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E.O.O. 12356: DECL: 10/17/89  
TAGS: PTER, SHUK, PE  
SUBJECT: PERUVIAN TERRORISTS STRIKE IN LIMA AGAIN  
REFS: A) LIMA 7820; B) LIMA 9011;

1. (C) SUMMARY. SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) BRIEFLY  
BLANKED OUT PARTS OF LIMA NIGHT OF OCTOBER 15 IN FIRST  
RECURRENCE OF LARGE-SCALE TERRORIST-PERPETRATED VIOLENCE  
SINCE SERIES OF INCIDENTS IN CAPITAL IN JULY. COORDINATED  
ATTACKS TOOK PLACE ELSEWHERE IN COUNTRY. BUT WHILE  
TERRORISTS DEMONSTRATED CONTINUING CAPACITY TO PLAN AND  
COORDINATE WIDELY SEPARATED ACTIVITIES, EXECUTION OF ATTACKS  
REMAINED CHARACTERISTICALLY SLOPPY. POLICE, WHO TOOK  
LIGHT CASUALTIES, CAPTURED SEVERAL SUSPECTS. GOVERNMENTS'S

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"HANDLING" OF SITUATION BENEFITED FROM PROMPT RESTORATION

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OF ELECTRICITY -- THE WORK OF TECHNICIANS WHO APPARENTLY PROFITED FROM JULY-5 EXPERIENCE. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) LIMA BLACKOUT. IN FIRST SUCH STRIKE SINCE SERIES OF BLACKOUT-PRODUCING ATTACKS IN JULY (REF A), SL TERRORISTS TARGETED HALF A DOZEN METROPOLITAN AREA ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION TOWERS AT ABOUT 7:45 PM OCT 15, DOWNING FIVE OF THEM. TEMPORARY BLACKOUTS FOLLOWED IN LIMA DISTRICTS OF SAN ISIDRO, CHORRILLOS, PUEBLE LIBRE, MAGDALENA DEL MAR, AND CALLAO. TECHNICIANS RESTORED POWER QUICKLY, WITH NO ZONE LEFT IN DARKNESS FOR MORE THAN A HALF HOUR. ONLY SERIOUS EVENT TO OCCUR IN THIS PERIOD TOOK PLACE IN CHORRILLOS, AS SL COMMANDO SQUADS TRIED TO MACHINE GUN AND BOMB INVESTIGATIVE POLICE (PIP) STATION THERE. TWO POLICE WERE WOUNDED IN ATTACK, BUT ARE EXPECTED TO RECOVER. MORE SIGNIFICANTLY QUICK POLICE RESPONSE RESULTED IN CAPTURE OF SEVERAL SUSPECTS IN STATIONS'S VICINITY. ELSEWHERE IN CITY, POLICE REPORTEDLY DISARMED DYNAMITE CHARGES BEFORE EXPLOSIONS OCCURRED.

3. (U) SL ATTACKS IN CUSCO AND EMERGENCY ZONE. SIMILAR SL ATTACKS AGAINST ELECTRICAL SYSTEM IN CUSCO YIELDED SIMILAR RESULTS. THREE SEPARATE BLASTS SHOOK CITY AROUND 8:30PM ONLY ONE EXPLOSION CAUSED NOTABLE DAMAGE, WITH BLACKOUT LASTING 15 MINUTES. CUSCO POLICE ALSO MADE SEVERAL ARRESTS. IN EMERGENCY ZONE, SL STRUCK AT SEVERAL EXPOSED POLICE UNITS. IN DEPARTMENT OF AYACUCHO, FIVE POLICE (GUARDIA CIVIL-GC) WERE HURT IN PARAS (PROVINCE OF CANGALLO); TWO OTHER GC WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED IN SAN FRANCISCO (LAMAR); NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED AT SAN PEDRO DE CACHI (HUAMANGA). IN DEPARTMENT OF HUANCABELICA, SL HIT POLICE IN LIRCARY (PROVINCE OF

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ANGARAES), WOUNDING TWO, WHILE IN DEPARTMENTAL CAPITAL (CITY OF HUANCABELICA) NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED IN SL ATTACK AGAINST GC STATION THERE. AT LEAST FOUR TERRORISTS DIED IN THESE SEPARATE INCIDENTS.

4. (C) COMMENT: DEATHS AND ATROCITIES IN EMERGENCY ZONE PASS VIRTUALLY UNNOTICED IN LIMA, BUT EVENTS WITHIN CAPITAL CONTINUE TO CLAIM INSTANT PUBLIC ATTENTION. OCTOBER 15 ATTACKS DEMONSTRATE THAT

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HOWEVER, SWIFT REACTION BY AUTHORITIES APPEARS TO REPRESENT AN IMPROVEMENT IN THAT AREA. WHAT PREVENTED OCTOBER 15 ATTACKS FROM HAVING MORE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES WERE:

A. SENDERO'S AGAIN-DEMONSTRATED INEFFICIENCY IN CARRYING OUT CAREFULLY CONCEIVED AND COORDINATED MULTI-POINT OPERATIONS;

B. HANDIWORK OF ELECTRICAL SYSTEM TECHNICIANS WHO, IN WEEKS INTERVENING SINCE JULY ATTACKS, INSTALLED AND SUCCESSFULLY USED "BY PASS" SYSTEM, ALLOWING FOR RESTORATION OF ELECTRICAL SUPPLY IN LIMA WITHIN MINUTES OF INITIAL INTERRUPTIONS.

5. (C) NUMBER OF TERRORISTS REPORTEDLY INVOLVED IN LIMA INCIDENTS SUGGESTS THAT SENDERO HAS MADE SOME PROGRESS IN RESTORING ITS BADLY DAMAGED CADRES IN CAPITAL. POLICE HAVE MOVED RAPIDLY AND SUCCESSFULLY IN PAST, THOUGH, TO OBTAIN FROM CAPTURED TERRORISTS INFORMATION LEADING TO CAPTURE OF OTHERS. AS NOTED ABOVE, SEVERAL SUSPECTS WERE ARRESTED IN IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH AND IN VICINITY OF CHORRILLOS PIP STATION ATTACK.  
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