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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. LLLIMA INCIDENTS. JULY 1-2. DEMONSTRATING A CONTINUING--BUT HOPEFULLY REDUCED -- CAPABILITY TO CARRY OUT TERRORIST ACTIONS IN CAPITAL AREA. SENDERO LUMINOSO (S) MADE A DELAYED REAPPEARANCE IN LIMA JULY 1-2. AS NOTED REF A. SECURITY FORCE PERSONNEL AND INSTALLATIONS APPEAR TO BE SL'S PRINCIPAL TARGETS DURING CURRENT WAVE OF ATTACKS: CONFIDENTIAL

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(GUARDIA CIVIL -- GC) IN COLLIQUE, TO MORTH OF LIMA, SL PTED TO DUPLICATE SINILAR ATTACK CARRIED OUT THERE OCTOBER 31 (REF B). ON PAST OCCASION, ONE GC DIED AND ONE WAS SERIOUSLY HURT, WHILE ATTACKERS HADE GOOD ON GETAMAY. THIS TIME POLICE SUFFERED NO CASUALTIES, WHILE SEVERAL SEMOERISTAS WERE CAPTURED! -- ON EVENING SAME DAY, SOLITARY POLICEMAN WAS SHOT IN DREMA (MEAR DOWNTOWN LINA) BY GROUP OF THREE PERSONS THAT MADE OFF WITH OFFICER'S GUN. (COMMENT: INCIDENT PROBABLY CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO SENDERO, BUT LINA'S CRIMINAL ELEMENT ALSO SECURES WEAPONRY IN THIS WAY): -- COORDINATED SERIES OF ATTACKS JULY 2, CARRIED OUT AT "TRADITIONAL" SL HOUR OF PREFERENCE (AROUND 7:30 P.M., AFTER DUSK HAS FALLEN AND STREET TRAFFIC IS AT PEAK). LEFT ONE GC DEAD IN MEART OF DOWN-TOWN LIMA AND TWO OTHER POLICEMEN (GUARDIA REPUBLICANA -TOWN LIMA AND THE OTHER POLICEME GR) HURT. DYNAMITE EXPLOSIONS OCCURRED IN SAME PERIOD MEAR MEADQUARTERS OF DANCO DE LA MACION. TELEPHONE COMPANY'S LONG DISTANCE OFFICES. AND SARDEN BEHIND MINISTRY OF EDUCATION. OTHER, UNEXPLODED DEVICES WERE ALSO FOUND AT LATTER SITE. DAMAGE IN THESE CASES WAS MINIMAL. SENDERO DID SUCCEED, HOWEVER, IN DOWNING ONE OF THREE TARGETED ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION TOWERS IN "PUEBLO JOVEN" OF VILLA MARIA DEL TRIUMFO ON CITY'S OUTSKIRTS, CAUSING SHORT-LIVED, AND GEOGRAPHICALLY LIMITED POWER BLACKOUT.

3. FOR MOST CAPITAL AREA RESIDENTS, MOMEYER, SENDERG'S MAJOR IMPACT OCCURRED PREVIOUS EVENING--AMD/PARADOXICALLY, FOR REASONS UMRELATED DIRECTLY TO SL. A "TECHNICAL FAILURE" (INVOLVING A POWER OVERLOAD) AT A MAJOR DOWN-CONFIDENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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TOWN ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION STATION PROVOKED A FIRE AND SUBSEQUENT DLACKOUT OVER MUCH OF CENTRAL LINA AND SOME OF CITY'S MAIN SUBURDS. MOST PEOPLE AUTOMATICALLY ASSUMED SENDERO WAS RESPONSIBLE, CHOOSING TO DISDELIEVE OFFICIAL ACCOUNT PROVIDED BY INTERIOR MINISTER PERCOVICH. (COMMENT: ALTHOUGH PUBLIC MERVOUSNESS IS UNDERSTANDABLE, WE SEE NO REASON TO DOUBT PERCOVICH'S EXPLANATION.)



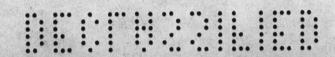
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JUME 28 DENGUNCED EXISTENCE OF "INTERNATIONAL CONSPIRACY" AGAINST PERU. A THEME TO UNICH ME RETURNED JULY 2. ON SAME DAY, PERCOVICH CALLED SENDERO'S VIOLENCE THE PRODUCT OF MARXIST, MADIST, AND LEMINIST IDEOLOGICAL RAMIFACTIONS DROUGHT INTO PERU FROM THE SOVIET UNION, CHINA, AND CUBA. A MOST OF GOP AND CONGRESSIONAL FIGURES CALLED, AGAIN, FOR RESTORATION OF THE DEATH PENALTY, OTHERS ASSERTED A MEED TO CREATE SPECIAL (CIVILIAN) TRIBUNALS TO SPEED UP TRIAL PROCESS FOR ACCUSED TERRORIST SUSPECTS, UNILE STILL OTHERS URGED THAT MILITARY COURTS MANDLE THESE CASES. (COMMENT: SIMILAR CALLS ON THE OCCASION OF PAST SL ATTACK MAYES DID NOT LEAD TO ACTION.) PRESS CRITICISM FOCUSED ON ALLEGED FAILURE BY POLICE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES TO DETECT AND MEAD OFF ATTACKS IN TIME.

S. EMBASSY ASSESSMENT (LIMA). PRESS CRITICISM NOTWITHSTANDING, OUR VIEW IS THAT LIMA POLICE HAVE
DEMONSTRATED SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS OVER COURSE OF LAST
YEARIN THEIR ABILITY TO FOLLOW-UP, WARD OFF. AND
PREVENT SL ATTACKS. IMPROVED PROFESSIONALISM IS EVIDENT
IN THEIR ARREST POLICY (FEWER MASS SWEEPS, MORE
ETENTIONS OF PIMPOINTED SUSPECTS), PREVENTATIVE
PREPARATIONS (THIS TIME, FOR EXAMPLE, POLICE AT
COLLIQUE STATION WERE NOT CAUGHT OFF GUARD), AND A
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LIMITED, BUT IMPROVING ABILITY TO IMPILTRATE SENDERO'S DEBILITATED METROPOLITAN RAMES. ADDITIONALLY, INCIDENTS IN LIMA AND ELSEUMENE (INVOLVING INCREASED SHOOTING OF POLICE) DEMONSTRATE THAT. AS AN ORGANIZATION, THE POLICE ARE LESS INCLINED TO PANIC THAN WAS TRUE AS RCENTLY AS RECENTLY AS LAST OCTOBER. TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, CURRENT WAVE OF SLINCIDENTS HAS GIVEN RISE TO NO ALLEGATIONS OF RIGHTS ADUSES BY POLICE IN LIMA AREA.



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