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A BOMB EXPLODED OUTSIDE THE FRONTDOOR OF A SOCIAL SECURITY HOSPITAL, CAUSING CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, BLOOD WAS ALSO FOUND AT THE SCENE, LEADING TO SPECULATION THAT ONE OF THE TERRORISTS HAD BEEN INJURED BY THE BOMB. PRESIDENT GARCIA AND HIS WIFE WERE IN CUCCO AT THE TIME.

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1. (U) THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF TERRORIST AND TERRORIST-RELATED INCIDENTS FOR THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING JUNE 24 (OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES AND HOLIDAYS PREVENTED THE JULY 1 REPORT FROM GOING OUT ON SCHEDULE). WE COMPILED THE LIST FROM PRESS REPORTS, CONTACTS WITH PERU'S ANTI-TERRORISM POLICE UNIT (DIRCOTE), AND OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MILITARY JOINT COMMAND. WHEN THE DATE OF THE INCIDENT IS UNKNOWN OR BEFORE THE PERIOD COVERED IN THIS CABLE, IT WILL BE LISTED UNDER THE DATE IT IS FIRST REPORTED PUBLICLY. THE DISCOVERY OF AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE INSIDE THE USIS BINATIONAL CENTER IN TRUJILLO WAS REPORTED SEPARATELY AND WILL BE MENTIONED ONLY BRIEFLY IN THIS CABLE.

JUNE 20, 1967

Q. (INA) - SUSPECTED TERRORISTS THREW AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE AT A POLICE CAR IN PURSUIT JUNE 23 IN THE MIDDLE-CLASS LIMA NEIGHBORHOOD OF BRENA. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE SUSPECTS WERE IN A CAR OUTSIDE A FACTORY. THEIR SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR ATTRACTED POLICE ATTENTION. THEY TOOK OFF AT HIGH SPEED AND THEN THREW THE BOMB TO COVER THEIR ESCAPE. THE BLAST CAUSED MINOR DAMAGE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

AREQUIPA - SUSPECTED MRTA TERRORISTS BOMBED THE POWER COMPANY IN AREQUIPA BREAKING WINDOWS AND CAUSING DAMAGE TO THE BUILDING AND NEIGHBORING HOUSES. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE MRTA RELEASED A COMMUNIQUE TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ASSAULT AND EXPLAINING IT WAS PROMPTED BY THE POWER COMPANY'S POOR MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRICITY-GENERATING EQUIPMENT.

HUANUCO - A LOCAL OFFICIAL OF THE DISTRICT OF ACOMAYO, JOSE LUIS HERRERA HENDEZ, WAS SHOT TO DEATH BY A GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY 20 TERRORISTS. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE TERRORISTS WERE SEARCHING FOR THE DISTRICT'S 70-YEAR-OLD MAYOR, WHO WAS ALSO HERRERA'S FATHER-IN-LAW, BUT KILLED HERRERA INSTEAD. FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION, THE MAYOR'S HOUSE WAS BURNED TO THE GROUND.

JUNE 25

TRUJILLO - AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WAS FOUND INSIDE THE USIS BINATIONAL CENTER REF 01.

JUNE 26

Q. (INA) - APPROXIMATELY 40 TERRORISTS ATTACHED THE YANASIRI HIDING CAMP IN THE RATUCAMA AREA OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LIMA, STEALING 20,000 STICKS OF DYNAMITE AND TAKING THREE HOSTAGES. EFFECTIVE POLICE ACTION RECOVERED THE EXPLOSIVES AND RESCUED ONE OF THE HOSTAGES AS THE TERRORISTS WERE TRYING TO ESCAPE. THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE OTHER TWO HOSTAGES, WHO HAD BEEN RELEASED UNARMED BY THE TERRORISTS, WERE FOUND ON JULY 1. POLICE ARRESTED SIX SUSPECTS IN THE ASSAULT FOLLOWING A SHOOT-OUT IN CIENEGUILLA, ABOUT 35 MILES OUTSIDE OF LIMA.

HUANCAVELICA - A TRAIN TRAVELING BETWEEN HUANCAVELICA AND HUANCAYO WAS AMBUSHED BY A REPORTED 20 TERRORISTS WHO OPENED FIRE AS THE TRAIN PASSED THEIR HIDING PLACE. POLICE ABOARD THE TRAIN RETURNED FIRE, AND THERE WERE NO REPORTED INJURIES. SEVERAL HOURS BEFORE, TERRORISTS CAUSED A POWER FAILURE IN HUANCAYO.

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PUNO - THREE BOMBS EXPLODED IN A QUARTERS OF THE UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL DEL ALTIPLANO, INJURING SEVERAL STUDENTS AND CAUSING DAMAGE TO THE BUILDING.

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THE TERRORISTS OVERLEAP THE HOME WHERE THE RECEPTION WAS BEING HELD AND FIRED ON THE VICTIM.

HUACHO - A MINING CAMP 50 KMS FROM HUACHO WAS ATTACKED BY A REPORTED 10 TERRORISTS WHO STOLE 10 CASES OF DYNAMITE. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, APPROXIMATELY 200 MINERS AT THE EL CORAL CAMP IN THE PROVINCE OF BARRANCA WERE LECTURED ON THE EVILS OF FASCISM AND FORCED TO CHANT SLOGANS IN FAVOR OF THE ARMED STRUGGLE.

JULY 1

LIMA - A BRIEF POWER OUTAGE IN PARTS OF LIMA OCCURRED DURING A TELEVISED SPEECH BY PRESIDENT GARCIA. THE OUTAGE, LASTING FROM A FEW SECONDS TO 30 MINUTES DEPENDING ON THE PART OF TOWN, WAS ATTRIBUTED TO A TECHNICAL FAILURE.

JULY 6

JULY 1

LIMA - POLICE IDENTIFIED AND DEACTIVATED A CAR BOMB PARKED OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM OF UNIVERSIDAD SAN MARTIN DE PORRES. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, POLICE FOUND 50 KILOGS OF DYNAMITE IN A VOLKSWAGEN THAT HAD BEEN REPORTED STOLEN TWO DAYS BEFORE. THE MRTA IS SUSPECTED.

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HUACHO - AUTHORITIES IMPOSED A CURFEW FROM 7 P.M. TO 6 A.M. IN THE HUACHO AREA TO HELP MAINTAIN ORDER. RESIDENTS ARE RESTRICTED TO THEIR HOMES DURING THE CURFEW.

JULY 7

MAREQUIPA - A BOMB EXPLODED OUTSIDE AN OFFICE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES TRIBUNAL CAUSING SOME DAMAGE BUT NO INJURIES.

BARRANCA - ACCUSED TERRORISTS KILLED A TAXI DRIVER, REPORTEDLY TO USE HIS VEHICLE FOR A CAR BOMB. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THREE SUSPECTS, IDENTIFIED AS SL MEMBERS, WERE ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE KILLING.

CERRO DE PASCO - A TRAIN CARRYING A CARGO OF MINERALS DERAILED OUTSIDE OF CERRO DE PASCO AFTER SUSPECTED SL TERRORISTS BLEW UP APPROXIMATELY 100 METERS OF TRACK. TWO OF THE TRAIN'S CREW WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED.

JULY 2

HUANCAYO - A POLICE OFFICER WAS KILLED BY SUSPECTED TERRORISTS NEAR THE TOWN SQUARE IN HUANCAYO. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE VICTIM, ALFREDO CEDANO AVILA, 36, WAS INTERCEPTED BY THREE MEN WHO SHOT HIM AT POINT-BLANK RANGE.

LA LIBERTAD - THE MAYOR OF THE SANTA CRUZ DISTRICT OF SANTIAGO DE CHUCO WAS ASSASSINATED IN THE TOWN SQUARE. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE VICTIM, SANTOS IGNACIO QUISPE BURGA, WAS IN THE SQUARE WITH FRIENDS WHEN A LONE SUSPECT WALKED UP AND ASKED FOR THE MAYOR. AFTER QUISPE PRESENTED HIMSELF, THE SUSPECT SAID HE HAD A MATTER TO DISCUSS AND THE TWO WALKED OFF TOGETHER. THE SUSPECT THEN PULLED OUT A REVOLVER, SHOT QUISPE AT POINT-BLANK RANGE, AND ESCAPED.

MAREQUIPA - TERRORISTS ATTACKED A CLOSED POLICE TRAINING ACADEMY WITH EXPLOSIVES AND GUNFIRE, BUT ON-DUTY POLICE FOUGHT OFF THE ASSAULT. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE TERRORISTS WERE APPARENTLY TRYING TO GET TO AN INTERIOR WEAPONS STOREHOUSE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES, BUT THE EXPLOSIONS CAUSED SOME DAMAGE.

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JULY 3

AYACUCHO - TERRORISTS BLEW UP AN ELECTRIC TOWER BLACKING OUT PARTS OF AYACUCHO AND HUANTA.

CUZCO AUTHORITIES ARRESTED WALTER VICTOR PALACIOS GUTIERREZ, IDENTIFIED AS THE GENERAL LUMINOLO MILITARY CHIEF FOR THE SOUTHERN COMMAND. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, HE IS WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH 10 TERRORIST ATTACKS, PRIMARILY AGAINST MULTIPLE POLICE STATIONS.

JULY 4

AYACUCHO - A REPORTED 30 TERRORISTS ATTACKED A WEDDING RECEPTION IN TAMBULLI, HUAMANGA, KILLING FOUR PEOPLE, INCLUDING A TOWN OFFICIAL AND THE HEAD OF THE LOCAL PEASANT DEFENSE ORGANIZATION, AND INJURING THREE OTHERS. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS,

ALONG WITH PALACIOS, WHO WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED DURING THE ASSAULT, POLICE ARRESTED 30 ADDITIONAL SUSPECTS, INCLUDING NICHOLAS LA ROSA DIAZ, IDENTIFIED AS A REGIONAL POLITICAL COMMANDER. WEAPONS, EXPLOSIVES, AND PROPAGANDA WERE

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RECOVERED. WE ARE CHECKING REPORTS THAT  
PALACIOS WAS ALSO INVOLVED IN THE 1988  
CUZCO TRAIN BOMBING THAT KILLED TWO AMERICAN  
CITIZENS.

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2. (C) COMMENT: DESPITE THE HIGH NUMBER OF  
TERRORIST INCIDENTS DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS,  
TERRORISM HAS BEEN PUSHED TO THE BACK PAGES  
BY CABINET CHANGES AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.  
THE LACK OF PROMISED ACTIVITY FOR THE ONE-YEAR  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE PRISON UPRISING ALSO APPEARS  
TO HAVE, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY, REDUCED THE  
OVERALL LEVEL OF TENSION. IN ADDITION, THE  
POLICE ENJOYED A SUCCESSFUL TWO WEEKS, IN  
COMPARISON WITH PAST PERFORMANCES: RECOVERING  
THE EXPLOSIVES AND ARRESTING SUSPECTS IN  
THE JUNE 26 HIDING CAMP ATTACK; DISCOVERING THE  
LINA CAR BOMB BEFORE IT EXPLODED; ARRESTING  
A REPORTED TOP LEADER IN CUZCO; AND MAKING  
QUICK ARRESTS IN THE BARRANCA TAXI DRIVER  
KILLING.

LUIS "GIGI" VARESE SCOTTO, A FORMER MRTA  
LEADER ARRESTED IN NOVEMBER 1986 (REF C),  
WAS RELEASED FROM JAIL JUNE 16. HE HAD BEEN  
CHARGED WITH SEVERAL TERRORIST-RELATED CRIMES,  
BUT PROSECUTORS WERE UNABLE TO CONVICT THE  
JUDGE THAT VARESE WAS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE.  
ACCORDING TO PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY HIS DEFENSE  
ATTORNEY, VARESE HAD LEFT THE MRTA WHEN IT  
ADOPTED TERRORIST METHODS. AT THE TIME OF  
HIS ARREST, HOWEVER, VARESE REPORTEDLY SAID  
HE LEFT THE MRTA IN 1983 I. E., WELL AFTER  
IT HAD CARRIED OUT NUMEROUS TERRORIST ACTIONS.  
MRTA LEADER NESTOR SERPA AFFIRMED IN AN AUGUST  
1986 CLANDESTINE INTERVIEW THAT VARESE HAD  
BEEN EXPELLED FROM THE MRTA FOR UNSPECIFIED  
REASONS. ONE LEFTIST IN TOUCH WITH VARESE'S  
FAMILY TOLD US IT WAS UNLIKELY THEY HAD USED  
BRIBES TO SPEED UP HIS TRIAL. THE LEFTIST  
CLAIMED THE JUDGE'S DECISION WAS NOT SURPRISING  
SINCE THE POLICE ARE OFTEN UNABLE TO PROVE  
INVOLVEMENT IN SPECIFIC ACTS. VARIOUS REPORTS  
INDICATE VARESE LEFT FOR EUROPE IMMEDIATELY  
FOLLOWING HIS RELEASE, ALTHOUGH HIS RELEASE  
IS BEING EXAMINED BY A HIGHER COURT.

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