

PERU/CUBA/JAPAN:
CUBAN OFFER OF ASYLUM TO MRTA HOSTAGE TAKER

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Q. What is your reaction to Cuba's stated willingness to granting asylum to the MRTA hostage takers?

A. ANY POTENTIAL ASYLUM ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE A MATTER BETWEEN PERU AND THE COUNTRY PROVIDING ASYLUM.

Q. Is there any U.S. involvement in this asylum effort, such as contacts with the Peruvian or Japanese government?

A. NO. THERE IS NO U.S. INVOLVEMENT.

Q. What is the USG view on Japan-Cuba contacts concerning this hostage situation?

A. I HAVE NOTHING FOR YOU ON THAT ISSUE.

(if asked)

Q. Wouldn't you oppose the idea of giving safehaven to the MRTA hostage takers, especially in Cuba, which you have designated a state sponsor of terrorism?

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A. THIS IS A HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION.

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