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SUBJECT: SENDERO AND MRTA MAKE RENEWED APPEARANCE IN LIMA

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1. (U) LIMA NEWSPAPERS REPORTED TWO SEPARATE
TERRORIST INCIDENTS OCCURING IN METROPOLITAN AREA
JANUARY 10. IN MORE SERIOUS DEVELOPMENT, FOUR
TERRORISTS SURPRISED TWO (REPUBLICAN GUARD--GR)
POLICEMEN ASSIGNED TO GUARD DUTY AT A SUBURBAN
ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION TOWER LOCATED IN SAN JUAN
DE LURIGANCHO AND, AFTER OVERPOWERING BOTH AND
SEIZING THEIR WEAPONS, MURDERED THEM IN COLD
BLOOD. IN UNRELATED INCIDENT EARLIER SAME DAY,
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SIX TERRORISTS SHOWED UP IN SUBURBAN MARKET AREA

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(INDEPENDENCIA), WHERE THEY TOOK CONTROL OF PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM AND USED IT TO BROADCAST RECORDED CASSETTE MESSAGE OVER MARKET'S LOUDSPEAKERS. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED.

2. (C) MARKET TAKEOVER WAS ATTRIBUTED IN PRESS ACCOUNT TO MRTA WHICH, AS NOTED REF A, HAS NOT BEEN HEARD FROM OVER RECENT HOLIDAY PERIOD. BLOODLESS NATURE OF INCIDENT, COMBINED WITH DIRECT PROPAGANDA APPEAL, ARE CONSISTENT WITH MRTA'S PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED "MO." BY CONTRAST, POLICE KILLINGS APPEAR CONSISTENT WITH PATTERN OF SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) ATTACKS ON OTHER OCCASIONS, BOTH IN LIMA AND ELSEWHERE, AND WE BELIEVE SENDERO WAS RESPONSIBLE IN THIS PARTICULAR INSTANCE. WE BELIEVE IT WORTH IDENTIFYING SL IN THIS WAY BECAUSE, CURIOUSLY, AT LEAST THREE LIMA NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS ("CRONICA," "EXPRESO," AND "REPUBLICA") CONSPICUOUSLY REFRAINED FROM ASSOCIATING SL WITH INCIDENT. A FOURTH ("HOY"), CARRIED BANNER HEADLINE STATING, "TUPACAMARUS KILL TWO GRS." ALTHOUGH OUR ASSESSMENT MAY CHANGE AS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE, WE BELIEVE--AT LEAST AT THIS POINT--THAT THIS POLICE KILLING IS OF A PATTERN WITH NOVEMBER 5 ATTACK AGAINST MILITARY PERSONNEL AT MORRO SOLAR (REF B, C). IN THAT CASE TOO, TERRORISTS APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN INTERESTED IN SECURITY FORCE PERSONNEL AND THEIR WEAPONS, RATHER THAN IN STRATEGIC OBJECTS THEY WERE GUARDING, AND ATTACKERS' ORGANIZATION AND PREPLANNING ENABLED THEM TO SURPRISE THEIR VICTIMS AND MAKE A CLEAN GETAWAY. WE NOTE, FROM NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS, THAT SAN JUAN DE LURIGANCHO ATTACKERS KILLED POLICEMEN IN FULL VIEW OF NUMEROUS BYSTANDERS. ACCORDING TO EYEWITNESSES' TESTIMONY, POLICE DEATHS WERE NOT

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INCIDENTAL TO WEAPONS-GATHERING OPERATION BUT, TO CONTRARY, CONSTITUTED DELIBERATE EXECUTION AS BOTH MEN LAY PRONE ON THE GROUND.

3. (C) WHETHER COINCIDENTAL OR NOT, ONE OTHER FACTOR IN POLICE SLAYING SEEMS NOTEWORTHY. BOTH GRS WERE ROOKIES, HAVING GRADUATED DAYS EARLIER FROM BR POLICE ACADEMY. THEIR INEXPERIENCE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN EVIDENT IN THAT, DESPITE DANGER KNOWN TO FACE INDIVIDUAL, EXPOSED POLICEMEN ON SUCH GUARD DUTY, THE TWO VIRTUALLY WALKED INTO TRAP. PRESS ACCOUNTS

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SUGGEST POLICE LEFT ASSIGNED POSTS TO STROLL TO NEARBY AREA WHERE STREET VENDORS WERE SELLING SNACK FOODS. ATTACKERS HIT POLICE FROM AMBUSH--AN ACT THAT MAY INDICATE TERRORISTS ALREADY HAD OBSERVED POLICEMEN'S BEHAVIOR PREVIOUSLY AND KNEW WHEN AND HOW TO MOVE. JORDAN

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