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ZONES CAN BE HELD. THE MILITARY OFFENSIVE AGAINST
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SENDERO (LIMA 12463) HAS SPUTTERED AND THE TERRORISTS ARE ONCE AGAIN ON THE OFFENSIVE. END SUMMARY.

2. (C) AS WE FEARED (LIMA 15012), THE AUGUST THROUGH SEPTEMBER LULL IN TERRORIST VIOLENCE HAS ENDED. AFTER TWO MONTHS OF RELATIVE QUIET, OCTOBER’S FIRST TWO WEEKS HAVE RETURNED PERU TO AN UNCOMFORTABLY HIGH LEVEL OF TERRORIST VIOLENCE. THE MOST NOTABLE AND WELL-PUBLICIZED INCIDENTS HAVE BEEN DIRECTED AGAINST MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES AND OFFICE HOLDERS.


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4. (C) SINCE MAY, 1987, THE PRESS HAS REPORTED THE
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ASSASSINATION OF 79 MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS. ANOTHER 440
RELIABLE SOURCES WITH EXCELLENT ACCESS INSIDE THE
NATIONAL PLANNING INSTITUTE HAVE TOLD US THAT THE
ACTUAL FIGURES ARE MUCH HIGHER. 60 HAVE DIED IN 1989
ALONE.

5. (C) IN ADDITION TO THE KILLING OF LOCAL
OFFICIALS, SENDERO HAS INCREASED ITS ACTIVITIES IN
MOST AREAS OF THE COUNTRY AGAINST ALL OF ITS
TRADITIONAL TARGETS. ACCORDING TO THE SENATE
COMMISSION ON VIOLENCE, NEARLY 200 PERSONS HAVE DIED
IN TERRORIST INCIDENTS IN OCTOBER'S FIRST 15 DAYS.
IF TERRORIST VIOLENCE CONTINUES AT THIS RATE,
OCTOBER'S DEATH TOTAL WILL BE THE HIGHEST OF 1989,

6. (C) DOUBTS ABOUT THE ABILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT TO
SUCCESSFULLY HOLD THE NOVEMBER 12 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS
ARE GROWING. WE ARE CONVINCED THE GDP CAN GUARANTEE
THOSE ELECTIONS IN MOST AREAS OF PERU. PROFESSIONAL
STAFFERS IN THE PARLIAMENT HAVE TOLD US THAT SOME
AREAS WILL BE "ABANDONED" TO THE TERRORIST ON.
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TAGS: ASEC, PTRA, PGOV, PHUM, PC
SUBJECT: SENDERO KILLS 14 MAYORS IN 10 DAY PERIOD
NOVEMBER 12 IN ORDER TO CONCENTRATE SECURITY FORCES
IN OTHER, MORE POPULOUS, DISTRICTS. SUBSEQUENTLY,
ACCORDING TO THESE SOURCES, THE GOVERNMENT WILL CALL
NEW ELECTIONS IN THE AREAS WHERE THE BALLOTING WAS
DECLARED INVALID.

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7. (C) THE PROBLEM WITH THIS PLAN IS THAT MOST
PERUVIANS ARE NOT STICKING PINS IN MAPS AS WE ARE TO
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SEE JUST WHERE THE ANTI-ELECTION VIOLENCE IS
LIGHTEST. ALL THE AVERAGE PERUVIAN KNOWS IS THAT
BEING A CANDIDATE IS NOT A FOOL'S ERRAND, AND BEING A
VOTER COME NOVEMBER 12 MAY WELL PROVE TO BE THE SAME.

8. (C) AS ON NEARLY EVERY OTHER ISSUE OF IMPORTANCE,
THE APPARENT TOTAL ABSENCE OF ANY ANTI-TERRORISF
COUNTER-MEASURES BY THE GARCIA GOVERNMENT IS ADDING
TO THE FEAR. THE MILITARY'S TEMPORARILY SUCCESSFUL
OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE TERRORISTS HAS, AS WE FEARED,
RUN OUT OF GAS; LITERALLY. IN ITS OFFENSIVE OF THE
NEXT 30 DAYS SENDERO WILL SUFFER LOSSES AS IT
INCREASES ITS EXPOSURE. BUT THE TERRORISTS HAVE ONCE
AGAIN WON A HUGE ADVANTAGE IN THEIR PSYCHOLOGICAL
BATTLE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.

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