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SUBJECT: SENDERO APPEARS TO TARGET PERUVIAN POLICEMEN

1. (U) SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) TERRORISTS ARE BELIEVED RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATHS OF EIGHT PERUVIAN POLICEMEN OVER PAST MONTH. KILLINGS ARE GEOGRAPHICALLY WIDESPREAD -- IN SOUTH CENTRAL HIGHLANDS EMERGENCY ZONE, IN METROPOLITAN LIMA, AND IN TWO NORTHERN REGIONS WHERE SL ACTIVITY HAS BEEN ON UPSWING.

2. (U) SERIES OF KILLINGS BEGAN WITH AUGUST 27 SL ATTACK ON ELECTRICAL GENERATING PLANT IN CAJABAMBA (DEPARTMENT OF CAJAMARCA). SL BAND OF APPROXIMATELY TEN HIT AT 9:30 P.M., LEAVING TWO POLICEMEN (GUARDIA REPUBLICANA--GR) DEAD. TWO MORE POLICE (GUARDIA CIVIL--GC) DIED IN SEPARATE

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ATAACKS IN LIMA ON SEPTEMBER 13 AND 19. FIRST

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ASSAULT OCCURRED AT 8:40 AM IN SAN MARTIN DE PORRES; SECOND AT 6:30 AM IN MONTECRICOM TWO MEN AND ONE WOMEN PARTICIPATED IN EACH ATTACK, REMOVING DYING POLICEMAN'S SUBMACHINEGUN BEFORE ESCAPING. FIRST GC DIED OF SINGLE SHOT TO HEAD; SECOND OF TEN SHOTS, TO JUGULAR AND HEART. THREE INCIDENTS OCCURRED IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF EMERGENCY ZONE ON SEPTEMBER 18, 24 AND 25. FIRST TOOK PLACE IN HUANCAPÍ, CAPITAL OF VICTOR FAJARDO PROVINCE; SECOND IN SAN MIGUEL (CAPITAL OF LA MAR; THIRD IN HUANTA (CAPITAL OF HUANTA PROVINCE). FIRST TWO VICTIMS WERE GC'S THIRD WAS GR. EACH POLICEMAN WAS REPORTEDLY AMBUSHED IN DAYLIGHT HOURS, WITHIN URBAN AREA, BY TWO KILLERS. GC IN SAN MIGUEL DIED OF SINGLE SHOT TO HEAD; GR IN HUANTA TOOK TWO SHOTS (THORAX AND SHOULDER). SINGLE GC DIED ON SEPTEMBER 17 IN PROVINCE OF CERRO DE PASCO (IN CENTRAL ANDEAN DEPARTMENT OF PASCO). ATTACK REPORTEDLY OCCURRED AT 4 PM. BESIDES FOREGOING POLICE DEATHS, ONE SOLDIER DIED IN RURAL LA MAR PROVINCE ON SEPTEMBER 13 WHEN VEHICLE IN WHICH HE WAS RIDING WAS AMBUSHED. ONE OTHER SOLDIER WAS WOUNDED IN ATTACK.

3. (C) COMMENT: ALTHOUGH COINCIDENCE CANNOT BE RULED OUT, THIS SERIES OF WHAT WERE OBVIOUSLY COLD-BLOODED MURDERS COULD SUGGEST DELIBERATE SL DECISION TO CONCENTRATE ON PICKING OFF VULNERABLE POLICE WHO, UNLIKE MILITARY, FREQUENTLY TRAVEL SOLO OR IN SMALL GROUPS OR (AS IN LIMA) STAND INDIVIDUAL GUARD DUTY. OFFICIAL GOP STATISTICS LIST TOTAL OF 59 POLICE KILLED BY TERRORISTS BETWEEN MAY 1980 AND MID-AUGUST 1983 (WITH FIVE MILITARY KILLED IN SAME PERIOD). UPSURGE IN POLICE KILLINGS AND MANNER IN WHICH THEY ARE

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