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SUBJ: TERRORISM IN PREELECTION PERIOD

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1. (C) SUMMARY: SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) IS CONTINUING STEPPED UP EFFORT BOTH IN LIMA AND EMERGENCY ZONE, PROBABLY DESIGNED TO AUGMENT GENERALIZED DISQUIET AND COMPROMISE NATIONAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 13. ALTHOUGH PRIMARY TARGETS HAVE BEEN POLICE AND POLICE INSTALLATIONS. SL IN PAST 24 HOURS ATTACKED SUCH DIVERSE TARGETS AS COMMUNIST LABOR CENTRAL (CGTP), LEADING NEWS WEEKLY "CARETAS", AND A MAYORAL CANDIDATE IN HUANTA PROVINCE. GOP HAS MADE CLEAR THAT IT DOES NOT INTEND TO RESTORE STATE CONFIDENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 OF EMERGENCY IN LIMA (AT LEAST PRIOR TO ELECTIONS):

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ATTACK ON CGTP COULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR MARXIST (IU)
MAYORAL CANDIDATE TO MAKE CONVINCING CASE THAT
"DEMOCRATIC" MARXISTS DO NOT SUPPORT OR CONDONE SENDERO.
EMD SUMMARY.

2. (LOU) CLIMATE IN LINA. SUCCESSIVE WEEKEND ATTACKS COCT. 15 AND 22, REFS A AND B RESPECTIVELY) PRODUCED CERTAIN DEGREE OF NERVOUSNESS THAT SIMILAR INCIDENTS COULD TAKE PLACE IN CAPITAL WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 29. RELATIVELY SHALL SERIES OF SL DYNAMITINGS IN FOUR SUBURBAN AREAS EVENING OCT. 27 AUGHENTED CONCERN. EXPECTATIONS APPEARED TO BE BORNE OUT SATURDAY MORNING (OCT. 29) WHEN SERIES OF EXPLOSIONS SHOOK CHEMICAL LABORATORY IN INVESTIGATIVE POLICE'S (PIP) MULTISTORY INSTRUCTION CENTER IN CENTRALLY LOCATED SAN ISIDRO. NEWS MEDIA REPORTED THAT SEMDERO HAD ATTACKED PIP CENTER. LATER COMMUNIQUE BY PIP OFFICIALS CLARIFIED ACCOUNTS, ATTRIBUTING EVENT TO ACCIDENTAL SHORT CIRCUIT IN AREA WHERE EXPLOSIVES STORED. ALTHOUGH "ACCIDENT" REMAINS MOST PROBABLE EXPLANATION, AT LEAST ONE PUB-LICATION (CONSERVATIVE WEEKLY "OIGA") SUGGESTED THAT AUTHORITIES WERE NOT DIVULGING WHOLE STORY.

3. (U) PIP CENTER EXPLOSION ASIDE, WEEKEND OCT. 29-30 IN LIMA PASSED UNEVENTFULLY, PROVIDING DECEPTIVELY CALM BACKDROP TO SERIES OF SL ACTIONS IN CAPITAL ON MONDAY, OCT. 31. WORST ATTACK OCCURRED AT 3 A.M. AT POLICE STATION (GUARDIA CIVIL--GC) IN COLLIQUE, A "PUEBLO JOVEN" (SHANTY TOWN OF URBAN HIGRANTS) NORTH OF LIMA. ONE GC DIED AND ONE WAS SERIOUSLY HURT AS HALF-DOZEN SENDERISTAS HURLED DYNAMITE AT STATION AND RAKED IT WITH SUBMACHINE GUN FIRE. RETURN FIRE FROM POLICE CONFIDENTIAL

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APPARENTLY HIT ONE OF ATTACKERS, WHOM ESCAPING COMRADES CARRIED OFF.

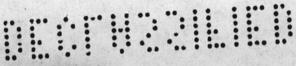


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THURSDAY -- PRODUCED NO SERIOUS CASUALTIES.

S. (U) RESPONDING TO TERRORIST INCIDENTS, GOP OFFICIALS HAVE REITERATED ASSURANCE THAT GOVERNMENT DOES NOT PROPOSE RETURN TO STATE OF EMERGENCY IN LIMA (IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN SECURITY FORCES' HAND AGAINST TERRORISTS). PRESIDENT BELAUNDE TOLD OCT. 28 CABINET

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MEETING THAT GOP WOULD NOT "LOWER ITS GUARD" IN PRESERVING BOTH PUBLIC ORDER AND ABILITY OF PARTIES TO CAMPAIGN FREELY FOR NOVEMBER 13 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS. (BELAUNDE ALSO USED OCCASION TO AMNOUNCE PLANS TO HOLD DOUBLE ROUND OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IN APRIL AND JUME 1985).

6. (U) EVENTS IN EMERGENCY ZONE. TERRORISTS HAVE REMAINED ACTVE IN EMERGENCY ZONE IN EFFORT TO DAMAGE ELECTORAL PROCESS THERE. A WEEKEND AMBUSH IN VICTOR FAJARDO PROVINCE (DEPARTMENT OF AYACUCHO) LEFT TWO POLICE (GC) DEAD AND TWO OTHERS WOUNDED. AT OTHER END OF EMERGENCY ZONE (MORTHERN AYACUCHO PROVINCE OF HUANTA). A SINGLE TERRORIST FIRED POINT-BLANK MORNING OCT 31 AT GOVERNING ACCION POPULAR (AP) PARTY CANDIDATE FOR PROVINCIAL MAYORALTY, LEAVING HIM CRITICALLY WOUNDED. SOME TWENTY VEHICLES USING ROAD BETWEEN CITIES OF COMFIDENTIAL

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AYACUCHO AND HUANTA WERE STOPPED BY JERRORISTS WHO AFTER ROBBING PASSENGERS OF VALOABLES, REPORTEDLY WARNED

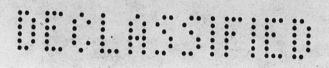
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THEM NOT TO VOTE. ELSEWHERE IN EMERGENCY ZONE, LESS WELL PUBLICIZED INCIDENTS CONTINUED TO CLAIM VICTIMS AMONG ISOLATED VILLAGERS.

- 7. (C) COMMENT: GOP PLACES GREAT IMPORTANCE ON ELECTIONS AND IS DETERMINED NOT TO BE PROVOKED BY TERRORISTS INTO REIMPOSING STATE OF EMERGENCY IN LIMA PRIOR TO THEM. BUT THESE INHIBITIONS MAY WELL DISAPPEAR ONCE PAST NOVEMBER 13. AND CONTINUATION OF TERRORISTS INCURSIONS IN CAPITAL THEM ARE LIKELY TO PRODUCE RENEWED CALLS ON GOVERNMENT TO "GET TOUGHER."
- 8. (C) WHATEVER THE GOVERNMENT'S SUCCESS IN MAINTAINING PUBLIC CALM IN LIMA AND THROUGHOUT MOST OF COUNTRY, HOWEVER, ELECTORAL PROCESS IN THE EMERGENCY ZONE HAS UNDOUBTEDLY BEEN AFFECTED BY SEMDERO LUMINOSO. AP CANDIDATE SHOT IN HUANTA WAS SOLE CANDIDATE FOR MAYORALTY OF THIS PROVINCE, OTHERS HAVING WITHDRAWN OUT OF FEAR OF SL REPRISALS. CAMPAIGNING MEVER STARTED IN TWO OTHERS (VICTOR FAJARDO AND CAMGALLO), WHILE BOTH UNITED LEFT (IU) AND POPULAR CHRISTIAM (PPC) PARTIES DECLINED TO FIELD CAMDIDATES IN TWO MORE (MUAMANGA AND LA MAR). UPSURGE IN SL ATTACKS ON VILLAGES IN ISOLATED ACOBAMBA, ANGARAES, AND TAYACAJA PROVINCES (ALL IN DEPARTMENT OF MUANCAVELICA) SIMILARLY PLACE ELECTORAL CAMPAIGNS THERE UNDER A CLOUD.
- 9. (C) MARXIST LIMA MAYORALTY CANDIATE ALFONSO BARRANTES HAS BEEN ACCUSED BY RIVALS OF, AT MINIMUM, HAVING AMBIGUOUS POSITION TOWARD SL. IN RECENT DEBATES, BARRANTES HAS SOUGHT TO DISTANCE HIMSELF FROM SENDERO. CONFIDENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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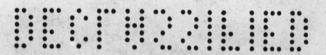
ATTACK ON CGTP WILL PROBABLY HELP BARRANTES IN DEALING WITH THE ISSUE AND COULD HAVE AN IMPORTANT BEARING ON OUTCOME OF MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.



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