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EO 12356: NA
SUBJ: BOMB BLAST IN BNC AREQUIPA

1. AT 18:10 EVENING OF MARCH 21, EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WAS DETONATED IN WOMEN'S BATHROOM ON GROUND FLOOR OF CENTER NEAR NEW CLASSROOM BUILDING AND AUDITORIUM. BATHROOM WAS DESTROYED, WALLS DAMAGED AND GLASS SURROUNDING AREA SHATTERED. SINCE BNC CLOSED AT TIME, THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES.

2. MEDIA COVERAGE LIMA MINIMAL AS ONLY EXPRESO CARRIED NEWS MARCH 22. RADIO AND TELEVISION NEWS NOW COVERING INCIDENT. EXPRESO ESTIMATED DAMAGE AT THREE MILLION SOLES WHICH IS SLIGHTLY UNDER US\$3,000.00.

3. EO FROM USIS LIMA CALLED AREQUIPA AND WAS TOLD THAT ANOTHER ATTEMPT HAD BEEN MADE ON BNC FRIDAY MARCH 18. HEAVY SMOKE WAS DETECTED COMING FROM ONE OF WOODEN WALLS OF AUDITORIUM. A PILE OF BURNING RAGS WAS FOUND WHICH HAD BEEN SOAKED IN INFLAMMABLE LIQUID. A PACKAGE BELIEVED TO HAVE CONTAINED GUNPOWDER WAS ALSO DISCOVERED. QUICK

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REACTION ON THE PART OF BNC PERSONNEL RESULTED IN THE

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FIRE BEING PUT OUT AND THE "GUNPOWDER" BEING REMOVED BEFORE ANY EXTENSIVE DAMAGE DONE. AUDITORIUM HALLS AT THE SITE OF THE FIRE WERE LEFT SUBSTANTLY CHANGED. POSTERS AND LITERATURE LEFT BEHIND AT THE ATTEMPT ON FRIDAY INDICATED BOMB PLANTED BY SENDERO LUMINOSO, LEFTIST TERRORIST GROUP.

4. POLICE IN AREQUIPA ARE IN CHARGE OF INVESTIGATION, RESULTS OF WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO DATE. SMC AREQUIPA WILL FORWARD ITS OWN REPORT OF THESE INCIDENTS TO USIS LIMA SHORTLY. DAMAGE TO SMC BUILDING IS COVERED BY INSURANCE.
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