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2. SUMMARY. PRISON OFFICIALS NOW SAY THAT 48 MRTA

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TERRORISTS (NOT 65) ESCAPED JULY 9, INCLUDING VICTOR POLAY CAMPOS. ACCUSED SL LEADER OSMAN MOROTE IS STILL IN PRISON. A DIRCOTE OFFICIAL TOLD US THAT ALL BUT FOUR OF THE MRTA TERRORISTS ARRESTED SINCE 1985 AND STILL IN CUSTODY, ESCAPED. THERE ARE MORE IMPORTANT ESCAPEES THAN POLAY. THE DETAILS WE HAVE POINT TO A SOPHISTICATED AND EXPENSIVE OPERATION TO BUILD THE ESCAPE TUNNEL. APRA INVOLVEMENT IN THE ESCAPE IS THE UNIVERSAL VIEW HERE, AND THE ACCUSATION HAS APPEARED IN SOME PAPERS. END SUMMARY.

3. ALL LIMA DAILIES CONTINUE TO BANNER THE JULY 9 ESCAPE OF VICTOR POLAY FROM LIMA'S "MAXIMUM SECURITY" PRISON, CANTO GRANDE. PRISON OFFICIALS ARE NOW REPORTING THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ESCAPED TERRORISTS IS 48. ANTI-TERRORISM POLICE (DIRCOTE) CHIEF, GENERAL SUCLLA TOLD US THAT 65 HAD FLED. ONE PRISON OFFICIAL INTERVIEWED ON CAMERA JULY 10 STATED THAT PRISON OFFICIALS STILL ARE NOT CERTAIN OF THE NUMBER OF FUGITIVES. (NOTE: THAT IS NOT SURPRISING. IN REPEATED VISITS TO PERUVIAN PRISONS IN THE PAST TWO YEARS WE HAVE NOT YET FOUND A PRISON OFFICIAL WHO COULD OFFICIALLY CONFIRM THE NUMBERS OR AFFILIATIONS OF HIS PRISONERS.)

4. WHAT IS CERTAIN IS THAT ALL OF THE ESCAPEES WERE MRTA. ACCUSED SENDERO LUMINOSO TERRORIST OSMAN MOROTE IS STILL IN PRISON. ACCORDING TO ANTI-TERRORISM DIVISION CHIEF COLONEL VICTORIANO BLANCO, THE ONLY REMAINING MRTA AT CANTO GRANDE ARE FOUR CONVICTED TERRORISTS WHOSE PRISON TERMS END THIS YEAR. BLANCO TOLD US THAT THE ENTIRE MRTA PRISON

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POPULATION HAS ESCAPED.

5. DIRCOTE HAS PROVIDED US PHOTOS, NAMES AND AGES OF THE ESCAPEES. IN THE GROUP ARE 39 MEN (AVERAGE AGE 31) AND 9 WOMEN (AVERAGE AGE 30). (NOTE: WE CONSIDER THESE 48 TO BE THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF ESCAPEES. THESE ARE PHOTOS FROM DIRCOTE FILES OF NAMES PROVIDED BY CANTO GRANDE PRISON OFFICIALS. THE LIST DOES NOT INCLUDE, OF COURSE, ANYONE THE PRISON DOES NOT KNOW TO HAVE ESCAPED, OR DOES NOT WANT TO

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ADMIT TO HAVING ESCAPED.) POLAY WAS THE MOST NOTORIOUS OF THE ESCAPEES, LARGELY A RESULT OF HIS TRIAL, AND THE NOVEMBER, 1987 INTERVIEW HE GAVE TO WEEKLY NEWS MAGAZINE CARETAS, WITH HIS COLOR PHOTO (IN FULL JUNGLE FATIGUES) APPEARING ON THE COVER.

6. BUT DIRCOTE OFFICIALS ARE MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THE ESCAPE OF THREE OTHERS. ALBERTO GALVEZ IS DESCRIBED AS THE FINANCIAL GENIUS BEHIND MRTA. A SECOND UNNAMED FIGURE IS ACCUSED OF BEING THE MILITARY LEADER RESPONSIBLE FOR A NUMBER OF SUCCESSFUL ATTACKS AGAINST INTERIOR POLICE STATIONS. THE THIRD, MARCELINO VALLADARES, WAS CONVICTED IN THE 1988 HOSPITAL ASSASSINATION OF CARMEN CUSQUEN, A REPENTANT MRTA LAWYER BELIEVED BY THE TERRORIST TO HAVE BEEN COOPERATING WITH THE POLICE. VALLADARES AND ANOTHER WERE SCHEDULED FOR SENTENCING JULY 12. COLONEL BLANCO TOLD US, "MRTA HAS COMPLETELY REARMED ITSELF."

7. RECRIMINATIONS AND FINGER-POINTING ABOUND. THERE ARE CALLS FOR THE RESIGNATIONS OF THE INTERIOR MINISTER (IN CHARGE OF THE POLICE) AND THE JUSTICE

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MINISTER (IN CHARGE OF THE PENAL SYSTEM), INTERIOR
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 PRISONS FALL UNDER THE JUSTICE MINISTRY. JUSTICE
 MINISTER FERNANDEZ SAYS THE ESCAPE WAS NOT HIS FAULT;

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PRISON SECURITY IS PROVIDED BY THE POLICE.
 PRIME/FOREIGN MINISTER LARCO COX STATED THAT NEITHER

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SHOULD RESIGN. MEANWHILE, SEVERAL DOZEN POLICE AND PRISON OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN DETAINED FOR QUESTIONING REGARDING THE BREAK-OUT.

8. COLONEL BLANCO AND ANTI-TERRORISM DIRECTORATE CHIEF SUCLLA TOLD US THAT SEVERAL OF THE ESCAPEES, INCLUDING POLAY AND HIS MISTRESS ROSA PADILLA, WERE BROUGHT FROM MORE DISTANT PARTS OF THE PRISON TO THE ESCAPE SITE. THERE ARE CONFLICTING REPORTS OF THE NUMBER OF POLICE POSTS POLAY AND PADILLA WOULD HAVE PASSED IN ROUTE TO THE COMMONS ROOM WHERE THE TUNNEL ENTERED THE PRISON. POLICE TOLD THE PRESS THAT THE TUNNEL INCLUDES WOOD AND CONCRETE SUPPORT PILLARS, MECHANICAL AIR CIRCULATION, AND ELECTRICAL LIGHTS THROUGHOUT ITS 350 METER LENGTH. THE TUNNEL WAS A METER AND A HALF HIGH. THE EXIT POINT WAS INSIDE A BUILDING WHICH HOUSED A CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS. NEIGHBORS REPORT FREQUENT ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES OF TRUCKS. A CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER CALCULATES THAT 350 PICK-UP TRUCK LOADS OF SAND (ONE LOAD PER METER LENGTH EXCAVATED) WOULD HAVE BEEN REQUIRED TO VACATE THE MATERIAL TAKEN FROM THE TUNNEL.

9. THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY OUTSIDE THE PRISON WALL USED TO COVER THE TUNNEL CONSTRUCTION FLED LIMA THE MORNING THE ESCAPE WAS ANNOUNCED. HE HAS SINCE BEEN DETAINED BY DIRCOTE. IN HIS INITIAL INTERROGATION HE ADMITTED THAT HE WAS REGULARLY USED BY THE MEN WHO LEASED THE PROPERTY TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, AND AS A COURIER TO DELIVER CASH PAYMENTS TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE CITY. THE MAN CLAIMS TO

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HAVE HAD NO HINT THAT HIS LESSORS WERE INVOLVED IN NEFARIOUS ACTIVITIES.

10. EVERYONE WE HAVE SPOKEN TO, FROM POLITICAL FIGURES TO TAXI DRIVERS, BELIEVES THAT APRA AIDED IN THE PRISON BREAK. THIS THEORY IS EMBELLISHED AMONG DIRCOTE OFFICERS WHO TOLD US THAT POLAY HAD BRAGGED TO PRISON GUARDS IN RECENT WEEKS THAT HE WOULD NOT BE IN PRISON WHEN THE NEW PRESIDENT TOOK OFFICE (JULY 28). AN APRA CONGRESSMAN AND PARTY LOYALIST TOLD US THAT PRESIDENT GARCIA HIMSELF WAS ALMOST CERTAINLY

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INVOLVED. THAT REMAINS TO BE SEEN. BUT WE WILL
REPORT SEPTEL DETAILS SURROUNDING POLAY'S CAPTURE AND
IMPRISONMENT WHICH STRONGLY POINT TO CONTINUING TIES
BETWEEN VICTOR POLAY AND SOME APRA FIGURES.
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