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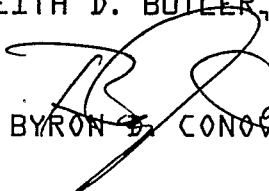
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SUBJECT: PROPOSED PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE FOR MILITARY MEMBERS DURING HOSTAGE CRISIS IN PERU

1. THIS PROPOSED PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE (PPAG) WITH PUBLIC STATEMENT AND QUESTIONS/ANSWERS FOR RESPONSES TO PUBLIC OR MEDIA QUERY IS FORWARDED TO OASD(PA) FOR APPROVAL.

2. MILITARY MEMBERS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO DISCUSS CURRENT HOSTAGE SITUATION. DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS LEAD FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS MATTERS PERTAINING TO THIS CURRENT CRISIS. DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS ORGANIZED A TASK FORCE TO HANDLE QUERIES REGARDING THE SITUATION. PUBLIC AFFAIRS POINT OF CONTACT IS MR. JOHN DINGER AT CMCL 202-647-2492.

3. THE PROPOSED PUBLIC STATEMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:  
(QUOTE) THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ALONG WITH OTHER INVOLVED NATIONS ARE IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THE PERUVIAN AND JAPANESE GOVERNMENTS IN AN EFFORT TO RESOLVE THIS TRAGIC HOSTAGE CRISIS SITUATION. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT STRONGLY CONDEMNS THIS TERRORIST ATTACK IN LIMA, PERU. OUR CONCERNS AND THOUGHTS ARE WITH THE HOSTAGES AND THEIR FAMILIES. (UNQUOTE)

4. THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ARE FOR USE IN RESPONSE TO MEDIA OR PUBLIC QUERY:

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Q1. WHAT IS THE U.S. DOING ABOUT THE HOSTAGE SITUATION IN PERU?

A1. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ALONG WITH OTHER INVOLVED NATIONS ARE IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THE PERUVIAN AND JAPANESE GOVERNMENTS IN AN EFFORT TO RESOLVE THIS TRAGIC HOSTAGE CRISIS SITUATION. THE U.S. EMBASSY HAS ALSO BEEN SENT A GROUP OF SECURITY ADVISORS. THEIR ROLE WILL BE TO ADVISE AND ASSIST U.S. AMBASSADOR TO PERU DENNIS JETT. THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS ESTABLISHED A TASK FORCE TO MONITOR THIS SITUATION. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT VEHEMENTLY CONDEMNS THIS AND ALL TERRORISM ACTS. THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT HAS THE LEAD ROLE IN RESOLVING THIS SITUATION. IF ANY REQUESTS WERE MADE, WE WOULD BE WILLING TO ASSIST AND RESPOND APPROPRIATELY.

Q2. HOW MANY AMERICANS WERE TAKEN HOSTAGE? IS THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR ONE OF THEM?

A2. THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO PERU, DENNIS JETT, IS NOT ONE OF THE HOSTAGES. HE IS CURRENTLY IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT AND IS FOLLOWING THIS SITUATION CLOSELY. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OTHER HOSTAGES, PLEASE REFER YOUR QUESTIONS TO THE STATE

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DEPARTMENT, WHO IS HANDLING QUERIES REGARDING THIS MATTER.

Q3. WHAT IS SOUTHCOM DOING TO HELP? WILL FORCES BE DEPLOYED TO TAKE DOWN THE TERRORISTS?

A3. THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT, WITH WHICH THE MANY OTHER INVOLVED NATIONS HAVE OFFERED ASSISTANCE, IS THE LEAD FOR RESOLVING THIS CRISIS SITUATION. NO REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE BY THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT FOR SOUTHCOM INVOLVEMENT, THOUGH WE STAND READY TO RENDER ASSISTANCE IF ORDERED BY THE NATIONAL COMMAND AUTHORITY.

Q4. HAVE ANY MILITARY FORCES BEEN DEPLOYED TO PERU? HAS ANY COUNTER-TERRORIST UNIT BEEN DEPLOYED?

A4. NO SOUTHCOM UNITS HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED. A GROUP OF SECURITY ADVISORS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE U.S. EMBASSY IN PERU BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT. I CAN NOT PROVIDE YOU WITH ANY DETAILS ON THE SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF THE GROUP AT THIS TIME. THEIR ROLE IS TO ADVISE THE AMBASSADOR ON WAYS TO ENHANCE SECURITY FOR AMERICANS. FOR MORE DETAILS, CONTACT DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PUBLIC AFFAIRS. (ANY QUERIES OR SPECULATION BY MEDIA REGARDING MILITARY COUNTER-TERRORIST ACTIVITIES MUST BE REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PUBLIC AFFAIRS.)

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6. SCPA POCS ARE: LTC BYRON CONOVER, MR. WILLIAM ORMSBEE, OR SFC KEITH BUTLER AT COMMERCIAL 011 (507) 282-3206, DSN 313-282-3206 OR 011 (507) 282-3907, DSN 313-282-3907. STATE DEPARTMENT QUERIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO CALL COMMERCIAL 202-647-0900. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PUBLIC AFFAIRS POCS ARE LTC GEORGE LENNON OR LTC ARNI OWENS AT COMMERCIAL 703-693-1073, DSN 312-223-1073 OR 703-697-5131, OR DSN 312-227-5131.

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