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 TAGS: PTER, IGOV, PRUM, FE
 SUBJECT: TERRORISM: NEW ATTACKS, INCREASED PRESIDENTIAL
 INTEREST
 REF: LIMA 1963 ✓

1. (U) FOLLOWING NUMEROUS COORDINATED ATTACKS
 FEBRUARY 21 IN LIMA (REFTEL), SPENDING LUMINCSO (SL)
 CARRIED OUT ADDITIONAL ATTACKS IN LIMA AND IN THE
 NORTHERN CITY OF TRUJILLO ON FEBRUARY 21. TERRORISTS

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CONTEL IAC APRA PARTY NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICES IN LIMA AT
 ABOUT 8:30 A.M.; NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED. IN
 TRUJILLO, WHERE PRESIDENT GARCIA DELIVERED A SPEECH
 EVENING OF FEBRUARY 22, SL BOMBED AN APRA OFFICE,
 KILLING FIVE PERSONS, AND A BRANCH OF THE BANCO
 POPULAR (NO CASUALTIES). SL WAS NOT INACTIVE IN
 RURAL AREAS; IN ADDITION TO AN AMBUSH NEAR CERRO DE
 PASCO ON FEBRUARY 19, IN WHICH FOUR MEMBERS OF THE
 GUARDIA REPUBLICANA AND A DRIVER WERE KILLED, SL

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ASSASSINATED MAYOR OF HUANOCA, AYACUCHO
 DEPARTMENT) ON FEBRUARY 21, AND REPORTEDLY TRIED AND
 EXECUTED 11 PERSONS IN THE VILLAGE OF TOTORA
 (APURIMAC DEPARTMENT). MEANWHILE, PRESS REPORTS POLICE
 HAVE ARRESTED SUSPECTED TERRORISTS.

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2. (C) COMMENT: THE LATEST SL ATTACKS HAVE DEMONSTRATED THAT

INDEED, MINISTER OF WAR FLORES HAS EMPHASIZED IN COMMENTS TO PRESS THAT MILITARY HAS NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY CONFRONTATION OR HOSTILE INCIDENTS WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY SINCE STATE OF EMERGENCY WAS DECLARED.

3. (C) AS SL ATTACKS ARE FREQUENTLY CYCLICAL IN NATURE, SO IS PUBLIC CONCERN ABOUT TERRORISM; LATEST EXAMPLE OF APPARENT SL IMPUNITY HAS TOUCHED A NERVE IN LIMA.

WHO SPENT A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF HIS FEBRUARY 22 TRUJILLO SPEECH DENCUNCING TERRORISM

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(SEPTEL). IN ADDITION TO TERRORISM'S THREAT TO GENERAL POPULACE, WE BELIEVE THERE IS AN EMOTIONAL ANGLE INVOLVED:

IN RECENT DAYS, DRAMATIC BLAME FOR CONTINUED TERRORISM HAS BEEN LAID AT THE FEET OF THE MILITARY AND POLICE (FOR INEFFICIENCY), THE MEDIA (FOR OVEREMPHASIZING SCOPE OF VIOLENCE), AND THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM (FOR FREEING SL DEFENDENTS OR HANDING DOWN LIGHT SENTENCES).

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