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TAGS: PTER, PE

SUBJECT: SENDERO ATTACKS APRA OFFICES, CAUSES BLACKOUT

1. (U) ON JULY 10 AT 8:00 PM., ONLY HOURS AFTER
PRESIDENT-ELECT GARCIA RECEIVED HIS ELECTION VICTORY
CREDENTIALS, PRESUMED SENDERISTA TERRORISTS BLEW UP
AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION TOWERS
IN THE LOWER RIMAC VALLEY (NEAR NANA), CAUSING A
PARTIAL BLACKOUT IN LIMA. CONCURRENTLY, TERRORISTS
ATTACKED FOUR APRA PARTY OFFICES IN THE GREATER LIMA
AREA, REPORTEDLY LEAVING A SENDERISTA FLAG IN ONE OF THE
SITES. NO ONE WAS REPORTED INJURED IN THE ATTACKS.
ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, ONE TERRORIST GETAWAY CAR
HAD BEEN ROBBED EARLIER IN THE DAY.

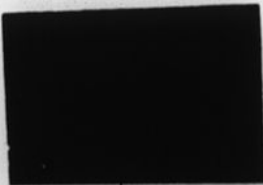
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2. (C) COMMENT: THE USE OF COMBINED BLACKOUT AND

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ATTACKS IS SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) MODUS OPERANDI. THE TIMING OF THE ATTACK AND THE CHOICE OF TARGETS MAKES CLEAR THAT SL HAS NO INTENTION OF RELENTING ONCE GARCIA TAKES OFFICE. MOREOVER, SL'S ABILITY TO CARRY OUT WELL-COORDINATED ATTACKS WITH IMPUNITY WILL FUEL CONCERN ABOUT WHAT SL (AND MRTA) HAVE PLANNED FOR THE JULY 28 INAUGURATION, NOTWITHSTANDING RECENT GOP STATEMENTS THAT SECURITY SITUATION FOR INAUGURATION IS WELL IN HAND. JORDAN

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