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 E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
 TAGS: PTER, PHUM, ASEC, ALOW, PE  
 SUBJECT: PLACKOUT AND BOMBINGS IN PERU  
 REF: (A) LIMA 5014, (P) LIMA 5061, (C) STEIN/MCGARITY  
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1. (U) SUMMARY: TERRORISTS BLACKED OUT THE

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 CITY OF LIMA THE EVENING OF MAY 4, USING THE  
 COVER OF DARKNESS TO CARRY OUT A REPORTED 16  
 SEPARATE COORDINATED ATTACKS AGAINST GOVERNMENT  
 AND MILITARY BUILDINGS, POLICE STATIONS AND  
 BANKS. DESPITE PRESS ACCOUNTS TO THE CONTRARY,  
 THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE WAS NOT, REPEAT,  
 WAS NOT ATTACKED. ONE ROUND WAS RECOVERED  
 FROM THE SIXTH FLOOR OF A NEW BUILDING THAT  
 WILL SOON HOUSE AID AND USIS, APPARENTLY FIRED  
 DURING THE ATTACK AGAINST THE NEARBY JOINT

MILITARY COMMAND BUILDING. **CONFIDENTIAL**

2. (U) TERRORISTS STRUCK KEY HIGH-TENSION  
 TOWERS IN THE MANTARO VALLEY SHORTLY BEFORE  
 9 P.M., KNOCKING OUT POWER TO LIMA AS WELL

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AS TO PARTS OF HUARAL, CHINCHA, PISCO, CANETE, HUACHO, HUANCAYO, PARRANCA, CHIMBOTE AND TRUJILLO. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE BLACKOUT, AND IN A COORDINATED MANNER, THE TERRORISTS BEGAN THEIR ATTACKS THROUGHOUT THE CITY. TARGETS INCLUDED THE LABOR MINISTRY WHERE LABOR MINISTER ORESTES RODRIGUEZ WAS CONDUCTING A MEETING; A MILITARY HEADQUARTERS IN RIMAC; AT LEAST TWO POLICE STATIONS; AND BRANCHES OF THE FOLLOWING BANKS, ALL PERUVIAN: CREDITO, AGRARIO, WIESE, POPULAR, INTERBANC, CONTINENTAL, AND THE BANCO DFL SUR DEL PERU. AN AUTOMOBILE BELONGING TO A SUB-DIRECTOR OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOR WAS BLOWN UP, AND ANOTHER BOMB WAS FOUND AND DISARMED AT A TELEPHONE COMPANY OFFICE.

3. (U) - IN ADDITION TO THE BOMBINGS, THERE WERE SEVERAL DRIVE-BY GUNFIRE ATTACKS,

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INCLUDING ONE AGAINST THE JOINT MILITARY COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, LOCATED APPROXIMATELY THREE BLOCKS FROM THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AND AGAINST A STATUE OF APRA FOUNDER VICTOR PAUL HAYA DE LA TORRE, ALSO LOCATED IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA. THE RESIDENCE ITSELF WAS NEVER ATTACKED, ALTHOUGH AT LEAST ONE OF THE PERUVIAN POLICE OFFICERS GUARDING THE RESIDENCE'S PERIMETER FIRED SHOTS IN THE AIR, EITHER OUT OF NERVOUSNESS OR AS WARNING SHOTS. SEVERAL STRAY BULLETS, PROBABLY FROM THE SHOOTING AT THE JOINT MILITARY COMMAND, STRUCK THE NEW, BUT

UNOCCUPIED, AID/USIS BUILDING ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE RESIDENCE.

4. (U) NEWSPAPERS REPORT TWO INJURIES DURING THE EVENING IN WHICH THEY COUNTED A TOTAL OF 18 ATTACKS. BOTH INJURIES WERE BYSTANDERS STRUCK BY BULLETS OR FRAGMENTS. THREE SUSPECTS WERE ARRESTED AND ANOTHER 120 PEOPLE WERE PICKED UP FOR A LACK OF IDENTITY DOCUMENTS.

5. LAST NIGHT'S ATTACK COMES ONLY TWO DAYS AFTER THE MURDER OF THREE POLICE OFFICERS STANDING GUARD AT CARRION HOSPITAL IN CALLAO BY TERRORISTS DISGUISED AS DOCTORS, AND FIVE DAYS AFTER THE ATTACK AGAINST THE NORTH KOREAN COMMERCIAL MISSION (REF A).

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6. (C) COMMENT: WITH THREE HIGH-PROFILE  
ATTACKS IN LESS THAN A WEEK, THE TERRORISTS

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