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**TURKEY-SYRIA: Evidence of Syrian Sabotage**

Turkish authorities have concluded that the Syrian Secret Service (A1 Muhabbarat) was responsible for a fire that killed eight and injured 27 at an ammunition plant in August 1986, according to press [redacted] Turkish Communist Party members working in the plant recently confessed that a Syrian diplomat used a Jordanian diplomat as an intermediary to organize and pay them to sabotage the plant [redacted]

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**Comment:** The alleged sabotage took place soon after a bilateral conference failed to resolve a water rights dispute and thus may be perceived as a Syrian warning. Nevertheless, Turkey could use its control over Syria's principal source of water—the Euphrates River—as a bargaining chip to encourage Syria to stop supporting Turkish dissident groups. Recent disclosures linking Syria to the assassination of a Jordanian diplomat and an apparent plot against an electrical plant near the Syrian border have already strained relations [redacted]

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**PERU: Election in Lima Certified, Protested**

Nearly two months after the vote, the municipal election board has ruled there was no fraud in Lima's mayoral election and has declared the candidate from President Garcia's American Popular Revolutionary Alliance, Jorge del Castillo, the victor over the Marxist incumbent, Alfonso Barrantes. The decision has been appealed to the national election board by leftwing and rightwing opposition parties. The leftist Tupac Amaru terrorist group detonated two bombs, including a car bomb placed near the municipal board's office, in apparent protest of the decision, according to sources of the US Embassy. [ ]

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**Comment:** The national board is likely to affirm the municipal board's rulings, but the appeal process will further delay del Castillo's inauguration. Barrantes's defeat may also provoke more radical opposition to the Garcia government, and more leftist street violence is likely. [ ]

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**SWEDEN: Hard Times for Army**

The Swedish Army may soon be 1,100 officers short of its 9,900 allotted billets as resignations continue because of low wages and poor morale. [ ] The Army Chief of Staff has promised to seek higher wages for commanding officers in the defense plan now under consideration for 1987-92. Meanwhile, the Army has adopted an austerity program to offset a recently identified \$85 million shortfall in the 1986 budget. The program will include cuts in procurements and reservist training.

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**Comment:** Although the government may vote supplemental funds for the Army this month or next, they would probably be too little and too late to redress quickly the Army's problems. As a result of the smaller officer corps and reduced training, the Swedish Army's readiness level probably will drop over the next two years. [ ]

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