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SUBJECT: TERRORISTS CUT CENTRAL RAILROAD AGAIN

1. (U) TERRORISTS IDENTIFIED BY POLICE COMMUNIQES AS  
SENDERO LUMINOSO CELL STRUCK AT TWO LOCATIONS NIGHT OF  
FEB. 27-28, SEVERELY DAMAGING VITAL RAILROAD BRIDGE  
AT ANCHE (HUAROCHIRI PROVINCE, LIMA DEPARTMENT) AND  
ATTEMPTING TO DESTROY ANOTHER BRIDGE AT CHAUPICHACHA  
(SAME PROVINCE AND DEPARTMENT). ACCORDING TO COMMUNI-  
ANCHE BRIDGE, LOCATED BETWEEN SAN MATEO AND CASAPALCA  
AT KILOMETER 102 OF CENTRAL HIGHWAY, WAS APPROACHED  
BY GROUP OF TERRORISTS AROUND 22:00 OF FEB. 27, WHO  
PLACED CHARGES AT BASE OF FOUR BRIDGE SUPPORTS AND  
FIRED THEIR GUNS IN THE AIR TO SCARE OFF CURIOUS  
MOTORISTS. WHEN CHARGES WERE IGNITED, 65-FOOT BRIDGE  
DID NOT FALL, BUT SAGGED AND TWISTED IN SUCH MANNER  
AS TO MAKE IT UNUSABLE. OFFICIALS OF STATE RAILWAY  
CORPORATION ENAFER ESTIMATED THAT DAMAGE WAS AS SEVERE  
AS THAT PRODUCED BY EARLIER TERRORIST ATTACK ON FAMOUS  
INFERNILLO BRIDGE NEARBY (KILOMETER 116 OF CENTRAL  
HIGHWAY) AND WOULD TAKE AT LEAST A MONTH TO REPAIR.

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DURING THIS TIME, CENTRAL RAILROAD BETWEEN LIMA AND

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LA OROYA/HUANCAYO AREA WILL BE OUT OF USE.

2. (U) AT AROUND 01:00 OF FEB. 28, GROUP ESTIMATED AT SEVEN TERRORISTS WAS SEEN SETTING CHARGES AT BASE OF CHAUPICHACHA BRIDGE (NEAR TAMBORAQUE, AT KILOMETER 90 OF CENTRAL HIGHWAY). BEFORE CHARGES COULD BE IGNITED, PARTY OF GUARDIA REPUBLICANA (GR) WHO HAD JUST BEEN RELIEVED OF GUARD DUTY AT INVERNILLO BRIDGE ARRIVED AND FIREFIGHT BEGAN. AFTER GR REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVED FROM MATUCANA, TERRORISTS WERE OUTFLANKED AND SCATTERED, LEAVING ONE DEAD AND ONE CAPTIVE. THE DEAD WOMAN, IDENTIFIED BY POLICE AS CELL LEADER BECAUSE SHE, UNLIKE OTHERS, WAS CARRYING AUTOMATIC RIFLE, WAS NOT POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED, AS SHE WAS CARRYING IDENTIFICATION IN TWO DIFFERENT NAMES. OTHER TERRORIST, CAPTURED WHILE TRYING TO CARRY OFF HER BODY, WAS TAKEN TO LIMA FOR QUESTIONING.

3. (U) AT APPROXIMATELY SAME TIME, (21:45-22:00 OF FEB. 27), THREE HIGH-TENSION TOWERS WERE DYNAMITED IN THE MANTARO VALLEY (NEAR CITY OF HUANCAYO), LEAVING PORTIONS OF HUANCAYO, CONCEPCION AND JAUJA PROVINCES (DEPARTMENT OF JUNIN) IN DARKNESS, AS WELL AS A SMALL PORTION OF EASTERN LIMA SUPPLIED BY POWER FROM THE MANTARO VALLEY. POWER TO MOST AREAS WAS RESTORED BY 03:30 OF FEB. 28. DURING BLACKOUT, NUMEROUS SHOOTINGS AND DYNAMITE EXPLOSIONS WERE REPORTED, INCLUDING AN ATTACK ON THE PREFECTURA IN EL TAMBO (SUBURB OF HUANCAYO); NONE OF THESE REPORTS HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED.

4. (C) COMMENT: ATTACK ON BRIDGES FOLLOWS SAME METHODOLOGY AS EARLIER ATTACK ON INVERNILLO BRIDGE AND HAS SAME RESULT, THAT OF MAKING TRANSPORT OF AGRICULTURAL AND OTHER PRODUCTS BETWEEN LIMA AND CENTRAL  
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HIGHLANDS MUCH MORE DIFFICULT AND EXPENSIVE. UNFORTUNATELY, NOT MUCH CAN BE DONE ABOUT THESE KINDS OF ATTACKS WITH EXISTING RESOURCES; CENTRAL RAILWAY IS VERY VULNERABLE DUE TO ITS MANY BRIDGES AND A LACK OF GOVERNMENT RESOURCES TO GUARD THEM ALL AT ONE TIME.  
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