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RECORDING IS ELECTRICAL. THE
BLACKOUT WAS CAUSED BY ATTEMPTS AGAINST
ELECTRICITY TO REPAIR THE MONTANA VALLEY
STATE WDC- FOR ALL ELECTRICITY TO MOST
OF THE COUNTRY.

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SUBJECT: BLACKOUTS AND TERRORIST ATTACKS

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1. 01 SUMMARY: SEVERAL WEEKS OF RELATIVE
CALM IN LIMA ENDED THE NIGHT OF JULY 16 WHEN
TERRORISTS BLACKED OUT MUCH OF THE CITY AND
STAGED AT LEAST SEVEN ATTACKS. THE BLACKOUT
ALSO AFFECTED SOME OF PERU'S LARGEST CITIES,
INCLUDING ICA, PISCO, TRUJILLO, AND HUARAZ.
IN LIMA, POWER WAS LOST AT 8:50 P.M. AND
RESTORED APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES LATER.
A SECOND BLACKOUT AT MIDNIGHT AGAIN CUT
POWER, AND PARTS OF THE CITY REMAIN WITHOUT
ELECTRICITY. END SUMMARY.

2. 01 THE MOST SERIOUS ATTACK OCCURRED
AT THE CRYSTAL BEER BREWERY ON THE CENTRAL
HIGHWAY NORTHEAST OF CENTRAL LIMA.
REPORTS INDICATE THAT AS MANY AS 25
TERRORISTS STORMED THE FACTORY IMMEDIATELY
AFTER THE LIGHTS WENT OUT, THROWING EXPLO-
SIVES AND FIRING WEAPONS. THREE BREWERY
WORKERS WERE INJURED, BUT GUARDS SUCCESSFULLY
FOUGHT OFF THE ATTACKERS, PREVENTING MAJOR
DAMAGE.

3. 01 OTHER TARGETS THROUGHOUT THE
METROPOLITAN AREA INCLUDE A TEXTILE
FACTORY, A BRANCH OF BANCO CONTINENTAL,
A BOOK STORE, AND A CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.
BOMBS ALSO WENT OFF IN TRASH CANS NEAR
THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE AND A CHURCH
PARKING LOT.

5. (C) COMMENT: THE ATTACK WAS THE FIRST
MAJOR BLACKOUT IN LIMA SINCE MAY 1966, THOUGH
A BRIEF LOSS OF POWER OCCURRED DURING A
PRESIDENTIAL SPEECH JULY 31 AND COMES AS THE
GOVERNMENT WAS CLAIMING INCREASING SUCCESS
IN ITS ANTI-SUBVERSIVE CAMPAIGN. MAJOR
ARRESTS IN CUICO (RETEL) HAVE BEEN GETTING
EXTENSIVE AND FAVORABLE PRESS COVERAGE, AND
THE PRESIDENT MADE A SURPRISE TRIP TO AYACUCHO
THIS WEEK, AGAIN DEMONSTRATING CONFIDENCE IN
THE GOVERNMENT'S PROGRESS. A VIGILOUS ANTI-
TERRORIST MEDIA CAMPAIGN HAS ALSO ADDED TO
THE IMPRESSION THE GOVERNMENT IS ON THE
OFFENSIVE. SENDERO MAY HAVE BEEN HURT BY A
SERIES OF ARRESTS WHICH BEGAN IN MAY, BUT IT
HAS PROVED TO BE A VERY RESILIENT ORGANIZATION.
ON A SPEAKING TOUR IN FRANCE, MARTA HUAYTA,
PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF DEMOCRATIC
LAWYERS OF PERU, A SENDERO FRONT GROUP,
SAID IF SENDERO "DID NOT STAGE ARMED ACTIONS
FOR THE ANNIVERSARY OF POLITICAL PRISONERS
(THE JUNE 19 PRISON UPRISING), IT WAS BECAUSE
THEY HAD NOT PLANNED TO AND NOT BECAUSE THE
GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN CAPABLE OF STOPPING THEM."

6. WE HAVE JUST BEEN ADVISED (AT 1150 HOURS LOCAL)
THAT A QUOTE SIGNIFICANT UNQUOTE CAR BOMB HAS JUST
EXPLODED AT THE PLAZA DE ACHO NEAR GUARDIA CIVIL
FACILITIES WHICH QUARTERS, INTER ALIA, THE BOMB
BUSS WE DONATED TO THE GC. WE ARE SENDING
INVESTIGATORS TO THE SCENE. POST WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED.
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