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INFO	LOC-20	ABS-20	AID-20	INR-25	SS-20	CIAE-20	NSCF-20
	ARA-22	NSAE-22	COME-22	SSO-22	L-22	AMAD-21	TRSF-22
	PM-25	PA-22	INRE-22	CA-22	A-22	USSS-22	USIE-22
	FBIF-20	FAIM-21	DS-25	SLFD-21	DSF-20	/232 W	

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FM AMEMBASSY LIMA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9557  
INFO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA  
AMEMBASSY LA PAZ  
AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO  
AMEMBASSY QUITO  
USAFSC HOWARD AFB PN  
USCINCSO QUARRY HTS FM  
DIA WASHDC  
AMEMBASSY PANAMA

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR

REVIEWED by Ray DATE OCT 3 1988  
 RELEASE  DECLASSIFY  
 EXCISE  DECLASSIFY in PART  
 DENY  Non-responsive info.  
 FOI, EO or PA exemptions \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ TS authority to:  
 CLASSIFY as \_\_\_\_\_, OADR  
 DOWNGRADE TS to ( ) S or ( ) C, OADR

C O N F I D E N T I A L LIMA 21215  
TERREP  
DIA FOR IR BRANCH; PANAMA FOR ALS  
E.C. 12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: PTER, ASEG, PE  
SUBJECT: PERU: TERRORISTS STAGE WIDESPREAD DAWN ATTACK  
REFS: (A) LIMA 267, (M) LIMA 375, (C) LIMA 112 ✓

1. (U) TERRORIST BOMBS AWAKENED METROPOLITAN LIMA AND  
BLACKED OUT MOST OF THE CITY FOR AT LEAST AN HOUR ON  
FEBRUARY 3. PRELIMINARY REPORTS FROM ANTI-TERRORIST  
POLICE INDICATE ELEVEN WIDESPREAD TARGETS HIT IN WELL-  
COORDINATED ATTACK, ALMOST ALL OCCURRING BETWEEN  
2530 AND 2540 HOURS. BESIDES THREE ELECTRICAL TOWERS  
IN RIMAC AREA, EXPLOSIONS REPORTEDLY DAMAGED APRA

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PARTY OFFICES IN SAN JUAN DE MIRAFLORES DISTRICT,  
SAN JORGE JAIL IN LA COLMENA AREA, SEDAPAL (WATER  
AUTHORITY) SITE IN CALLAO, LARGE NICOLINI PASTA FACTORY  
IN CALLAO, THREE BANKS (NOT U.S.-BASED) IN CAMACHO AND  
CALLAO, AND OTHER UNDETERMINED TARGETS IN AREAS OF  
ZARATE, CAMACHO AND SANTA ANITA.

2. (C) COMMENT. EMBASSY IS SEEKING ADDITIONAL

INFORMATION, PARTICULARLY REGARDING ANY PERSONAL  
INJURIES, AS REPORTS ARE SKETCHY AND UNCONFIRMED  
SENDERO LUMINOSO APPEARS TO BE CULPRIT SINCE RAIR  
INCLUDES TRADEMARK FLACKOUT AS WELL AS ATTACK ON TYPE  
OF TARGETS SL PREFERS, E.G. APRA LOCALE, JAIL AND  
SEDAPAL. NO EXCLUSIVE RESTAURANTS, WHICH WOULD BE  
TARGETS CHARACTERISTIC OF MRTA, HAVE BEEN REPORTED

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HIT SO FAR. SI, THEREFORE, SEEMS TO HAVE ADOPTED TACTIC OF EARLY MORNING ATTACKS INTRODUCED RECENTLY BY MRTA. WIDESPREAD AREA COVERED AND SHORT INTERVAL DURING WHICH EXPLOSIONS DETONATED INDICATE NO APPARENT LOSS IN TERRORIST CAPACITY TO OPERATE VIRTUALLY UNRESTRAINED IN GREATER LIMA. COMING ON HEELS OF SPATE OF ATTACKS IN LIMA TWO WEEKS AGO (REFS A AND I) AND CONTINUED REPORTS OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN REMOTE COUNTRYSIDE (REF B AND C), LATEST RAID UNDERSCORES 1988'S DISTURBING START AS RECORDS TERRORISM. JORDAN  
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