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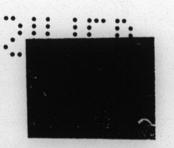
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THEY WILL BE IN SHAPE TO CARRY OUT EVEN MORE IMPRESSIVE ACTIONS DURING JULY 28 INAUGURAL WEEKEND. END SUMMARY .

- LIMA SUFFERED A WEEKEND OF VIOLENCE JULY 12-14. WITH TERRORIST ATTACKS ON SIX POLICE STATIONS JULY 12. RIOTS/PROTESTS IN FOUR PRISONS STARTING JULY 13. AND A TERRORIST ATTACK ON THE U.S. CONSULATE BUILDING JULY 14.
- STRIKING SHORTLY ATTACKS ON POLICE STATIONS: AFTER TEN AT NIGHT ON JULY 12, TERRORISTS STAGED SIMULTANEOUS HIT-AND-RUN ATTACKS ON SIX POLICE STATIONS IN POORER SECTIONS OF LIMA (YERBATEROS, EL AGUSTINO, NARANJAL. VILLA EL SALVADOR. VILLA MARIA. UNIDAD VECINAL TRES). NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED. THE TUPAC AMARU REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MRTA) ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ATTACKS. WHICH LOCAL ANSA CORRESPONDENT MADE AVAILABLE TO US 7/15. ACCORDING TO THE LATTER, MRTA MEMBERS VISITED ANSA ON JULY 13. DEFENDING JULY 12 ATTACKS AND THREATENING "YANKEES" -- POSSIBLY PRESAGING JULY 14 ATTACK ON U.S. PRISON REVOLTS: PROTESTING PRISON CONDITIONS AND DEMANDING THEY BE TREATED AS POLITICAL PRISONERS. ON THE MORNING OF JULY 13 SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) INMATES STAGED REVOLTS IN THE PRISONS OF EL FRONTON. SAN PEDRO (EX LURIGANCHO). AND THE WOMEN'S PRISONS OF SANTA BARBARA, CALLAO, AND (BRIEFLY) CHORRILLOS. PRISONERS TOOK ONE HOSTAGE IN LURIGANCHO AND SIX IN SANTA BARBARA: 18 INMATES IN LURIGANCHO WERE REPORTEDLY INJURED FOLLOWING AN ALLEGED POLICE ATTEMPT CONFIDENTIAL

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TO PIT PRISONERS CONVICTED OF COMMON CRIMES AGAINST SENDERISTAS. ALTHOUGH AUTHORITIES RESOLVED PROBLEMS
IN THE CHORRILLOS WOMEN'S PRISON, A STAND-OFF CONTINUES AT THE OTHER THREE PRISONS (WE WILL REPORT SEPTEL ON STATUS OF AMCIT PRISONERS IN THESE FACILITIES).

6. U.S. CONSULATE: FINALLY, UNIDENTIFIED TERRORISTS FIRED SEVERAL SHOTS AT THE U.S. CONSULATE BUILDING ON THE NIGHT OF JULY 14; THERE WERE NO INJURIES

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(SEPTEL). IT IS PROBABLE -- BUT NOT DEFINITE THAT HRTA CARRIED OUT THE ATTACK.

7. COMMENT: ATTACKS ON POLICE STATIONS AND PRISON RIOTS (WHICH RECALLED BLOODY EVENTS IN LURIGANCHO AND EL SEXTO IN 1984) DEMONSTRATE IMPRESSIVE ABILITY OF BOTH SL AND MRTA TO COORDINATE AND CARRY OUT SEPARATE TERRORIST ACTIONS IN LIMA. ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN. THESE EVENTS ILLUSTRATI

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QUIT SL-MRTA COORDINATION OVER THIS WEEKEND, WE BELIEVE EACH GROUP PROBABLY CARRIED OUT ITS PLANS WITHOUT ASSISTANCE OR ADVANCE WARNING BY THE OTHER. BOTH GROUPS SHARE OBJECTIVE OF ATTACKING ON DAYS OF SYMBOLIC IMPORTANCE. IN THIS VEIN, VIOLENCE OF THIS WEEKEND RAISES CONCERN ABOUT WHAT SL AND MRTA HAVE PLANNED FOR JULY 28 INAUGURAL WEEKEND, AND ABOUT WHAT THE GOP CAN DO TO PREVENT IT. JORDAN

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