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SUBJECT: BLACKOUTS AND BOMBINGS IN LIMA

REF: (A) LIMA 00509

1. (U) FOR THE SECOND THURSDAY NIGHT IN A ROW, SUSPECTED SENDERO LUMINOSO TERRORISTS BLACKED OUT THE CITY OF LIMA AND USED THE COVER OF DARKNESS TO BOMB AT LEAST FIVE TARGETS. THE JANUARY 22 ATTACKS LEFT SIX MEMBERS OF THE APRA PARTY INJURED AND CAUSED THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN DAMAGES.
2. (U) THE PRINCIPAL TARGETS WERE THREE NEIGHBORHOOD APRA HEADQUARTERS IN METROPOLITAN LIMA (WHERE THE INJURIES OCCURRED). BUT, AT LEAST ONE BANK AND A SCHOOL (NEAR APRA HEADQUARTERS) WERE ALSO HIT.
3. (U) THE FIRST OF THREE SEPARATE BLACKOUTS BEGAN AT ABOUT 9 P.M. POWER WAS RESTORED APPROXIMATELY 60 MINUTES LATER, BUT FAILED TWO MORE TIMES DURING THE NIGHT. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THE TWO SUBSEQUENT BLACKOUTS WERE CAUSED BY ADDITIONAL ATTACKS OR TO ELECTRIC COMPANY REPAIR AND SWITCHING OF TRANSMISSION LINES. TELEPHONE SERVICE IN PARTS OF LIMA, INCLUDING THE EMBASSY WAS OUT FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR. THE BLACKOUT ALSO AFFECTED THE CITIES OF ICA, CHICLAYO, TRUJILLO, CHIMBOTE AND HUANCAYO.
4. (C) COMMENT: ALTHOUGH A SIGNIFICANT TERRORIST ACTION, LAST NIGHT'S ATTACKS CAUSED FAR LESS DAMAGE THAN THOSE OF JANUARY 15. INJURIES TO CIVILIANS WERE GREATER, HOWEVER, AND THE TERRORISTS ESCAPED WITHOUT INJURY OR CAPTURE. POLICE DID MANAGE TO RECOVER A QUANTITY OF EXPLOSIVES IN THE NEAR CAPTURE OF THREE TERRORISTS. WATSON

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