERATION PROJECT.
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