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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PGOV, PE
SUBJECT: MUNICIPAL ELECTION UPDATE: DEBATES MODIFY ELECTION
PICTURE

REFS: A) LIMA 11530; B) LIMA 11368; C) LIMA 10585; N

- CONFIDENTIAL-ENTIRE TEXT.
- IF FRONT RUNNING LIMA MAYORALTY CANDIDATE ALFREDO BARNECHEA LOSES THE NOVEMBER 13 BALLOTING, PUNDITS UNDOUBTEDLY WILL DATE HIS DEMISE FROM HIS RELATIVELY POOR PERFORMANCE OCTOBER 28 IN A TELEVISED ROUNDTABLE DEBATE OF THE FOUR MAJOR CANDIDATES THAT BARNECHEA HIMSELF JOINED ONLY RELUCTANTLY. BARNECHEA, THE APRISTA PARTY CANDIDATE, IS STILL AHEAD IN LATEST POLLS WHICH HAVE NOT YET REGISTERED PUBLIC IMPRESSION OF THE DEBATE. HIS SUPPORTERS RECOGNIZE PUBLIC IMPRESSION OF THE DEBATE. HIS SUPPORTERS RECOGNIZE

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THAT HE HAS LOST GROUND IN EVENTS THAT FAVOR THE UNETER.

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EFT'S ALFONSO BARRANTES, HIS MAJOR OPPONENT, AND INDEPENDENT
CCION POPULAR BACKED CANDIDATE, ALFONSO GRADOS, UNTIL LAST
EEK MOST OBSERVERS CONSIDERED GRADOS ALMOST MORIBUND.
IS STRONG PERFORMANCE IN OCTOBER 28 DEBATE AND SUB-
EQUENT EVENTS, HOWEVER, BREATHED NEW LIFE INTO HIS
ANDIDACY.

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5. INTERESTINGLY, BARRANTES GOT SOME AMMUNITION TO HELP HIM DEAL WITH POTENTIALLY DEVASTATING CHARGES OF TACIT IU SUPPORT FOR, OR TOLERANCE OF, SENDERO LUMINOSO. AS REPORTED REF A, BOMBS ROCKED LIMA HEADQUARTERS OF GENERAL CONFEDERATION OF PERUVIAN WORKERS (CGTP) NIGHT OF OCTOBER 31. BARRANTES IMMEDIATELY CLAIMED THAT THIS SENDERO ATTACK PROVED IU HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH AND, INDEED, DEPLORED TERRORISM. TWO DAYS LATER, THOUGH, CGTP SEC GEN CUT GROUND FROM UNDER BARRANTES BY CLAIMING BOMBING WAS WORK OF (UNNAMED) RIGHTISTS, ABETTED BY YANKEE IMPERIALISTS, NOT SENDERO LUMINOSO.

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