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SUBJ: PERUVIAN TERRORISTS CARRY OUT CONCERTED OPERATION IN LIMA

1. (LCC) BEGINNING AT 1930 MAY 27 TERRORISTS DEMONSTRATED CONCLUSIVELY THAT THEY RETAINED THE CAPABILITY OF STAGING COORDINATED ATTACKS THROUGHOUT THE LIMA METROPOLITAN AREA. EXPLOSIVE CHARGES DOWNED TEN TRANSMISSION TOWERS ON LINES BRINGING POWER FROM THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS, THE SOUTHERN GRID AND THAT WHICH ENTERS LIMA FROM THE NORTH. LARGE PARTS OF LIMA AND THE SUBURBS BLACKED OUT (IT IS A TRIBUTE TO THE ELECTRIC COMPANY EMPLOYEES THAT THE ENTIRE SYSTEM DID NOT GO DOWN) AND ROLLING OUTAGES AFFECTED LARGE AREAS OF THE CITY FOR HOURS AFTERWARD.

2. (LCC) ADDITIONAL TERRORIST GROUPS, OBVIOUSLY ALERT FOR THE OUTAGES, SWUNG QUICKLY INTO ACTION. IN WHAT IS THEIR MAJOR OPERATION IN THE CITY TO DATE, A WELL DRILLED SQUAD OVERWHELMED THE SECURITY DETAIL AT THE LARGE BAYER PLANT LOCATED NEAR THE AIRPORT. ONCE INSIDE THE PERIMETER, THEY ORDERED THE 120 PLANT EMPLOYEES ON THE NIGHT SHIFT TO RUN FOR THEIR LIVES AND THEN

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METHODICALLY SET CHARGES WHICH TRIGGERED SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS

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AND LED TO THE NEAR COMPLETE LOSS OF THIS MAJOR CHEMICAL FACILITY. DAMAGE IS ESTIMATED IN THE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. POLICE FORCES CAPTURED AT LEAST ONE LOCKOUT AND CLAIM TO HAVE, THROUGH HIM, PICKED UP TWO MORE.

3. (C) MEANWHILE, TWO EXPLOSIONS OCCURRED IN THE PARK/ OVERPASS AREA ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE EMBASSY. POLICE REPORT FINDING A FAILED BAZOOKA-TYPE HOMEMADE WEAPON ALLEGEDLY POINTED TOWARD THE SHERATON HOTEL, ALSO ADJACENT TO THE PARK. OTHER PRESS ACCOUNTS CLAIM SIMILAR INEFFECTIVE DEVICES WERE FOUND NEAR THE NATIONAL PALACE. FROM SPEEDING CARS TERRORISTS THREW OTHER DYNAMITE DEVICES AT BANKS, STORES AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS THROUGHOUT THE CITY. THERE WAS LITTLE PROPERTY DAMAGE; NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THESE INCIDENTS. FOR THE SECOND TIME, A FLAMING HAMMER AND SICKLE APPEARED ON FAMOJR SAN CRISTOBAL HILL WHICH OVERLOOKS THE CITY. POLICE CLAIM TO HAVE ARRESTED SEVERAL OF THOSE INVOLVED IN THIS OPERATION.

4. (C) POLICE FORCES CLAIM ADDITIONAL ARRESTS AND PROMISE MORE BASED ON LEADS FROM THOSE DETAINED. BEYOND THOSE ALREADY LISTED, A GROUP IN A PICKUP TRUCK WAS CAUGHT IN THE SAN BORJA AREA WITH SMALL ARMS, PROPAGANDA AND EXPLOSIVES;

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