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 FM AMEMBASSY LIMA
 TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5925
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 TAGS: PTER, PGOV, ASEC, ALOW, PE, IN
 SUBJECT: TERRORIST ATTACK AGAINST INDIAN EMBASSY

1. A SUSPECTED 8-PERSON SENDERO LUMINOSO HIT SQUAD
 ATTACKED THE EMBASSY OF INDIA JANUARY 26, KILLING AT
 LEAST TWO POLICE OFFICERS AND SETTING OFF SEVERAL BOMBS.
 ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION BY THE RSO, THE
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 ATTACK BEGAN AT ABOUT 2 P.M. OUTSIDE THE INDIAN CHANCERY
 LOCATED IN THE LIMA SUBURB OF MIRAFLORES. AN APARTMENT
 BUILDING HOUSING SIX U.S. EMBASSY FAMILIES IS LOCATED
 A BLOCK AWAY.

2. THOUGH THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS IS STILL NOT CONFIRMED,
 TERRORISTS FIRST ATTACKED POLICE OUTSIDE THE EMBASSY
 WITH GUNFIRE. A GUARD WITHIN THE EMBASSY REPORTEDLY
 RETURNED FIRE AND A GUNFIGHT ENSUED. AT ALMOST THE SAME

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TIME, TWO OR THREE BOMBS WERE EXPLODED IN THE STREET
 OUTSIDE THE EMBASSY BREAKING UNCOUNTED WINDOWS IN THE
 AREA. THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPORTS OF ANYONE INJURED
 INSIDE THE INDIAN EMBASSY. ABOUT TWO HOURS FOLLOWING
 THE ATTACK, VICE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR AGUSTIN

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MANTILLA PERSONALLY INSPECTED THE SIGHT. WE HAVE NO WORD YET ON ANY TERRORISTS ARRESTED, ALTHOUGH ONE WAS REPORTEDLY WOUNDED.

3. COMMENT:
THERE IS AN OBVIOUS CONNECTION BETWEEN PRESIDENT GARCIA'S PRESENCE IN INDIA AND THE ATTACK. THIS WAS A SERIOUS, WELL-PLANNED BROAD-DAYLIGHT ASSAULT AND MAY HAVE BEEN THE LARGEST ATTACK AGAINST A DIPLOMATIC MISSION EVER ATTEMPTED BY SL. WATSON
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