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CACERES), 3 GC DEAD, 2 INJURED, 1 MISSING SITE IS NOTORIOUS DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA IN UPPER HUALLAGA VALLEY, JUST NORTH OF AREA COVERED IN "OPERATION BRONCO" REF. A).

-- HUANCA SANCOS (DEP OF AYACUCHO, PROV OF VICOIR FAJARDO), 2 GC DEAD, 4 GC INJURED; SITE IS IN EMERGENCY ZONE AND HAS BEEN OBJECT OF REPEATED BLOODY SL ATTACKS OVER LAST TWO YEARS; AT LEAST 14 CIVILIANS ALSO REPORTEDLY PERISHED IN THIS INCIDENT:

-- LURICOCHA (DEPT. OF AYACUCHO, PROV OF HUANTA), 1 GC DEAD, 4 INJURED; THIS SITE ALSO IS IN EMERGENCY ZONE AND HAS BEEN OBJECT OF NUMEROUS SL ATTACKS; SOME INITIAL PRESS REPORTS REFERRED TO THIS ASSAULT AS HAVING BEEN CARRIED OUT BY "200 TERRORISTS" DESCRIBED AS BEING, FOR THE MOST PART, MINORS DRESSED IN THEIR SCHOOL UNIFORMS;

-- CHURCAMP (DEPT. OF HUANCVELICA, PROV. OF TYACAJA), 2 GC DED, 3 INJURED ALTHOUGH ALSO IN EMERGENCY ZONE, THIS COMMUNITY HAS NOT FIGURED IN RECENT TERRORIST INCIDENTS;

-- HUARANCHAL (DEPT OF LA LIBERTAD, PROV. OF OTUZCO), 1 GC DEAD, 3 INJURED; SOME 18 SENDERISTAS REPORTEDLY WERE KILLED WHEN THEY ATTEMPTED TO FOLLOW-UP ATTACK ON POLICE OUP OST WITH ACTION DIRECTED AGAINST NEARBY COOPERATIVE OF CHUQUIZONGO.

B. DYNAMITINGS AGAINST MAJOR ECONOMIC TARTETS:
-- ICA (DEPARTMENT AND PROVICE OF SAME NAME),

DOWNING OF ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSIONS TOWER CAUSED EXTENSIVE BLACK OUT AFFECTING ENTIRE PROVINCE:

-- TRUJILLO (DEPT OF LA LIBERTAD, PROV. OF TRUJILLO), THREE SEPARATE BLASTS CAUSED BLACKOUT

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AFFECTING 150,000 PERSONS AND FIRE AT IMPORTANT CONSTRUCTIN FIR N (LOSS ESTIMATED AS IN EXCESS OF 100 MILLION SOLES -- OVER \$30,000 AT CURRENT EXCHANGE RATE):

-- INPIERNILLO RAILROD BRIDGE (DEPT OF INA, PROV OF HUARACHIRI), ALTHOUGH NOT DOWNED, DAMAGE SUSTAINED BY CENTURY OLD BRIDGE CLOSES THIS HISTORIC ... RAILROAD LINE (HIGHEST IN THE WORLD): TO TRANSPORTATION ... O MINERALS FROM CENTRAL SIERRA TO PORT OF CALEAO (AND ... TO MOVEMENT OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TO SIERRA) FOR ...

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INDETERMINATE PERIOD OF TIME.

C. LESSER DYNAMITING INCIDENTS:

-- AYACUCHO (DEPT OF AYACUCHO, PROV OF HUANANGA), DOZEN OR MORE SEPARATE EXPLOSIONS CAUSED NO MAJOR DAMAGE BUT DID RESULT IN WOUNDING OF EIGHT PERSONS:

-- HUANCVELICA (CAPITAL OF DEPARTN AND PROVINCIE OF SSAME NAME), 25 INDIVIDUAL EXPLOSIONS HURT AT LEAST TWO PEOPLE:

-- HUANTA (DEPT OF AYACHCHO, PROV OF HUANTA), EXPLOSIONS PRODUCED ONE MORE IN SERIES OF BLACKOUTS TO WHICH THIS CITY HAS BECOME ACCUSTOMED.

2. (U) ADDITIONAL TO ABOVE, OTHER PRESS REPORTS (OF WHICH AT LEAST SOME ARE LIKELY TO BE CONFIRMED) SPEAK OF INCIDENTS OCCURRING IN OTHER PARTS OF UPPER HUALLAGA VALLEY AND ADJACENT REGIONS; NORTHWESTERN PASCO DEPARTMENT; AND OTHER COMMUNITIES INSIDE EMERGENCY ZONE. AN ARSON-CAUSED FIRE IN TOWN OF LANBAYEQUI (IN DEPARTMENT AND PROVINCIE OF SAME NAME) DESTROYED REGIONAL AGRARIAN REFORM OFFICE AND ALL ITS RECORDS. ALTHOUGH FIRE COULD HAVE BEEN SET BY NON-SL ELEMENTS, ITS TIME IN SUGGEST THAT TERRORISTS MAY HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE.

3. (C) COMMENT: WIDESPREAD GEOGRAPHIC DISPERSION AND COORDINATED NATURE OF ATTACKS SUGGEST THIS REPRESENTS OPENING OF NEW WAVE OF SL VIOLENCE, AS PROJECTED REF. B.

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AS ANTICIPATED, PREVIOUSLY STOLEN DYNAMITE IS PLAYING IMPORTANT ROLE IN SL ACTIONS. MISSION NOTES, HOWEVER, ABSENCE OF ANY SL INCIDENTS IN LIMA OR FOR THAT MATTER, OTHER IMPORTANT URBAN CENTERS SUCH AS AREQUIPA, HUANCAYO, HUARAZ, ETC.
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