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HOSTAGE TAKING - JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE LIMA

1. CLASSIFIED BY PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER FRED LA SOR, AMEMBASSY
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FUJIMORI ISSUES FIRST PUBLIC STATEMENT

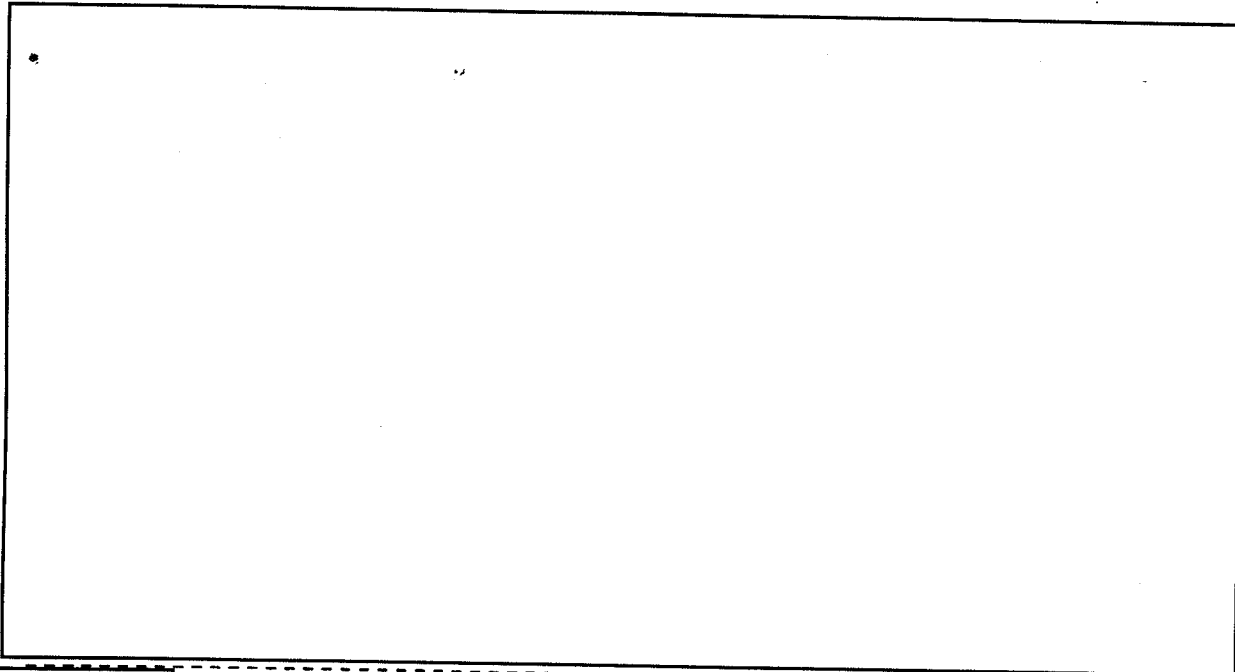
1. AT 22:40 EST ON DECEMBER 21, PRESIDENT FUJIMORI ISSUED HIS
FIRST PUBLIC STATEMENT ON LOCAL TELEVISION SINCE THE MRTA STORMED
THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE ON TUESDAY NIGHT. IN WHAT
APPEARED TO BE A CAREFULLY SCRIPTED AND STAGED STATEMENT THAT

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RESPONDED TO COMANDANTE HUERTA'S RADIO MESSAGE (PARA 8) AND HAD
VIRTUALLY NO ADVANCE ANNOUNCEMENT, FUJIMORI OFFERED NO
CONCESSIONS TO THE MRTA. HE REJECTED DIALOGUE WITH THE
TERRORISTS, SAYING IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO SPEAK OF A PEACE
AGREEMENT IF TERROR IS BEING USED AS A BARGAINING CHIP, AND THAT
IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE LIBERATION OF THOSE WHO PERPETRATED
TERRORIST ACTS WAS UNACCEPTABLE UNDER "CURRENT PERUVIAN LAW AND
CONSIDERING NATIONAL SECURITY". FUJIMORI WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE
CAPTORS SHOULD PUT DOWN THEIR ARMS BEFORE A GUARANTORS' COMMITTEE
AND ALLOW THE EVACUATION OF ALL HOSTAGES WITHOUT EXCEPTION. HE
SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD NOT GIVEN UP ON DIALOGUE AS
DEMONSTRATED BY THE APPOINTMENT OF EDUCATION MINISTER PALERMO AS
MEDIATOR AND THE USE OF RED CROSS INTERVENTION. HE CONCLUDED BY
SAYING THAT HE HOPED A DISENGAGEMENT COULD BE FOUND THAT
REFLECTED RESPECT FOR THE LIVES OF INNOCENT PEOPLE. (COMMENT:
SINCE THE ELECTRICITY APPEARS TO BE OFF IN THE RESIDENCE, WE
PRESUME THAT MRTA TERRORISTS INSIDE WERE UNABLE TO SEE IT.)

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3. [REDACTED] BRIEFED TASK FORCE MEMBERS ON THE SITUATION INSIDE THE RESIDENCE THE AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 21. [REDACTED] THE MEDICAL CONDITIONS OF THE HOSTAGES ARE GENERALLY FINE; SOME HOSTAGES ARE EXPERIENCING MEDICAL PROBLEMS, BUT NO ONE HAS LIFE THREATENING MEDICAL PROBLEMS. 18 DOCTORS AND PSYCHIATRISTS ARE PLYING THEIR PROFESSIONS INSIDE AMONG THE HOSTAGES. IN ADDITION, ONE RED CROSS DOCTOR AND ONE NURSE ARE ALLOWED TO ATTEND TO THE HOSTAGES' MEDICAL NEEDS. THERE ARE NOW 3 MEAL DELIVERIES EACH DAY. THE ICRC IS ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH A ROUTINE FOR THE DELIVERIES. AFTER THE RELEASE OF 38 HOSTAGES ON THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 20, MORALE IMPROVED IMMENSELY INSIDE.

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4. [REDACTED] FEELS THAT THEY ARE ENTERING A LONG-TERM PERIOD OF SLOW-MOVING NEGOTIATIONS. [REDACTED]

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RESIDENCE POSSIBLY WIRED WITH EXPLOSIVES

5. THE FBI INTERVIEWED FORMER HOSTAGES DURING THE AFTERNOON OF
DECEMBER 21. ONE, A PERUVIAN BUSINESSMAN, CONFIRMED THAT THE

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LEADER OF THE TERRORISTS WITHIN THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S
RESIDENCE IS NESTOR CERPA CARTOLINI, AKA "COMANDANTE HUERTA."
ANOTHER FORMER HOSTAGE, A PERUVIAN JOURNALIST IDENTIFIED THE
SECOND IN COMMAND AS ROLI FERNANDEZ ROJAS, AKA "ARABE". BOTH
FORMER HOSTAGES SAID THAT THEY BELIEVE THE RESIDENCE HAS BEEN
WIRED FOR EXPLOSIVES. THEY SAID THEY BELIEVE THAT U.S.,
PERUVIAN AND OTHER DIPLOMATS ARE ON THE SECOND FLOOR.

FAKE INTERVIEW WITH "COMMANDANTE HUERTA"

6. AN INTERVIEW, SUPPOSEDLY WITH "COMMANDANTE HUERTA," THE HEAD
OF THE MRTA SQUAD IN THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE, WAS
BROADCAST AT 16:00 ON DECEMBER 21. THE STORY WAS PICKED UP AS
WELL BY REUTERS, BUT THE PERUVIAN POLICE DETERMINED THAT THE
INTERVIEW WAS A FAKE, AND IT HAS NOT BEEN BROADCAST AGAIN. IN
THE FAKED INTERVIEW, "HUERTA" SAID THAT THE MRTA PLANNED TO
RELEASE ALL HOSTAGES AND LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS ON DECEMBER 25.

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SUNDAY MARCH OF SOLIDARITY -- OR POLITICAL CHALLENGE?

7. A LOCAL RADIO STATION ON THE AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 21 ANNOUNCED THAT THERE WILL BE A MARCH OF SOLIDARITY ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, FROM THE NEARBY DISTRICT OF MIRAFLORES TO THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. MAYOR FERNANDO ANDRADE OF MIRAFLORES ESCAPED FROM THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE THE SAME NIGHT THE MRTA STORMED IT. HIS BROTHER, MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF LIMA, IS THE PRIMARY OPPOSITION FIGURE IN PERU, AND

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THERE IS SOME SPECULATION THAT THE MARCH IS DESIGNED MORE TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON ANDRADE THAN ON THE HOSTAGES.

RADIO MESSAGES FROM THE RESIDENCE

8. AT 18:30, LOCAL TELEVISION STATIONS SHOWED SIGNS BEING DISPLAYED IN A SECOND STORY WINDOW IN THE JAPANESE RESIDENCE. ONE SAID: THIS "FREQUENCY 145.000 OF WALKIE TALKIE CHANNEL 1. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, RADIO COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE RESIDENCE WERE HEARD. THE FIRST TO SPEAK WAS NESTOR CERPA ("HUERTA") WHO STATED THE HOSTAGES ARE BEING TREATED WELL, AND THAT HUMAN RIGHTS ARE BEING OBSERVED. HE ALSO CALLED FOR DIALOGUE WITH THE GOVERNMENT. NEXT, PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER TUDELA ASKED THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU TO WORK FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE MRTA. THE THIRD TO SPEAK WAS JAPANESE AMBASSADOR AOKI WHO SAID THERE ARE ILL HOSTAGES, MOST OF THEM ARE HIS JAPANESE GUESTS, AND ASKED THAT THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT HELP THEM GET RELEASED.

JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER MEETS RELEASED HOSTAGES

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9. THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER MET THE AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 21 WITH THE THREE AMBASSADORS (BRAZIL, EGYPT, SOUTH KOREA) RELEASED FROM THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE DECEMBER 20 AND LATER WITH THE TWO OTHER HOSTAGES RELEASED WITH THEM, PERUVIAN CONGRESSMAN JAVIER DIEZ CANSECO AND EX-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE ALEJANDRO TOLEDO. ACCORDING TO A JAPANESE OFFICIAL, THE JAPANESE DISCOUNT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE EFFORTS OF THESE NEW MESSAGE-BEARERS. FOREIGN MINISTER IKEDA WAS SEEKING AN APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT FUJIMORI LATE TONIGHT (DECEMBER 21-22) OR EARLY SUNDAY MORNING.

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