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SUBJECT: MAY 19 GENERAL STRIKE, SITUATION AS OF 1300

REF: (A) LIMA 5456

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: THE MARIKAT-LED ONE-DAY GENERAL STRIKE BEGAN MAY 19. THE COP ESTIMATES STRIKE PARTICIPATION AT 25 PERCENT NATIONWIDE AND 20 PERCENT IN LIMA. THE REDUCED TRAFFIC FLOW AND NUMBERS OF BUSES REFLECT SOME SUCCESS IN LIMA. THE COP PROVIDED FREE TRANSPORTATION AND LIBERAL GUIDELINES ON TARDINESS TO REDUCE THE STRIKE'S IMPACT. POLICE AND SOLDIERS ARE PATROLLING THE CITY, BUT THERE HAVE BEEN NO MAJOR INCIDENTS REPORTED SO FAR. A LARGE DEMONSTRATION CALLED BY STRIKERS FOR MID-DAY COULD INCREASE THE POTENTIAL FOR VIOLENCE. TERRORISTS OFFER VERBAL SUPPORT FOR THE STRIKE BUT HAVE REFRAINED FROM ATTACKS IN LIMA AND MOST OF THE PROVINCES. THE AREA AROUND THE EMBASSY IS CALM.

... THE COP ESTIMATES STRIKE PARTICIPATION AT 25 PERCENT NATIONWIDE AND 20 PERCENT IN LIMA AND AREQUIPA. THE FIGURE IS ABOUT 20 PERCENT; THERE IS NO INFORMATION SET ON TROUJILLO AND CUCLO. THE MINERS ESTIMATE THAT 50 PERCENT OF THE MINERS ARE ON STRIKE, AS WELL AS ABOUT 75 PERCENT OF THE PETROPERU WORKERS AT THE TALARA AND COMPAH REFINERIES. BASIC SERVICES (ELECTRICITY, TELEPHONE, WATER) APPEAR NOT TO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THE STRIKE. AMCHAM REPORTS 95 PERCENT ATTENDANCE LEVELS AT MOST MAJOR U.S. COMPANIES.

4. THE COP TOOK STEPS TO REDUCE STRIKE PARTICIPATION: FREE TRANSPORTATION ON GOVERNMENT BUSES AND A REQUIREMENT THAT EMPLOYERS NOT PENALIZE WORKERS FOR TARDINESS (REFUEL). IN ADDITION, THE ARMY AND POLICE ARE PATROLLING THE CITY, AND MID-DAY POLICE ARE PRESENT AT ASSEMBLY POINTS FOR DEMONSTRATIONS PLANNED BY STRIKERS. SOLDIERS ARE RIDING ON GOVERNMENT BUSES AS AN ADDITIONAL DETERRENT TO STRIKE VIOLENCE.

5. STRIKERS SO FAR HAVE ENGAGED ONLY IN MINOR DISTURBANCES -- THROWING ROCKS AND BURNING TIRES -- AND HAVE BEEN DISPERSED BY THE SECURITY FORCES WITHOUT INCIDENT. THE AREA AROUND THE EMBASSY IS CALM. STRIKE ORGANIZERS HAVE CALLED FOR A MAJOR DEMONSTRATION IN DOWNTOWN LIMA (PLAZA DE MAYO) FOR MID-DAY HOWEVER, WHICH COULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INCREASED VIOLENCE.

6. BOTH SENDERS AND THE MARIKAT-HIG HAVE

SUPPORTED THE CALL FOR A GENERAL STRIKE. TERRORIST VIOLENCE, NEVERTHELESS, HAS BEEN ABSENT IN LIMA AND IN MOST OF THE PROVINCES. RECEPTIONS WERE SOMEWHAT CALM AND AT THE DETROIT ONE PROCESSING PLANT IN CERRO DE PASCO. THE EXPLANATION MAY BE THAT SUBVERSIVES WISH TO ENCOURAGE LABOR UNREST WITHOUT IT BEING TAGGED AS TERRORIST-INSPIRED.

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3. THE MARIKAT-LED ONE-DAY GENERAL STRIKE BEGAN MAY 19. JUST AS THE COP NEGOTIATED AN END TO A FOUR-DAY POLICE STRIKE, TRAFFIC

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