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SUBJECT: PERU'S HOSTAGE CRISIS UPDATE - APRIL 1-4

1. CLASSIFIED BY JIM MACK, DCM, EMBASSY LIMA. REASON: 1.5 (D).

2. [REDACTED] SUMMARY: THE MRTA'S INSISTENCE THAT THE GOP RELEASE IMPRISONED MRTA MILITANTS CONTINUES TO BLOCK A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE 108-DAY OLD HOSTAGE STANDOFF. IN THE ABSENCE OF MOVEMENT ON THE MRTA'S PRINCIPAL DEMAND, THE GUARANTORS ARE TRYING TO HAMMER OUT A COMPROMISE PROPOSAL ON THE SECONDARY ISSUE OF PRISON REFORMS. THE SLOW PACE OF GUARANTOR-LED DISCUSSIONS IS TAKING ITS TOLL ON THE MORALE OF THE 72 HOSTAGES AND INCREASING THE FRUSTRATION LEVEL OF THE MRTA TERRORISTS. END SUMMARY.

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GUARANTORS VISIT RESIDENCE  
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3. (U) IN THE ABSENCE OF FORMAL MEETINGS BETWEEN THE GOP AND MRTA OR BETWEEN THE GUARANTORS AND MRTA AT THE NEGOTIATION HOUSE, ARCHBISHOP JUAN LUIS CIPRIANI, CANADIAN AMBASSADOR ANTHONY VINCENT, AND ICRC CHIEF DELEGATE TO PERU MICHEL MINNIG CONTINUE TO VISIT THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. CIPRIANI, MINNIG AND VINCENT SPENT MORE THAN THREE HOURS INSIDE THE HOSTAGE SITE ON APRIL 2 AND CIPRIANI AND VINCENT VISITED THE RESIDENCE SEPARATELY FOR A FEW HOURS EACH ON APRIL 3. CIPRIANI ALSO MET WITH GOP INTERLOCUTOR DOMINGO PALERMO FOR SOME EIGHT HOURS ON APRIL 1. RARELY COMMENTING ON THEIR VISITS, CIPRIANI DID TELL REPORTERS ON APRIL 3 THAT THE GUARANTORS WERE MAKING "ADVANCES."

4. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE GUARANTORS CONTINUE TO WORK HARD AT FINDING A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION TO THE HOSTAGE STANDOFF, BUT THEIR EFFORTS OF LATE HAVE BROKEN NO REAL NEW GROUND. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE GUARANTOR ACTIVITY THIS WEEK HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON PUTTING TOGETHER A PACKAGE OF PRISON REFORMS, THE ISSUE ON WHICH THE GOP AND MRTA ARE MOST LIKELY TO FIND SOME COMMON GROUND. IMPROVEMENTS IN PRISON CONDITIONS, HOWEVER, IS STILL VERY MUCH A

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SECONDARY ISSUE TO THE MRTA TERRORISTS' MAIN DEMAND THAT THE GOP  
RELEASE IMPRISONED MRTA MILITANTS. END COMMENT.

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ICRC SPECULATES ON MRTA'S BOTTOM LINE  
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5. [REDACTED]  
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SAID HE THOUGHT MRTA LEADER NESTOR CERPA CARTOLINI WAS BECOMING  
MORE REALISTIC IN HIS BARGAINING, BUT WOULD STILL INSIST THAT THE  
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GOP RELEASE SOME 20-30 MRTA PRISONERS TO CLOSE ANY DEAL. NOTING  
THAT CERPA WAS NO LONGER EXPECTING TO WIN THE RELEASE OF MRTA  
LEADERS, [REDACTED] SAID THE CHIEF HOSTAGE TAKER IS FOCUSING ON  
BARGAINING FOR THE RELEASE OF PERSONS KNOWN TO HIM, INCLUDING HIS  
COMMON LAW WIFE NANCY GILVONIO. [REDACTED] SAID CERPA IS ALSO  
INTERESTED IN BEING REUNITED WITH THE MRTA LOW-RANKING MILITANTS  
CAPTURED ON DECEMBER 1, 1995 IN THE LIMA SUBURB LA MOLINA WHEN  
THE GOP FOILED CERPA'S PLANS TO STORM PERU'S CONGRESS AND TAKE  
HOSTAGES.

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6. [REDACTED] REPORTED THAT CERPA DID NOT WANT TO MEET FACE-  
TO-FACE WITH GOP INTERLOCUTO DOMINGO PALERMO UNTIL THE GOP HAD A  
CONCRETE PROPOSAL, INCLUDING MRTA PRISONER RELEASES, TO REVIEW  
THE TENTH AND LAST GOP-MRTA MEETING TOOK PLACE IN MARCH 12. IN  
THE MEANTIME, [REDACTED] IT WAS  
IMPORTANT THAT THE GUARANTORS HAVE A FORMAL MEETING WITH CERPA  
SOON. THE LAST MRTA MEETING WITH ALL THE GUARANTORS AND  
GUARANTOR OBSERVER TDY JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TERUSUKE TERADA TOOK  
PLACE ON MARCH 25. [REDACTED] NOTED THAT RECENT VISITS TO THE  
JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE BY CANADIAN AMBASSADOR ANTHONY  
VINCENT, ARCHBISHOP JUAN LUIS CIPRIANI, AND ICRC CHIEF DELEGATE  
MICHEL MINNIG DID NOT ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF MRTA PRISONER  
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7. [REDACTED] NOTED THAT CERPA, WHO PREVIOUSLY DID NOT WANT TO DISCUSS PRISON REFORM, NOW TAKES AN INTEREST IN THE ONGOING WORK OF THE GUARANTOR SUB-GROUP REVIEWING PRISON CONDITIONS. [REDACTED] SAID CERPA WILL INEVITABLY PROTEST THE GOP REFUSAL TO PERMIT THE SUB-GROUP TO VISIT THE THREE SENIOR MRTA LEADERS INCARCERATED AT CALLAO NAVAL BASE. HE SPECULATED THAT THE GOP DOES NOT WANT THE SUB-GROUP TO GO TO CALLAO BECAUSE THE GOP WANTS TO KEEP MRTA'S CENTRAL LEADER VICTOR POLAY CUT OFF FROM ANY NEWS OF THE HOSTAGE TAKING. [REDACTED] ALSO SAID THE PRISONERS AT CALLAO, INCLUDING POLAY, HAVE SUFFERED PSYCHOLOGICALLY AS A RESULT OF THEIR ISOLATION. NOTING THAT SEVEN OF THE EIGHT SPECIALLY-CONSTRUCTED CELLS AT CALLAO ARE NOW OCCUPIED, [REDACTED] JOKED THAT THE EIGHTH IS READY FOR CERPA AND "HE KNOWS IT."

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8. [REDACTED] COUNTERING PRESS REPORTING THAT A FEW OF THE HOSTAGES WERE SERIOUSLY ILL, [REDACTED] DENIED ANY OF THE HOSTAGES SUFFERED FROM ANY PRESSING MEDICAL PROBLEMS. ASKED ABOUT THE MOOD OF THE HOSTAGES, [REDACTED] SAID MOST ARE "DOWN" AND A FEW ARE VERY DEPRESSED. [REDACTED] TRIED TO DOWNPLAY ANY POSSIBILITIES OF A BREAKTHROUGH BY EASTER, BUT NONETHELESS, THE PASSAGE OF HOLY WEEK WITHOUT ANY SIGNS OF SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS TOWARD A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION UNDERMINED THE HOSTAGES' SPIRITS. HE NOTED THAT, IN CONTRAST TO EARLIER IN THE STANDOFF, THE MRTA TERRORISTS AND PERUVIAN HOSTAGES RARELY SPEAK TO EACH OTHER. THE HOSTAGE TAKERS WERE ALSO FEELING INCREASINGLY FRUSTRATED BY THE LACK OF PROGRESS IN THEIR MEDIATED TALKS WITH THE GOP. [REDACTED] SAID THE MRTA TERRORISTS WOULD COMMEMORATE VICTOR POLAY'S APRIL 6 BIRTHDAY, PERHAPS BY FIRING SHOTS IN THE AIR.

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 [REDACTED] SEES NO PROGRESS  
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9. [REDACTED] TOLD THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR AT AN APRIL 2 RECEPTION THAT HE SAW NO REAL PROGRESS TOWARD A PEACEFUL, NEGOTIATED SOLUTION TO THE HOSTAGE STANDOFF. IN PARTICULAR, HE COMPLAINED THAT GOP INTERLOCUTOR PALERMO HAD NO REAL AUTHORITY AND THAT THE GOP WAS "USING" THE GUARANTOR

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10. (U) PRESIDENT FUJIMORI IS SLATED TO TRAVEL TO BOLIVIA THE NIGHT OF APRIL 4 TO MEET WITH BOLIVIAN PRESIDENT GONZALO SANCHEZ DE LOZADA. FUJIMORI LAST DISCUSSED THE HOSTAGE CRISIS WITH HIS COUNNTERPART DURING A SIX-HOUR VISIT TO BOLIVIA ON JANUARY 23. MEANWHILE, PRESIDENT OF CONGRESS VICTOR JOY WAY, WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED TO ATTEND AN INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE CONFERENCE IN CHINA AND AN INTERNATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE IN SOUTH KOREA, WILL ALSO NOW VISIT JAPAN APRIL 6-9.

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