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1. (U) THIS MESSAGE SUMMARIZES SEVERAL TERRORISM-RELATED EVENTS OCCURRING IN SCATTERED PARTS OF PERU IN RECENT DAYS:

--LIMA: IN WHAT MAY BE A CONTINUATION OF SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) ATTACKS AGAINST VULNERABLE, INDIVIDUAL POLICEMEN (REF A), PRESS ACCOUNTS RELATE THAT UNKNOWN PERSONS FIRED ON REPUBLICAN GUARDS (GR) DEFENDING ELECTRICAL PLANT LOCATED ON PAN AMERICAN HIGHWAY

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TO NORTH OF CITY. ATTACK OCCURRED AT 3 A.M., JAN. 14,

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WITH SUSPECTS FLEEING FROM SITE IN AUTOMOBILE AFTER POLICE RETURNED FIRE. ON NIGHT JAN. 17 (AROUND 11 P.M.), TWO INDIVIDUALS IN MOVING CAR FIRED ON LONE CIVIL GUARD (GC) STATIONED OUTSIDE CHILEAN EMBASSY IN LIMA SUBURB OF SAN ISIDRO. POLICEMAN RETURNED FIRE, AND ATTACKERS FLED. NEITHER CR'S OR GC WERE INJURED.

--HUANCAYO: EXPLOSIVE CHARGES WENT OFF IN DOWNTOWN HUANCAYO AFTERNOON JAN. 14, A SHORT DISTANCE FROM OFFICES OF DEPARTMENTAL ELECTIONS BOARD. EVENT APPEARED TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH DEMONSTRATION BY "UNITED LEFT" (IU) SUPPORTERS, WHO HAD JUST PRESENTED LIST OF CANDIDATES (TO CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES) AT BOARD OFFICES. THIS MARKS FIRST TERRORIST ACT IN CONNECTION WITH ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN TO TAKE PLACE IN MAJOR URBAN AREA SINCE LATE OCTOBER INCIDENTS IN LIMA (REF B).

--TACNA: POLICE IN SOUTHERN PERU CITY OF TACNA ANNOUNCED, JAN. 20, BREAKUP OF SL GROUP ALLEGEDLY RESPONSIBLE FOR SERIES OF TERRORIST INCIDENTS IN TACNA, AREQUIPA, AND PUNO STRETCHING BACK TO 1980-81. SUSPECTED HEAD OF GROUP IS DIRECTOR OF TACNA UNIVERSITY'S AGRONOMY PROGRAM.

--EMERGENCY ZONE (EZ): VARIOUS VICTIMS WERE REPORTED, SOME BEING TERRORIST SUSPECTS KILLED BY SECURITY FORCES AND OTHERS THE PRODUCT OF CLASHES BETWEEN PRO-SL BANDS AND OPPOSING GROUPS OF CAMPESINOS ORGANIZED IN COMMUNAL "RONDAS CAMPESINAS."

--EASTERN ANCASH: SL PRESENCE IN REMOTE STRETCHES OF WESTERN HUANCUCO DEPARTMENT (REF C) APPARENTLY HAS BEGUN TO SPILL OVER INTO EQUALLY REMOTE STRETCHES OF SIERRA IN EASTERN PARTS OF ANCASH DEPARTMENT. LIMA NEWSPAPERS CARRY ACCOUNTS OF SL INCURSIONS BETWEEN JAN. 10-13 IN PROVINCES OF HUARI AND ANTONIO RAIMONDI.

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ROVING SL BAND(S) REPORTEDLY KILLED LIVESTOCK, EXECUTED A DOZEN VILLAGERS, AND SACKED AND BURNED BUILDINGS IN COMMUNITIES OF HUACCHIS, YANAS, AND UCO.

2. (C) COMMENT: IN JAN. 20 CONVERSATION WITH ENBOFF, ARCHEOLOGIST FAMILIAR WITH EASTERN ANCASH REGION: ... RELATED THAT SL'S DISRUPTION OF COMMUNITY LIFE IN ... REGION EVIDENTLY EXTENDS FAR BEYOND LIMITED VERSIONS ... THAT HAVE APPEARED IN PRESS. WHILE ACTUAL NUMBERS OF SENDERISTAS MAY BE SMALL (PERHAPS 2 OR 3 ROVING

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BANDS OF 20-30 MEMBERS EACH), FEAR FACTOR HAS VASTLY MULTIPLIED CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR PRESENCE. ALREADY SMALL NUMBERS OF POLICE IN AREA HAVE WITHDRAWN. CIVIL AUTHORITIES ALSO ARE ABANDONING THEIR POSTS. TRADITIONAL VILLAGE CHIEFS ("VARAYOCS")--PRESUMABLE TARGETS OF SL RAIDERS--ARE (#)

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AND UNRELIABLE NEWSPAPER REPORTING) THAT MOST OF DEATHS BEING REPORTED THESE DAYS OUT OF LARGE PARTS OF AYACUCHO HAVE MORE TO DO WITH CLASHES BETWEEN "RONDEROS" AND "SENDERISTAS" THAN BETWEEN SL AND SECURITY FORCES. END COMMENT.

3. (U) MRTA FALSE ALARM. LIMA NEWSPAPERS JAN. 19 REPORTED ASSAULT ON PROMINENT CLINIC HEAD BY SUPPOSED MEMBERS OF "MRTA" TERRORIST GROUP. SUBSEQUENT

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REPORTING, HOWEVER, DISCOUNTS ASSAILANTS' IDENTIFICATION WITH MRTA. ASSAILANTS APPARENTLY ATTEMPTED

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TO INTIMIDATE VICTIM INTO DISCHARGING EX-GC DIRECTOR, GEN. JUAN BALAGUER, WHO IS BEING INVESTIGATED FOR ALLEGED FINANCIAL IRREGULARITIES COMMITTED WHILE HE HEADED INSTITUTION. BALAGUER ENTERED CLINIC SEVERAL DAYS AFTER BEING RELIEVED OF POST (REF D), AND PRESS CURRENTLY IS IDENTIFYING CLINIC HEAD'S ASSAILANTS AS EX-GC PERSONNEL WITH GRUDGES AGAINST BALAGUER--AND PRESUMABLY ANXIOUS TO SEE HIM REMOVED FROM MEDICAL "SANCTUARY" TO FACE CHARGES BROUGHT AGAINST HIM. OGDEN

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