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SUBJECT: TFPE01: RELEASED CONGRESSMAN PUSHES MRTA AGENDA

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1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR DENNIS JETT, EMBASSY LIMA, FOR REASON 1.5 (D).

2. [REDACTED] SUMMARY: RELEASED HOSTAGE CONGRESSMAN JAVIER DIEZ CANSECO TOLD THE PERUVIAN CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP DECEMBER 21 THAT THE GOP SHOULD NEGOTIATE WITH THE MRTA MILITANTS IN AN EFFORT TO INTEGRATE THEM INTO THE POLITICAL LIFE OF PERU, POSSIBLY THROUGH AN AMNESTY. THE RADICAL LEFTIST CONGRESSMAN HAD CONFERRED WITH THE MASTERMIND OF THE HOSTAGE TAKING, NESTOR CERPA CARTOLINI, AND CONVEYED CERPA'S DESIRE TO SPEAK WITH SENIOR IMPRISONED MRTA LEADER VICTOR POLAY

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CAMPOS AND HIS DISSATISFACTION WITH THE TERMINATION OF THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR'S MISSION AS A GO-BETWEEN. COMPLIMENTING THE "CALMING" ROLE OF HOSTAGE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR AOKI, DIEZ CANSECO CLAIMED THAT CERPA WAS SEEKING PEOPLE, SUCH AS HUMAN RIGHTS OMBUDSMAN JORGE SANTISTEVAN, WHO COULD ACT AS BRIDGES TO THE GOP. END SUMMARY.

LEFTIST CONGRESSMAN PROMOTES MRTA GOALS

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DIEZ CANSECO WAS AMONG THE 38 HOSTAGES RELEASED FROM THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE IN LIMA THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 20.

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[REDACTED] DECEMBER 22 PRESS REPORTS ALLEGE THAT DIEZ CANSECO HAS KNOW CERPA SINCE 1970'S WHEN THEY WERE BOTH

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INVOLVED IN FAR LEFT POLITICS.

4. [REDACTED] AFTER HEARING DIEZ CANSECO'S PRESENTATION, [REDACTED] CHARACTERIZED HIM AS "INFATUATED" WITH THE MRTA. THE CONGRESSMAN DESCRIBED A LETTER CARRIED OUT BY THE GROUP OF HOSTAGES RELEASED DECEMBER 20, URGING PRESIDENT FUJIMORI TO "START NEGOTIATIONS FOR INCORPORATING THE MRTA INTO PERU'S POLITICAL LIFE" THROUGH AN AMNESTY SUCH AS THAT GRANTED TO THE COLOMBIAN M-19. HOSTAGE FOREIGN MINISTER FRANCISCO TUDELA AND PERUVIAN DIPLOMAT JORGE VALDEZ HAD ALLEGEDLY DRAFTED THE MESSAGE. [REDACTED] MOST OF THE RELEASED HSTAGES SEEMED TO BE SUFFERING FROM SOME DEGREE O "STOCKHOLM SYNDROME."

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5 [REDACTED] DIEZ CANSECO PRAISED THE HIGH SPIRITS AND PRFESSIONALISM OF THE "FORMIDABLE" JAPANESE AMBASSADO, MORIHISA AOKI. IN ADDITION TO SHARING HIS SHITS WITH THE DOZENS OF HOSTAGES WHO NOW OCCUPY HI BEDROOM, THE SELF-POSSESSED AOKI IS REPORTEDLY APABLE OF "CALMING" NESTOR CERPA CARTOLINI, THE MRA LEADER MASTERMINDING THE HOSTAGE TAKING. CERPASPENDS MOST HIS TIME IN AMBASSADOR AOKI'S PRIVAT QUARTERS WITH THE HIGHEST RANKING HOSTAGES, INCUDING FOREIGN MINISTER TUDELA. ACCORDING TO DIEZ CANSECO, AOKI'S SEVERAL ATTEMPTS TO CALL BOTH FUJMORI AND INTERIOR MINISTER BRIONES HAD BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL.

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6. [REDACTED] DIEZ CANSECO THEN RECOUNTED EVETS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE RELEASE OF THE DECEBER 20 RELEASE OF 38 HOSTAGES. FORTY HAD BEEN SLECTED, BUT AT THE LAST MINUTE CUBAN AMBASSADOR PEDRO DIAZ ARICA REFUSED TO DEPART WITHOUT HIS DEPUTY. UN REPRESENTATIVE

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JAKOB SIMONSEN THEN TOOK THE SAME POSITION. WHEN TOLD THEIR COLLEAGUES WOULD NOT BE RELEASED WITH THEM, THE TWO STAYED BEHIND.

SENSITIVE CERPA CLOSELY MONITORING...

7. [REDACTED] DIEZ CANSECO TOLD HIS COLLEAGUES THAT CERPA MIGHT HAVE ACCEDDED TO THE HOSTAGES' REQUEST THAT ONE PRO-FUJIMORI (CAMBIO 90-NUEVA MAYORIA) CONGRESSMAN BE RELEASED WITH THE GROUP SET FREE DECEMBER 20, BUT THAT THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR'S PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT HIS MISSION WAS "FINISHED" THREW COLD WATER ON THAT POSSIBILITY. THE MRTA LEADER, WHO IS ALSO USING THE ALIAS [REDACTED]

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"COMANDANTE EVARISTO," HAD "EXPECTED MORE" FROM THE INITIAL GROUP OF RELEASED DIPLOMATS. ACCORDING TO DIEZ CANSECO'S ACCOUNT, CERPA SAID THAT THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR'S STATEMENT HAD "CHANGED EVERYTHING." (COMMENT: THE MRTA DID, HOWEVER, RELEASE THE 38 HOSTAGES SHORTLY THEREAFTER. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO READ ANYTHING MORE INTO CERPA'S REMARK EXCEPT THAT THE MRTA LEADER EXPECTED DEVELOPMENTS TO UNFOLD DIFFERENTLY. END COMMENT.) THE LEFTIST CONGRESSMAN THEN NOTED THAT CERPA WAS LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WHO COULD ACT AS BRIDGES TO THE GOP. CERPA WAS SPECIFICALLY ASKING FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS OMBUDSMAN (DEFENSOR DEL PUEBLO) JORGE SANTISTEBAN DE NORIEGA. (COMMENT: THE GOP IGNORED OFFERS BY SANTIESTEBAN AND RESPECTED HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST FATHER HUBERT LANSSIERS AT THE ONSET OF THE HOSTAGE CRISIS ACT AS MEDIATORS AND WILL LIKELY CONTINUE TO DO SO. END COMMENT.)

8. [REDACTED] DIEZ CANSECO NOTED THAT THE TERRORISTS' MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE WAS MAKING CONTACT WITH VICTOR POLAY CAMPOS, THE HIGHEST RANKING MRTA LEADER. POLAY HAS BEEN HELD INCOMMUNICADO IN THE MAXIMUM SECURITY FACILITY AT CALLAO NAVAL BASE (NEAR LIMA) SINCE HE WAS SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT IN 1993. POINT TEN OF THE MRTA'S COMMUNIQUE DIEZ CANSECO READ TO THE PRESS DECEMBER 20 DEMANDED THAT CERPA BE PERMITTED TO TALK WITH VICTOR POLAY BY TELEPHONE.

9. [REDACTED] THE LEFTIST CONGRESSMAN ALSO ADVISED HIS COLLEAGUES THAT BOTH THE MRTA MILITANTS AND THE HOSTAGES HAD BEEN UPSET BY FORMER UNSYG (AND 1995 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE) JAVIER PEREZ DE CUELLAR'S RECENT STATEMENT EXPRESSING HIS BELIEF THAT THE GOP SHOULD TAKE A HARD LINE AGAINST THE MRTA HOSTAGE TAKERS.

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10. [REDACTED] BEFORE AND AFTER DIEZ CANSECO'S BRIEFING, THE ASSEMBLED
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CONGRESSMEN DISCUSSED MANY ASPECTS OF THE HOSTAGE BARRICADE CRISIS.
CONGRESS PRESIDENT (AND FUJIMORI CONFIDANT) VICTOR JOY WAY ROJAS
REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT FUJIMORI WAS WORKING THE PROBLEM IN A
TIGHTLY CLOSED GROUP (SEE REFTEL B); HE WAS STILL NOT TAKING ANY
FOREIGN LEADERS' CALLS. [REDACTED] CONCLUDED THAT THE GOP'S
STRATEGY WAS TO BUY TIME BY "TALKING AND TALKING " AND TO WHITTLE
DOWN THE NUMBER OF HOSTAGES BY BARGAINING WATER, FOOD, AND
ELECTRICITY FOR THE HOSTAGES' FREEDOM. THE GOP WOULD NOT ACCEDE TO
MRTA DEMANDS TO RELEASE IMPRISONED MRTA MILITANTS NOR WOULD CONTACT
BE PERMITTED WITH VICTOR POLAY. A MILITARY SIEGE OF THE COMPOUND
WOULD BECOME AN OPTION WHEN THE NUMBERS INSIDE HAD BEEN
SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED.

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12. [REDACTED] THE CONGRESSMEN ALSO RECEIVED A READOUT ON PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S PRIVATE SESSION ON DECEMBER 20 WITH NEWSPAPER

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EXECUTIVES. THE PERUVIAN LEADER WAS REPORTED TO HAVE TOLD THEM

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THAT NO ONE ELSE SPEAKS FOR HIM, THAT FUJIMORI HIMSELF WAS IN
CHARGE OF MANAGING THE CRISIS, AND THAT HE DID NOT DISCARD THE IDEA
OF AN ELITE MILITARY ATTACK AGAINST THE HOSTAGE TAKERS IN THE
COMPOUND.

COMMENT

13. [REDACTED]

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IN THE CURRENT ENVIRONMENT, DIEZ CANSECO'S
REQUEST ON BEHALF OF THE MRTA FOR A COMPREHENSIVE POLITICAL
SOLUTION WILL MOST LIKELY SERVE ONLY TO HARDEN FUJIMORI'S RESOLVE
AGAINST NEGOTIATING WITH THE TERRORISTS.
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