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1. CLASSIFIED BY DENNIS JETT, AMBASSADOR, AMEMBASSY LIMA. REASON 1.5(D).

2. SUMMARY. I WAS CALLED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO MEET WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER VOTO BERNALES AND CHIEF OF STAFF HUGO DE ZELA THIS EVENING. THEIR PITCH WAS BASICALLY THAT THE GOP'S TACTICS ARE DELIBERATE AND CONSIDERED, THAT THEY WILL NOT RELEASE IMPRISONED TERRORISTS, AND THAT THEY SHARE OUR PRIMARY GOAL OF SEEING THE HOSTAGES RELEASED UNHARMED. THEY ASKED FOR OUR UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT IN WHAT THEY EXPECT WILL BE A LONG ORDEAL. THEY SAID THE ONLY WAY TO END IT QUICKLY WAS TO CAPITULATE, WHICH THE GOP WON'T DO. END SUMMARY.

3. VOTO BERNALES CALLED ME TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AT 1900 DECEMBER 20 TO MEET WITH HIM AND HUGO DE ZELA. THE MINISTRY IS OPERATING

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SOMEWHAT SHORT STAFFED AS NEARLY TWENTY OF THEIR OFFICIALS BESIDES THE MINISTER ARE BEING HELD HOSTAGE. VOTO BERNALES BEGAN BY EXPRESSING THE NEED FOR ALL COUNTRIES INVOLVED IN THE HOSTAGE CRISIS TO REMAIN FIRMLY UNITED IN THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE GOP AND ITS ACTIONS. ANY LACK OF COHESION WOULD ONLY AID THE TERRORISTS HE ADDED. HE NOTED THAT THE ICRC WAS BEING ALLOWED TO RESUPPLY THE PEOPLE INSIDE THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AND THIS PROVIDED NOT ONLY A LOGISTICAL LINK TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD, BUT A PSYCHOLOGICAL ONE AS WELL. THE GOP WAS CONCERNED ABOUT LIMITING THE TERRORISTS ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD, HOWEVER, SINCE THEY WOULD ONLY USE IT TO GAIN FURTHER PUBLICITY AND INCITE ADDITIONAL PRESSURE ON THE GOP TO GIVE IN TO THEIR DEMANDS. VOTO BERNALES ADDED THAT THE ONLY WAY TO END THIS SITUATION QUICKLY WAS TO CAPITULATE TO THE TERRORISTS. THE GOP WILL NOT DO THIS BECAUSE IT WOULD EMBOLDEN SENDERO LUMINOSO TO ENGAGE IN THE SAME TACTICS AND WOULD LEAD TO AN ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL COLLAPSE OF PERUVIAN SOCIETY, HE ASSERTED.

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4. FOR THIS REASON, VOTO BERNALES EXPLAINED, THE GOP HAD BROUGHT TO AN END THE WORK OF THE CANDIAN, GREEK AND GERMAN AMBASSADORS AS INTERMEDIARIES. HE DESCRIBED THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE GOP AND THE MRTA VIA THE ICRC AS THE ONLY CHANNEL AND BECAUSE OF THAT AN EFFECTIVE MEANS OF COMMUNICATION THAT WAS "NOT TENSE." HE CLAIMED THAT THERE ARE ONLY ABOUT 250 HOSTAGES AND THAT THE GOP HAS THEIR NAMES. (COMMENT: THIS WAS JUST BEFORE THE NEWS BROKE THAT AN ADDITIONAL 38 HOSTAGES HAD BEEN RELEASED.) HE ALSO DESCRIBED THE TERRORISTS AS NEITHER VERY WELL PREPARED NOR PROFESSIONAL, BUT NOT BLOOD THIRSTY EITHER.

5. I SAID WE DID OF COURSE SUPPORT THE GOP AND THAT WHILE I HAD AVOIDED PUBLIC STATEMENTS THE FEW I HAD MADE AFTER MY MEETING WITH

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THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER HAD BEEN CAREFUL TO AVOID ANY OTHER IMPRESSION OR ANY CRITICISM OF THE GOP OR ITS TACTICS. VOTO BERNALES, WHO HAD A TRANSCRIPT OF MY REMARKS IN FRONT OF HIM, ACKNOWLEDGED THAT FACT AND THANKED ME FOR IT. I STRESSED THAT WE SHARED THE SAME PRIMARY GOAL, THE SAFE RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES, AND THAT OUR POLICY AS WELL WAS NEITHER TO PAY RANSOM OR MAKE CONCESSIONS TO TERRORISTS.

6. I REITERATED OUR OFFER OF ASSISTANCE AND SAID WE HAD MANY DIFFERENT CAPABILITIES AND RESOURCES THAT THE GOP COULD USE. I NOTED THAT OUR HOSTAGE NEGOTIATION EXPERTS HAD PUT TOGETHER A LIST OF KEY POINTS FOR SUCH SITUATIONS AND OFFERED TO FAX IT TO THEM AS SOON AS I RETURNED TO THE EMBASSY. THEY RESPONDED THAT THEY WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE RECEIVING SUCH A DOCUMENT.

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8. I ALSO URGED THEM TO SET UP A REGULAR, PERHAPS DAILY, MEETING WITH A SMALL NUMBER OF DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES SINCE FRUSTRATION WITHIN THE DIP CORPS WAS GROWING DUE TO THE LACK OF INFORMATION FROM THE GOP. DE ZELA AND VOTO BERNALES AGREED IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA AND ADMITTED THEY HAD NOT DEVOTED ENOUGH ATTENTION TO THIS ASPECT OF THE PROBLEM.

9. COMMENT: THE THRUST OF VOTO BERNALES'S PITCH WAS TO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN AND PATIENCE WITH THE GOP'S APPROACH. AS THE RELEASE OF THE 38 HOSTAGES THIS EVENING INDICATES, THEIR TACTICS ARE HAVING

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SOME POSITIVE EFFECT. IN ADDITION, WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF OTHER OPTIONS OTHER THAN TO WORK WITH THEM AND CONTINUE TO NUDGE THEM IN THE DIRECTION THEY ARE ALREADY TAKING. JETT

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