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TERREP CHANNEL

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: PTER, ASEC, PGOV, PE  
SUBJECT: VICTOR POLAY BREAKS OUT OF PRISON

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. VICTOR POLAY, ACCUSED TERRORIST AND SUSPECTED NUMBER TWO IN THE MRTA, HAS ESCAPED FROM PRISON.

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POLAY, ALONG WITH AN ESTIMATED 64 OTHER ACCUSED

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TERRORISTS ESCAPED FROM LIMA'S CANTO GRANDE PRISON. THE ESCAPE WAS DISCOVERED AT 0500 HOURS, JULY 9. POLICE DO NOT YET KNOW IF ACCUSED SL LEADER OSMAN MOROTE, ALSO DETAINED AT CANTO GRANDE, IS AMONG THE ESCAPEES.

3. ACCORDING TO ANTI-TERRORISM POLICE DIRECTOR GENERAL SUCLLA, THE PRISONERS ESCAPED THROUGH A TUNNEL DUG FROM THE PRISON COMMONS ROOM TO A LOCATION OUTSIDE THE PRISON WALLS. (NOTE: THIS COMMONS ROOM IS THE AREA USED BY MALE PRISONERS FOR CONJUGAL VISITS WITH SPOUSES AND PROSTITUTES. THUS THERE IS SIGNIFICANTLY LESS POLICE VIGILANCE.) THE POLICE DO NOT KNOW HOW LONG THE 64 MEN HAVE BEEN MISSING.

4. POLAY WAS ARRESTED IN HUANCAYO CITY, JUNIN DEPARTMENT, ON FEBRUARY 3, 1989 (89 LIMA 1823). HIS WELL-PUBLICIZED TRIAL HAS BECOME A BIT OF A PUBLIC CIRCUS HERE. HE HAS ADMITTED HIS AFFILIATION WITH THE MRTA AND HIS PARTICIPATION IN TERRORIST ACTS.

5. FROM THE DAY OF HIS ARREST THERE HAS BEEN OPEN SPECULATION ABOUT POLAY'S TIES TO PRESIDENT ALAN GARCIA AND THE APRA PARTY. THAT SPECULATION WILL INEVITABLY RESURFACE NOW THAT HE HAS ESCAPED ON THE EVE OF APRA'S DEPARTURE FROM POWER. TWO MID-RANKING POLICE OFFICERS WE HAVE SPOKEN WITH TODAY BOTH NOTED MATTER-OF-FACTLY THAT THE ESCAPE WAS ALMOST CERTAINLY APRA-ORCHESTRATED.

6. WE WILL REPORT ADDITION DETAILS OF THE ESCAPE AS THEY BECOME KNOWN- WE WILL ALSO REPORT AT GREATER

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LENGTH THE FACTS WHICH LEAD US TO AGREE THAT INFLUENTIAL PERSONS INSIDE APRA MAY HAVE HAD A HAND IN POLAY'S BREAK-OUT.

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