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E.O. 12356: DECL: 3/12/91
TAGS: PTER, ALOW, PE, ASEC
SUBJECT: TERRORISTS TAKE AIM AT POLICE IN LIMA

REFS: (A) LIMA 746, (B) LIMA 473, (C) LIMA 2056
1. (LOU) SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) TERRORISTS TOOK CAREFUL AIM MARCH 11 AT FOUR LIMA POLICEMEN, KILLING TWO AND LEAVING TWO OTHERS GRAVELY WOUNDED. ALTHOUGH LIMA'S PRESS REPORTED INCIDENTS IN TYPICALLY CONFUSED FASHION, FOLLOWING ASPECTS DO NOT APPEAR TO BE IN DISPUTE:

--FIRST INCIDENT OCCURRED SHORTLY BEFORE 11:00 A.M., WITH TERRORISTS FIRING FROM MOVING CAR ON STATIONARY

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TRANSIT POLICEMAN (GUARDIA CIVIL-GC); POLICEMAN SUFFERED
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ERIOUS HEAD WOUND:

-AT 1:30 P.M., TERRORISTS WHO HAD BEEN WAITING IN A CAR INTERCEPTED POLICEWOMAN (POLICIA DE INVESTIGACIONES--IP) AS SHE RETURNED TO HER RESIDENCE; AFTER GUNNING HER DOWN, ONE OF TERRORISTS EXITED CAR TO DELIVER COUP DE GRACE AS SHE LAY SPRAWLED ON PAVEMENT;

--SHORTLY AFTER 2 P.M., AND IN DIFFERENT SECTION OF CITY, TERRORISTS IN CAR SIMILARLY INTERCEPTED GC CAPTAIN OUTSIDE HIS RESIDENCE; SUBMACHINEGUN BLASTS LEFT HIM GRAVELY WOUNDED ON HIS DOORSTEP;

--APPARENTLY IN OPPORTUNISTIC FASHION, SAME GROUP RESPONSIBLE FOR ABOVE ATTACK SURPRISED UNARMED, BUT UNIFORMED GC SHORT DISTANCE AWAY AS HE WAITED FOR BUS; THIS ONE DID NOT SURVIVE.

1. (C) COMMENT: WHAT EMERGES FROM ABOVE REPORTS IS PICTURE OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION CAPABLE OF PLANNING, AND CARRYING OUT, CAMPAIGN DIRECTED AT KILLING INDIVIDUAL VULNERABLE POLICEMEN. PLANNED SENDERO COP-KILLING IN LIMA IS NOT A NEW PHENOMENON (E.G. REFS A, B). WHAT IS NEW, HOWEVER, IS CONCENTRATION OF SUCH INCIDENTS ON A SINGLE DAY, AND IN BROAD DAYLIGHT TO BOOT. WE BELIEVE EXPLANATION LIES IN FACT THAT PERU'S ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN IS NOW IN HIGH GEAR AND, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (REF C), SL CAN BE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN ITS OWN INIMICABLE WAY. PROVOCATIVE ACTS OF VIOLENCE, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHICH CONCEIVABLY MIGHT INCITE AN UNDISCIPLINED REACTION AMONG INCREASINGLY NERVOUS POLICE, OFFER SENDERO ITS BEST CHANCE TO AFFECT ELECTION PROCESS. MORE SUCH INCIDENTS SHOULD BE EXPECTED. JORDAN

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