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SUBJECT: SENDERO LAUNCHES NEW OFFENSIVE, BLACKS OUT LIMA

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1. (C) SUMMARY: SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) TERRORISTS APPEAR TO HAVE LAUNCHED A NEW OFFENSIVE, WITH STRIKES IN METROPOLITAN LIMA, THE EMERGENCY ZONE (EZ), AND HUANUCO AND PASCO DEPARTMENTS. THEIR MOST SPECTACULAR ACCOMPLISHMENT WAS 2-3 HOUR ELECTRICAL BLACKOUT INFLICTED IN LIMA NIGHT OF NOV. 5. ALTHOUGH INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THIS
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POINT IS LIMITED, NEITHER DAMAGE NOR CASUALTIES (JUDGING

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BY PREVIOUS STANDARDS OF SL PERFORMANCE) ARE EXTENSIVE.
END SUMMARY.

2. (LOW) BLACKOUT IN LINA. ELECTRIC CURRENT IN METROPOLITAN LINA BEGAN FLUCTUATING ABOUT 7:30 P.M. NOV. 5, GOING OUT ENTIRELY AT 7:46. POWER RESTORATION BEGAN APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS LATER, WITH FULL RESUMPTION IN MOST AREAS AS OF 11 P.M. UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS, SL REPORTEDLY ATTACKED HALF-DOZEN OR MORE SITES IN OR NEAR LINA. MOST SERIOUS OF THESE INVOLVED DYNAMITING OF POLICE STATIONS IN SAN LUIS (MIDDLE-CLASS SUBURB) AND CAJA DE AGUA (IN WORKING CLASS AREA NOTORIOUS FOR CRIME PROBLEM). ONE POLICEMAN DIED IN SAN LUIS ATTACK, WHICH LEFT STATION'S DORMITORY IN SHAMBLES, BUT POLICE PERSONNEL AT CAJA DE AGUA REPORTEDLY REPELLED ATTACKERS WITHOUT SUFFERING CASUALTIES. OTHER TARGETS MENTIONED IN PRESS INCLUDE:

- DOWNTOWN LINA SITE OF ECONOMIC/FINANCE MINISTRY;
- AGRICULTURE MINISTRY TRAINING CENTER IN JESUS MARIA (NEAR DOWNTOWN LINA);
- ECONOMICS/FINANCE MINISTRY BUILDING IN HIGUERETA ("CONO SUR"--SLUM/WORKING CLASS AREA ON CITY'S SOUTHERN FLANK);
- UNSPECIFIED SITE IN NANA (ON CENTRAL HIGHWAY LEADING OUT OF LINA TOWARD EAST);
- UNSPECIFIED SITE IN SAN JUAN DE MIRAFLORES (CONO SUR);

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- PARK AREA IN CHOSICA (IMPORTANT URBAN CENTER ON CENTRAL HIGHWAY PAST NANA).

3. (U) DERAILMENT IN PASCO. AT LEAST THREE DIFFERING ACCOUNTS APPEARED IN LINA'S PRESS NOV. 6 CONCERNING DERAILMENT OF AN ORE TRAIN BETWEEN CERRO DE PASCO AND LA OROYA IN CENTRAL SIERRA. DERAILMENT OCCURRED EITHER EVENING NOV. 2 ("COMERCIO") OR EARLY MORNING NOV. 4 ("EL DIARIO"); DAMAGE CONSISTED OF DERAILMENT OF TWO WAGONS LOADED WITH ORE ("EL DIARIO"), OR OF ALL 30

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("CONERCIO" AND "CRONICA"); ACT WAS CONSUNNATED BY 5L TERRORISTS WHO DERAILED TRAIN WITH FIVE POTENT DYNAMITE CHARGES ("DIARIO") OR WHO, SUBSEQUENT TO DERAILEMENT THROUGH PLACING OF STONES AND BOARDS ON TRACKS, SET OFF SEVERAL EXPLOSIONS ("CRONICA"); FIVE RAIL EMPLOYEES WERE GRAVELY HURT ("DIARIO") OR ESCAPED UNHARMED ("CONERCIO," "CRONICA"). THE TRAIN'S MINERAL CARGO WAS SPILLED OVER A STRETCH OF 220 METERS AND, ON MORNING NOV. 4, SQUADS OF WORKERS WERE SENT TO RECOVER ONE ("CRONICA").

ACCORDING TO SECOND ACCOUNT ("CONERCIO"), HOWEVER, RECUPERATION WAS NOT EXPECTED TO START UNTIL NOV. 5. 4. (LOW) ON NOV. 5, PRESIDENT BELAUNDE APPEALED AGAIN TO PRESS NOT TO ALARM PUBLIC UNNECESSARILY BY PRINTING FALSE INFORMATION. REFERRING SPECIFICALLY TO TRAIN INCIDENT, BELAUNDE SAID IT WAS EMPTY AT TIME OF ATTACK, AND NO ONE WAS LOST IN CONSEQUENCE. ENBASSY'S OWN CHECK WITH MINING COMPANY OFFICIALS (DONE PRIOR TO PRESIDENT'S PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT) REVEALED THAT ONLY TRAIN ENGINE WAS DERAILED--AS RESULT OF TRACKS HAVING BEEN BLOCKED--AND THAT WAGONS WERE EMPTY; NO ONE WAS HURT.

5. (U) BRIDGES BLOWN UP IN EZ. NOV. 5 ISSUE OF "REPUBLICA" CARRIED MAJOR STORY ON DYNAMITING BY SENDERO OF FOUR BRIDGES IN VARIOUS PARTS OF ZONE. THIS WAS COMBINED, ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, WITH THREATS DIRECTED AGAINST TRUCK DRIVERS IN AREAS AFFECTED BY DYNAMITINGS.
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ACCORDING TO PRESIDENT DELAUNDE, HOWEVER, STORY WAS FALSE.
 REFERRING TO SENDERISTAS, HE SAID "THEY PLACED A STICK
 OF DYNAMITE NEARBY THAT CAUSED NO DAMAGE AT ALL AND
 TRAFFIC IS CONTINUING" WITHOUT PROBLEM.

6. (U) LEFTIST MAYOR ASSASSINATED IN HUANUCO. PRESS
 REPORTS APPEARING NOV. 5 SPOKE OF DEATH IN TANTANAYO
 (SMALL CENTRAL SIERRA COMMUNITY IN WESTERN HUANUCO
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 DEPARTMENT) OF DISTRICT'S UNITED LEFT (U) MAYOR.
 REPUBLICA AND "EXPRESO" AGREED THAT EVENT OCCURRED NIGHT

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NOV. 1. ACCORDING TO REPUBLICA, 25 SENDERISTAS TOOK PART IN ATTACK; EXPRESO PLACED NUMBER AT 150. EXPRESO ALSO NOTED THAT SERIES OF SL-INSTIGATED INCIDENTS HAD OCCURRED IN THIS REGION OF WESTERN HUANUCO OVER LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS, INCLUDING KILLING OF TWO POLICEMEN (AT HUACAYBANDA--REF C).

7. COMMENT: INITIAL REPORTS SUGGEST THAT BLACKOUT'S PROXIMATE CAUSE WAS DOWNING OF TWO TRANSMISSION TOWERS IN CHOSICA, 40 KILOMETERS TO EAST OF LIMA. AS IN LAST SUCH INSTANCE (JULY 16--REFS A AND B) BLACKOUT ACTED AS COVER FOR COORDINATED SERIES OF DYNAMITINGS IN CAPITAL AREA. THIS TIME, TWO PERSONS WERE REPORTED DEAD (ONE POLICEMAN AND A YOUNG BOY, INJURED AS CONSEQUENCE OF DYNAMITE EXPLOSION) AND SEVERAL INJURED. ASIDE FROM TOWERS THEMSELVES, HOWEVER, PHYSICAL DAMAGE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN LIMITED. ALTHOUGH BLACKOUT'S ONSET PRODUCED USUAL UNDISCIPLINED CHAOS IN LIMA'S TRAFFIC, NO SCENES OF OUTRIGHT PANIC WERE REPORTED. IN MANY CASES, BUSINESSES (SUCH AS RESTAURANTS) BROUGHT OUT CANDLES AND CONTINUED TO FUNCTION "AS USUAL." SHOCK VALUE OF BLACKOUTS, IT WOULD SEEM, HAS DIMINISHED--WE SPECULATE THAT PART OF THIS REDUCED IMPACT STEMS FROM PUBLIC'S REALIZATION THAT, UNLIKE SITUATION IN PERIOD MAY-AUGUST 1983, ONSET OF A BLACKOUT DOES NOT NECESSARILY INVOLVE REAL DANGER TO THEM.

8. (C) SENDERO'S ONE TRAIN ATTACK SUGGESTS A CONTINUING SL INTEREST IN INFLECTING ECONOMIC DAMAGE BY INTERFERING WITH TRANSPORT AND EXPORT OF MINERALS. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT DERAILMENT IN PASCO ALSO EVIDENCES POOR SL
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INTELLIGENCE GATHERING ABILITY. (DAMAGE SUSTAINED BY A FULLY LOADED TRAIN COULD HAVE BEEN MUCH GREATER.)
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