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TO 282148Z FEB 88
 FM AMEMBASSY LIMA
 TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9662
 INFO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA
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 TAGS: PIER, PGCV, PF
 SUBJECT: GARCIA SIGNALS TOUGHER APPROACH TOWARD TERRORISM
 IN LIMA

REFS: (A) LIMA 1215, ✓ (P) LIMA 1328, ✓ (C) LIMA 1335, ✓
 (D) LIMA 1396 ✓

1. (C) SUMMARY. PRESIDENT GARCIA HAS SIGNALLED A TOUGHER APPROACH TOWARD TERRORISM IN LIMA AND SUGGESTED THAT RIGHT WING TERRORIST GROUPS MAY HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR SOME RECENT ATTACKS. WHILE IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HE MAY DECLARE STATE OF EMERGENCY IN LIMA BECAUSE OF INCREASING

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 PRESSURE TO DO SOMETHING, [

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THE SUMMARY.
 2. (U) SPEAKING TO PRESS AFTER LUNCHEON WITH LEADERS OF PERUVIAN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS FEBRUARY 5, GARCIA

STATED THAT, FACED WITH TERRORIST ATTACKS OF PAST FEW DAYS, GOVERNMENT WOULD TAKE CERTAIN DECISIONS WHICH HE HOPED PUBLIC WOULD SUPPORT. HE DESCRIBED RECENT TERRORIST ACTIONS AS "NEW, VERY PROFESSIONAL, MYSTERIOUS, AND NOT NECESSARILY CARRIED OUT EXCLUSIVELY BY LEFT." HE ASSERTED THAT TERRORISTS' OBJECTIVES

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WENT TO CREAT IMAGE OF WEAKENED GOVERNMENT INCAPABLE OF REACTING EFFECTIVELY AND, AT SAME TIME, TO PRESS GOVERNMENT INTO AN EXAGGERATED RESPONSE. IN DISCUSSING OPTIONS, GARCIA NOTED HE IS EMPOWERED TO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY, AND, IN THAT CONTEXT, TO ORDER MILITARY TO TAKE CHARGE OF PUBLIC ORDER AND TO IMPOSE A CURFEW.

(C) COMMENT. 1

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