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TAGS: PTER, PE

SUBJECT: MORE SHOOTING ATTACKS ALARM LIMA

REFS: (A) LIMA 4511, (B) LIMA 4937, (C) 83 LIMA 12039 ✓  
1. (LOU) FOLLOWING IN WAKE OF APRIL 24 ATTACK ON  
NATIONAL ELECTIONS BOARD HEAD DOMINGO GARCIA RADA  
(REF A), SERIES OF THREE SHOOTINGS--TWO FATAL--HAS  
ALARMED LIMA. INCIDENTS HAVE AS COMMON ELEMENT  
RELATIVE PROMINENCE OF VICTIMS; OTHERWISE, HOWEVER,  
THEY MAY WELL BE UNLINKED EITHER WITH EACH OTHER OR  
WITH GARCIA RADA ATTACK.

2. (U) FIRST SHOOTING OCCURRED IN SUBURBAN LIMA MAY 4,

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CLAIMING LIFE OF AMERICAN PROTESTANT MINISTER THOMAS

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DEAN BROWN (REF B). SECOND, EVENING MAY 7, INVOLVED TWO SHOTS (ONE OF WHICH HIT AND WOUNDED TARGET) FIRED AT TV PERSONALITY RICARDO BELMONT AS HE WAS LEAVING HIS OFFICES IN DOWNTOWN MIRAFLORES. THIRD ATTACK OCCURRED MORNING MAY 8 NEAR CERRO DE PASCO (CAPITAL OF DEPARTMENT OF PASCO), WHEN THREE GUNMEN CUT DOWN (APRA) DEPUTY-ELECT LUIS AGUILAR CAJAHUAMAN AS HE WAS ABOUT TO DELIVER LECTURE AT UNIVERSITY.

3. (C) COMMENT: TWO OF THESE INCIDENTS APPEAR EASY TO CATEGORIZE. SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) TERRORISTS HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN PASCO FOR SOME TIME, AND SEVERAL ASSASSINATIONS IN DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO THEM. MOST SIGNIFICANT SUCH POLITICAL KILLING THERE UNTIL NOW WAS NOVEMBER 8, 1983 SHOOTING OF CERRO DE PASCO'S MAYOR (REF C), AN EVENT THAT FOUND REVERBERATION IN GOVERNING POPULAR ACTION (AP) PARTY'S SUBSEQUENT DECISION TO CANCEL A SCHEDULED END-OF-CAMPAIGN RALLY IN LIMA. SL ALSO IS CONSIDERED RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATHS OF TWO OTHER LOCAL POLITICAL FIGURES, THAT OF A VICE MAYOR OF COMMUNITY NEAR CERRO DE PASCO IN EARLY FEBRUARY AND OF EX-MAYOR OF PAUCAR (IN NEIGHBORING PROVINCE OF DANIEL CARRION) IN EARLY APRIL. AT OTHER END OF SPECTRUM, BROWN KILLING APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN MOTIVATED BY ROBBERY. BELMONT ATTACK IS LESS CLEAR-CUT. AS ALWAYS, PRESS ACCOUNTS CONFLICT, AND WHILE SOME VERSIONS REFER TO AN AMBUSH INVOLVING TWO MEN AND A WAITING CAR, OTHERS REFER TO A SINGLE ASSAILANT ON FOOT. POLICE HAVE BEEN CAREFUL NOT TO ATTRIBUTE INCIDENT TO SL--OR TO MRTA, ROBBERS, OR ANY OTHER PERSON OR GROUP.

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4. (C) REGARDLESS OF VARIED LOCALES, ASSAILANTS, AND MOTIVATIONS, HOWEVER, ATTACKS ARE PRODUCING CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF NERVOUSNESS IN CAPITAL. PROMINENT POLITICAL AND OTHER PUBLIC FIGURES, TAKING ALARM, HAVE BEEN BESIEGING POLICE WITH REQUESTS FOR SPECIAL PROTECTION. NERVOUSNESS ABOUT PERSONAL SECURITY IS ON THE RISE. ONE SMALL INDICATION OF THIS IS COMMON QUESTION POSED TO EMBOFF AND AARMA (BY MARXIST POLITICAN AND FORMER PERUVIAN MILITARY OFFICER, RESPECTIVELY) REGARDING

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HYPOTHESIZED POLITICAL MOTIVATION BEHIND BROWN KILLING.  
IN SUN, AFTERSHOCKS FROM GARCIA RADA ATTACK (WHO,  
INCIDENTALLY, APPEARS TO BE MAKING A REMARKABLE  
RECOVERY) HAVE NOT SUBSIDED. JORDAN

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