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TAGS: PTER, SHUM, PE
SUBJECT: TERRORISTS STRIKE IN LIMA

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1. (C) SUMMARY. SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) TERRORISTS RETURNED TO THE ATTACK IN PERU'S CAPTIAL EVENING OCTOBER 22. FIVE WERE KILLED, AT LEAST NINE SERIOUSLY HURT. TERRORIST ATTACK DEMONSTRATED CHARACTERISTIC PENCHANT FOR ADVANCE PLANNING AND SLOPPY EXECUTION -- PRODUCING NO SIGNIFICANT ELECTRICAL BLACKOUT, LIMITED SECURITY FORCE CASUALTIES, TWO SL DEAD, AND NUMEROUS SUSPECTS CAPTURED. EVENTS DEMONSTRATED, HOWEVER, THAT SL RETAINS CAPABILITY OF GENERATING A CLIMATE OF

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INTO CUSTODY IN WAKE OF ATTACKS ARE PROBABLE TERRORISTS. SOME PROBABLY ARE. THEY, TOGETHER WITH TWO IDENTIFIED DEAD SENDERISTAS, CONSTITUTE POTENTIALLY VALUABLE LEADS OF GREAT LIMA POLICE FOLLOWED UP ON WITH PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE SUBSEQUENT TO TERRORIST WAVE IN JUNE-JULY. TERRORISTS' FAILURE TO PRODUCE EVEN LIMITED ELECTRICAL BLACKOUT ON THIS OCCASION WAS SOMETHING OF SETBACK FOR THEM, INASMUCH AS THEY HAVE COUNTED ON DARKNESS TO GAIN BOTH TACTICAL ADVANTAGE FOR CARRYING OUT THEIR ATTACKS AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE OF DRIVING HOME TO LIMA'S MILLIONS FACT OF THEIR PRESENCE IN CAPITAL AREAS. NEVERTHELESS.

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