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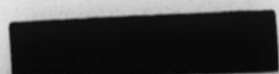
SUBJECT: SENDERO LUMINOSO OPENS "ANTI-ELECTIONS CAMPAIGN"  
IN LIMA

1. (U) SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) TERRORIST BANDS HIT TWO NATIONAL ELECTIONS BOARD (JNE) SITES IN LIMA ON OCTOBER 26-27, BURNING REGISTRATION MATERIALS AND DYNAMITING LOCALES. FIRST INCIDENT OCCURRED AT 8 P.M. ON 26TH, AT JNE REGISTRY OFFICE LOCATED ON GROUNDS OF COOPERATIVE IN WORKING CLASS AREA OF EL AGUSTINO. THREE SENDERISTAS TOOK PART IN ATTACK. WHILE SOME CIVILIANS PRESENT REPORTEDLY WERE STRUCK, APPARENTLY NO ONE WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED AND NO SHOTS WERE FIRED. MORE SERIOUS INCIDENT

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 OCCURRED FOLLOWING DAY, WITH NOONTIME SL STRIKE AGAINST

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JNE OFFICE LOCATED AT COOPERATIVE IN SAN JUAN DE LURIGANCHO (A WORKING CLASS AREA ACROSS RINAC RIVER FROM DOWNTOWN LIMA). FIVE TERRORISTS REPORTEDLY WERE IN THIS BAND WHICH, AS IN CASE PREVIOUS DAY, TORCHED REGISTRATION MATERIALS IN OFFICE AND ATTEMPTED TO DESTROY IT WITH A HALF-DOZEN DYNAMITE CHARGES. ALTHOUGH TERRORISTS FIRED SHOTS, EIGHT CIVILIANS WOUNDED THERE APPARENTLY ALL WERE HURT AS RESULT OF EXPLOSIONS.

2. (U) BUT SENDERISTAS PAID A PRICE FOR THESE INCIDENTS. LIMA PRESS REPORTED CAPTURE OF "TEN SUSPECTS" IN AFTER-MATH OF OCT. 26 ATTACK. OF PROBABLE GREATER SIGNIFICANCE, HOWEVER, POLICE FOLLOWED-UP OCT. 27 ATTACK BY IDENTIFYING TWO SUSPECTS WITHIN HALF-HOUR OF INCIDENT IN SHOOTOUT THAT DEVELOPED (BOTH INDIVIDUALS WERE ARMED) ONE DIED AND SECOND WAS CAPTURED. HE IS NOW RECOVERING FROM WOUNDS, AND HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A LAW STUDENT AT (LIMA) UNIVERSITY OF SAN MARCOS. INTERIOR MINISTER OSCAR BRUSH NOEL PROMISED (OCT. 30) THAT APPROPRIATE INTERROGATION WOULD TAKE PLACE, ONCE PATIENT'S HEALTH PERMITS. BRUSH ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT POLICE PROTECTION OF JNE REGISTRATION OFFICES WILL BE AUGMENTED.

3. (C) COMMENT: SL'S BACK-TO-BACK ATTACKS ON LIMA AREA VOTER REGISTRATION OFFICES WAS NOT JUST A COINCIDENCE. WE SUSPECT SL WOULD LIKE TO DERAIL THE ELECTORAL PROCESS, AND EFFORT TO IMPEDE VOTER REGISTRATION IN LIMA FORMS FIRST PART OF WHAT MAY BECOME MORE DELIBERATE CAMPAIGN LATER ON. NEVERTHELESS, BETWEEN SL'S DESIRE TO FRUSTRATE 1985 ELECTIONS IN THIS WAY AND ITS ABILITY TO DO SO LIES A LARGE GAP. SENDERO'S PRESENCE IN LIMA IS INDISPUTABLE. BUT IT ALSO IS CLEAR THAT POLICE HAVE ON REPEATED OCCASIONS CRACKED SL'S ORGANIZATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN METROPOLITAN AREA, MAKING PLANNED,

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COORDINATED SERIES OF ATTACKS A RISKY PROPOSITION. SINCE SL CANNOT AFFORD POLITICALLY TO "GIVE UP" ON LIMA, HOWEVER, WE EXPECT SENDERO WILL CONTINUE TO RISK SACRIFICING ITS RECRUITS IN FURTHER INCIDENTS OF THIS FASHION. JORDAN

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