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SUBJ: NEW TERRORIST ACTIONS IN LIMA

REF: LIMA 7674 (NOTAL) ✓

1. (U) FOR THE THIRD TIME IN FOUR DAYS, TERRORISTS ATTACKED POINTS WITHIN THE CITY OF LIMA. A POLICE STATION WAS HIT WITH AT LEAST ONE OFFICER KILLED. OTHER BUILDINGS INCLUDING THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING OF SAN MARCOS UNIVERSITY RECEIVED LIGHT DAMAGE, BUT NO OTHER CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED. EMBASSY PERSONNEL LIVING IN THE VICINITY OF THE POLICE STATION HEARD SHOOTING AND EXPLOSIONS.

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2. (U) FOLLOWING ON THE HEELS OF THE BLACKOUT OF LIMA THE

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NIGHT OF JULY 21 (SEE REFTL) AND THE DESTRUCTION OF NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT AT JORGE CHAVEZ AIRPORT ON JULY 24 (SEE PARAGRAPH 4). TERRORISTS INCREASED THE FEELING OF CONCERN IN LIMA WITH COORDINATED ATTACKS JULY 25 AT 1945 HRS ON POLICE INSTALLATIONS. THE MAJOR ASSAULT WAS ON AN INVESTIGATIVE POLICE (PIP) STATION LOCATED IN MIRAFLORES, A SUBURB WHICH IS HOME TO MANY FOREIGNERS. THE TERRORISTS FOLLOWED THE PATTERN OF THEIR EARLIER ATTACK ON THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE GOVERNING PARTY JULY 11 (SEE LIMA 7247), FIRST SPRAYING THE STATION WITH MACHINE-GUN FIRE AND THEN THROWING EXPLOSIVES. THREE POLICEMEN WERE WOUNDED, ONE MORTALLY, ONE REQUIRING AMPUTATION OF BOTH LEGS.

3. (U) SIMULTANEOUS ATTACKS DESTROYED TWO POWER TOWERS, CUTTING POWER TO SOME SECTIONS OF THE CITY. SEVERAL OTHER EXPLOSIVES WERE HURLED, DAMAGING THE HOME OF A POLICE OFFICIAL, DESTROYING A CAR, BLOWING OUT WINDOWS IN THE DOWNTOWN BUILDING HOUSING THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN MARCOS (LOCATED CLOSE TO ANOTHER POLICE STATION AND THE PERUVIAN MILITARY COMMAND HEADQUARTERS), AND, IN ANOTHER CASE, EXPLODING HARMLESSLY IN THE BACK OF A POLICE STATION IN A SUBURB.

4. (C) THE ATTACK ON THE AIRPORT JULY 24 AT 2300 HRS CONSISTED OF EXPLOSIVE DEVICES THROWN AT TRANSMITTERS AND ANTENNAE LOCATED NEAR A PERUVIAN CIVIL AIR STATION 10 CAPACITY FOR A SHORT TIME. DATT IS CHECKING OUT TRUE EXTEND OF DAMAGE, WHICH TIED UP AIR TRAFFIC COMING INTO LIMA. (INITIAL DATT ASSESSMENT IS MORE THAN \$1,000,000.)

5. (C) COMMENT: CLEARLY THE PACE OF SENDERO'S ATTACKS
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ON LIMA IS STEPPING UP, DESPITE THE ATTEMPTS OF THE GOP TO ELIMINATE THEM ALTOGETHER. THE ABILITY TO MOUNT CONTINUAL ASSAULTS, DESPITE POLICE DRAGNETS ACROSS THE CITY, SUGGEST AN ORGANIZATION THAN PREVIOUSLY SUPPOSED. FURTHERMORE, THE DIVERSITY OF SENDERO TARGETS IN LIMA OVER PAST FEW WEEKS UNDERSCORES DIFFICULTY: SECURITY FORCES WILL HAVE IN:HEADING: OFF: ATTACKS: BY: PROVIDING STEPPED UP PROTECTION FOR SELECTED BUILDINGS AND OTHER ASSETS.
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