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THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF TERRORIST AND TERRORIST-RELATED REPORTS DURING THE PERIOD DECEMBER 28-JANUARY 6. WE COMPILED THE LIST FROM PRESS REPORTS, POST CONTACTS WITH PERU'S ANTI-TERRORISM POLICE UNIT (GRCOTEL), AND OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MILITARY JOINT COMMAND. MAJOR TERRORIST ATTACKS FOLLOWING THE DESIGNATION OF JORGE DEL CASTILLO AS WINNER IN THE LIMA MAYORAL RACE WERE REPORTED SEPARATELY (REFTELS B AND C).

1. (U) DECEMBER 28, 1986

- AN ESTIMATED 40 SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) MEMBERS ATTACKED THE TOWN OF VILCAHUAMAN, AYACUCHO, TERRORIZING THE INHABITANTS AND SETTING BUILDINGS AFIRE. THE POPULATION OF THE TOWN WAS FORCED INTO THE MAIN SQUARE WHERE TERRORISTS RECITED SLOGANS IN FAVOR OF THE ARMED FIGHT AND ATTACHED THE POST OFFICE, A WAREHOUSE OF THE AYACUCHO DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (CORFA) AND A STORE OWNED BY THE PREFECT GENERAL. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

- DECEMBER 29, 1986

- THE MILITARY JOINT COMMAND REPORTED THE DEATH OF THREE SL TERRORISTS DURING A SHOOTOUT ON DECEMBER 28 IN NORTHERN AYACUCHO. A MILITARY SPOKESMAN SAID THE SUBVERSIVES HAD JUST ASSAULTED THE VILLAGE OF CHALA, KILLING TWO CAMPESINOS WHEN AN ARMY PATROL ENCOUNTERED THEM.

- THREE SUSPECTED SL TERRORISTS KILLED A POLICE OFFICER CHRISTMAS EVE IN TACA, ABOUT 300 KM SOUTH OF PIMA. THE OFFICER HAD PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN ABORDAJE.

- POLICE SAY THEY PREVENTED A MASS BREAK-IN BY AN ESTIMATED 120 SL AND MRTA TERRORISTS BEING HELD IN PRISON IN CUCCO. OTHER INMATES REPORTEDLY INFORMED ON

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10 TERRORIST PRISONERS DIED. THE TERRORISTS REFUSED TO NAME WHO DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE ESCAPE ATTEMPT.

- A SUSPECTED MRTA DESTROYED A MAJOR PORTION OF THE JAPANESE NATIONAL ENTERPRISE FACTORY IN LIMA. THE FACTORY, WHICH PRODUCES BATTERIES AND TELEVISION SCREENS, HAD BEEN ATTACKED BY TERRORISTS PREVIOUSLY.

- THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT EXTENDED THE STATE OF EMERGENCY IN LIMA AND THE PORT OF CALLAO FOR AN ADDITIONAL 30 DAYS ON DECEMBER 27. THE STATE OF EMERGENCY HAS NOW BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE FEBRUARY 1986.

- DECEMBER 30, 1986

- POLICE ARRESTED ZACARIAS HORNIA GARCIA, 34, IN SANTIAGO DE CHICO, LA LIBERTAD. GARCIA HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH DISTRIBUTING EXPLOSIVES AND SEVERAL TERRORIST ATTACKS.

- A POLICE OFFICER WAS KILLED IN MUANCAYO AFTER SUSPECTED TERRORISTS FOLLOWED HIS ROME.

- TEN RESIDENTS OF THE PROVINCE OF CASTROVIRREYNA, MUANCAYELICA WERE KILLED BY SUSPECTED TERRORISTS IN SEVERAL DIFFERENT ATTACKS AROUND CHRISTMAS TIME. THE VICTIMS WERE REPORTEDLY SUBJECTS TO SUMMARY TRIALS AND THEN MACHINE GUNNED FOR ALLEGED COOPERATION WITH THE ARMY AND POLICE.

- DECEMBER 31, 1986

- TERRORISTS KILLED TWO POLICE OFFICERS IN PANCHACAYA, MUANCAYO. IN ONE OF THE DEATHS, TERRORISTS RIGGED AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE TO A COMMUNIST FLAG WHICH WENT OFF WHEN THE FLAG WAS MOVED.

- A POLICE OFFICER WAS KILLED AND SIX OTHERS INJURED IN CENTROBANDO NO. JURIN WHEN AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE ATTACHED TO A COMMUNIST FLAG WENT OFF.

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