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E.O. 12356: DECL 2/22/91  
TAGS: PTER, PE  
SUBJECT: SENERO INTENSIFIES ITS ANTI-ELECTION

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1. (U) GROUPS OF SENERO LUMINOSO (SL) TERRORISTS  
STRUCK IN COORDINATED FASHION BETWEEN 9-10 P.M.  
EVENING FEBRUARY 21 AT SCATTERED SITES AROUND  
METROPOLITAN LIMA. NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED AT  
TWO SUBURBAN BANK BRANCHES HIT BY DYNAMITE BLASTS,  
OR AT THREE NEIGHBORHOOD HEADQUARTERS OF POPULAR  
CHRISTIAN PARTY (PPC) AND ONE OF GOVERNING POPULAR  
ACTION (AP). INITIAL REPORTS SPEAK OF SIZEABLE DAMAGE  
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AT ONE OF TWO BANKS, AND TWO OF FOUR PARTY HEADQUARTERS

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ALSO APPARENTLY SUSTAINED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE. MORE SERIOUS INCIDENT, HOWEVER, INVOLVED SHOOTOUT BETWEEN POLICE AND GROUP OF FOUR SENDERISTAS ATTEMPTING TO DYNAMITE TELEPHONE COMPANY INSTALLATION. ONE OF SENDERISTAS ESCAPED, TWO DIED, AND FOURTH WAS WOUNDED AND CAPTURED. ONE POLICEMAN REPORTEDLY WAS INJURED WHEN A DYNAMITE CHARGE STRUCK HIM IN THE FACE (BUT DID NOT EXPLODE). POLICE DISCOVERED NUMEROUS OTHER UNEXPLODED CHARGES IN THE VICINITY.

2. (U) A THIRD DEATH OCCURRED AT 10:30 P.M. AN APRISTA ACTIVIST REPORTEDLY WAS GUNNED DOWN SHORT DISTANCE FROM PARTY'S NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN DOWNTOWN LIMA BY GROUP OF ARMED INDIVIDUALS. IT IS NOT CLEAR IF THIS INCIDENT WAS WORK OF SENDERO OR IN ANY OTHER WAY RELATED TO EVENING'S EVENTS.

3. (C) COMMENT: DESCRIBED INCIDENTS ARE PROBABLY THE OPENING SALVO IN SENDERO'S OWN "ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN." WE SURMISE THAT SL WILL RESPOND TO CURRENT NATIONAL EXERCISE OF POPULAR SOVEREIGNTY VIA THE BALLOT BOX IN SAME FASHION IT RESPONDED TO MUNICIPAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN OF OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 1983, I.E. BY DOING EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER TO DISRUPT DEMOCRATIC PROCESS. REMAINING SEVEN WEEKS THEREFORE ARE LIKELY TO WITNESS MORE SUCH ATTACKS, ESPECIALLY IN HIGH PROFILE AREA OF NATION'S CAPITAL, AS WELL AS IN OTHER PARTS OF PERU WHERE SENDERO CAN MOBILIZE ITS LIMITED NUMBERS OF MILITANTS. ONE SUCH AREA IS IN NORTHERN SIERRA PROVINCES OF (DEPARTMENT OF) LA LIBERTAD (HUANACHUCO, SANTIAGO DE CHUCO, AND OTUZCO). A FEBRUARY 19 SL ATTACK ON RURAL POLICE STATION IN CHUQUISONGO (OTUZCO) LEFT ONE POLICEMAN DEAD AND SIX OTHERS SERIOUSLY INJURED. SOME 13 SENDERISTAS ALSO REPORTEDLY DIED THERE.

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