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(U) BACKGROUND: ON DECEMBER 24, THE GOVERNMENT OF URUGUAY RELEASED TWO MEMBERS OF THE MRTA TERRORIST ORGANIZATION WANTED FOR THE 1995 KIDNAPPING OF FORMER BOLIVIAN PLANNING MINISTER SAMUEL DORIA. IN THEIR RULING, URUGUAYAN JUDGES DENIED EXTRADITION REQUESTS FROM PERU AND BOLIVIA, CLAIMING THAT THE ALLEGED CRIMES COMMITTED BY THE TWO MRTA WERE POLITICALLY-MOTIVATED AND HENCE NOT EXTRADITABLE. THE MRTA TERRORISTS IN LIMA FREED THE URUGUAYAN AMBASSADOR TO PERU, WHOM THEY HELD HOSTAGE, AT THE SAME TIME THAT THE GOU RELEASED THE TWO MRTA MEMBERS FROM CUSTODY. THE TIMING OF THE RELEASE HAS BEEN WIDELY CRITICIZED AS AN INDICATION OF A CONCESSION TO THE MRTA TERRORISTS WHO HAVE MADE THE RELEASE OF MRTA PRISONERS ONE OF THEIR KEY DEMANDS C).

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