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SUBJECT: SI KILLS SIX IN DAYLIGHT ATTACK IN RESTAURANT

1. (U) SUSPECTED SENDERO LUMINOSO TERRORISTS
STAGED A BLOODY MID-DAY ATTACK AGAINST A LIMA
RESTAURANT APRIL 5 KILLING SIX AND WOUNDING AT
LEAST 72.

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LIMA TEL OFFERS. MOST KILLED INCLUDED AN
ARMY LT. COLONEL AND A CAPTAIN. THE RESTAURANT
IS LESS THAN TWO BLOCKS FROM AN ARMY DIVISION
HEADQUARTERS IN THE LOWER CLASS NEIGHBORHOOD OF
LIMAC, LOCATED ACROSS THE LIMAC RIVER FROM THE
PRESIDENTIAL PALACE. TWO OTHER ARMY OFFICIALS
WERE WOUNDED.

2. (U) ACCORDING TO SEVERAL SOURCES, AT LEAST
FIVE TERRORISTS, WEARING SCHOOL AND POLICE
UNIFORMS, ENTERED THE RESTAURANT WHERE ABOUT

72 PEOPLE WERE KILLED AT THE RESTAURANT. AT LEAST
FIVE WERE KILLED WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. THE TERRORISTS
WERE HEAVILY CONCENTRATED IN THE RESTAURANT. MOST OF THEM
WERE OF MILITARY AGE, BUT THE MAJORITY OF THEIR

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VICTIMS WERE OTHER CUSTOMERS IN THE RESTAURANT. TO COVER THEIR ESCAPE, THE TERRORISTS THREW SEVERAL BOMBS AND HEADED OFF IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS. POLICE HAVE ARRESTED ONE SUSPECT WHO WAS EFFORTEDLY ARMED WITH A SMITH AND WESSON REVOLVER STOLEN FROM A POLICE OFFICER IN JANUARY.

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3. (U) A CONFIRMED REPORT IN THE RESPECTED "EL COMERCIO" SAID A SECOND GROUP OF TERRORISTS, ALSO DISGUISED IN SCHOOL AND POLICE UNIFORMS, ATTEMPTED A SIMULTANEOUS ATTACK AGAINST A BRANCH OF INTERBANK IN THE LOWER CLASS NEIGHBORHOOD OF SAN MARTIN DE PORRIS. PRIVATE GUARDS PREVENTED THE ATTACK BY FIRING AT THE SUBVERSIVES, BUT NOT BEFORE THEY TOSSED FOUR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES INTO THE BANK. THE BOMBS WERE DEACTIVATED WITHOUT DAMAGE OR INJURY, BUT A FIFTH BOMB EXPLODED IN THE STREET.

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4. (U) EARLY THE MORNING OF APRIL 12 TERRORISTS DESTROYED A BRIDGE OVER THE MANTARO RIVER IN THE PROVINCE OF JUNIN, ABOUT 12 KMS FROM THE TOWN OF LA ORCA.

5. (C) COMMENT: EVEN FOR SENDERO, YESTERDAY'S ATTACK WAS ESPECIALLY BRUTAL. ALTHOUGH THE MILITARY MEN MAY HAVE BEEN THEIR TARGETS, THE FIRING WAS BASICALLY INDISCRIMINATE, AND THE CASUALTIES HIGH. SEVERAL OF THE WOUNDED WERE REPORTED TO BE IN CRITICAL CONDITION. SCREAMING MURDER AND MASSACRE COVERED LIMA'S FRONT PAGES, AND THE TERRORISTS HAVE AGAIN.

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