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- HOLIDAY PERIOD  
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2. SUMMARY: IN DECEMBER 24 CONVERSATION WITH  
ATTRIBUTED DECEMBER 23 BOMBINGS TO SENDRO LUMINOSO,  
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FBI BLAMED MRTA FOR RAID ON DEPARTMENT STORE SAME  
NIGHT. HE ALSO STATED THAT A MAJOR PICK-UP OF SUSPECTS  
WAS LUE DURING NIGHT OF DECEMBER 24. ALL GOP  
POLICE FORCES WILL BE AT MAXIMUM ALERT DURING  
CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY PERIOD. POLICE HAVE  
NO "HARD" EVIDENCE OF OPERATIONAL COLLABORATION/  
PLANNING BETWEEN THE SL AND TUPAC AMARU. END SUMMARY.  
3. ON 12/24,

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DISCUSSION OF THE TERRORIST ACTIONS OF DECEMBER 23  
(REF: PLS), THAT THE SENDRO LUMINOSO (SL) BORE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE  
SEVERAL BOMBING ATTACKS. HE ADDED THAT DIRECTF HAD  
A POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO  
DROVE THE EXPLOSIVE-LADEN VEHICLE IN THE PARKING LOT  
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AT JORGE CHAVEZ AIRPORT, AND THAT THE SEARCH FOR THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS STILL UNDERWAY.

4. THE BRIEF OCCUPATION OF A LIMA DEPARTMENT STORE ON THE NIGHT OF DECEMBER 23 WAS ALSO DISCUSSED. THAT, IN THE OPINION OF DIRCOTE, THIS OPERATION WAS CONDUCTED BY THE TUPAC AMARU (MRTA), LARGELY FOR PROPAGANDA REASONS. (LIMA PRESS REPORTS THAT ONE UNARMED STORE GUARD WAS WOUNDED BY THE INTRUDERS, WHO ALSO LEFT TUPAC AMARU INSIGNIA BEHIND WHEN THEY DEPARTED).

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5. THAT DIRCOTE HAS PLANNED A MAJOR OPERATION TO TAKE PLACE DURING THE NIGHT OF DECEMBER 24, WITH THE OBJECT OF ARRESTING AS MANY PERSONS AS POSSIBLE SUSPECTED OF INVOLVEMENT IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.

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THE DATE HAD BEEN CHOSEN AS BEING THE MOST LIKELY FOR POLICE TO FIND THESE INDIVIDUALS AT PREVIOUSLY

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IDENTIFIED ADDRESSES OR WITH KNOWN RELATIVES OR FRIENDS.

6. REGARDLESS OF THE DEGREE OF SUCCESS OF THE SWEEP, THAT ALL POLICE FORCES WOULD BE ON MAXIMUM ALERT DURING THE CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S PERIOD. (IN LIMA, THIS INVOLVES APPROXIMATELY 15,000 OFFICERS). HE ADDED THAT MILITARY FORCES WOULD ALSO BE ON ALERT STATUS.

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7. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF OPERATIONAL

COLLABORATION AND/OR PLANNING BETWEEN THE SL AND THE MRTA, HE EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT THIS HAD OCCURRED. HE STATED THAT, IN HIS OPINION, SOME "INITIATIVE" ATTEMPTS MAY HAVE BEEN MADE TO ESTABLISH SUCH CONTACT BETWEEN THE GROUPS, BUT THAT THESE ATTEMPTS HAD NOT AS YET RESULTED IN ANY CONCRETE AGREEMENT REGARDING TACTICAL PLANNING OR COORDINATED ACTION. HE ASCRIBED THIS LACK OF AGREEMENT TO THE IDEOLOGICAL DISTANCE SEPARATING THE TWO GROUPS.

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8. COMMENT: EMBASSY AGREES THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE 23 BOMBING ATTACKS (PARA 3) LIES, IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, WITH THE SL. HE ALSO NOTE THAT AN INCREASED ALERT STATUS IS A CUSTOMARY PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE FOR POLICE AND MILITARY FORCES DURING THE CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S PERIOD. ALL USG PERSONNEL HAVE ALSO BEEN ADVISED TO MAINTAIN A HIGH DEGREE OF VIGILANCE DURING THIS TIME FRAME.  
END COMMENT. JORDAN

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