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1. (C) SUMMARY: A TENSE CALM HELD AT CANTO

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GRANDE PRISON ON MAY 8 AND 9, AS POLICE REINFORCEMENTS CONTINUED TO ARRIVE. THERE WERE NO PUBLIC UPDATES ON THE CASUALTY RATES, WHICH REMAINED AT 12 DEAD AND 30 WOUNDED. (OTHER CHANNELS REPORT TWO MORE POLICEMEN "MISSING" AND PRESUMED DEAD INSIDE THE PRISON AND ANOTHER SIX DEAD.) FUJIMORI REPORTEDLY WAS DETERMINED TO TAKE THE PRISON ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. HOWEVER, FUJIMORI ALSO REMAINED HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO THE INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION FOCUSED ON THE OPERATION. THE NATIONAL COORDINATOR FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ON MAY 8 CRITICIZED "SENSELESS" SENDERISTA RESISTANCE INSIDE THE PRISON BUT ALSO SCORED THE GOP'S FAILURE TO USE THE SERVICES OF THE ICRC AND HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS. A COORDINADORA AFFILIATE PRAISED POLICE FOR THEIR "VERY CORRECT MANNER DESPITE CONTINUOUS STRONG PROVOCATIONS." A VARIETY OF SOURCES CONFIRMED THAT COMMON CRIMINALS AT CANTO GRANDE (INCLUDING SIX AMCITS) WERE RECEIVING NORMAL FOOD RATIONS. [REDACTED] TOLD US PRIVATELY THAT THE POLICE ON SITE WANTED TO WAIT THEM OUT; HE HINTED AT [REDACTED]

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POSSIBLE GOOD NEWS SOON. END SUMMARY.

TENSE CALM AT CANTO GRANDE PRISON

2. (U) A TENSE CALM HELD AT CANTO GRANDE PRISON ON MAY 8 AND 9, AS POLICE SEEMED "BE BIDDING THEIR TIME BEFORE A DEFINITIVE PUSH ON THE TERRORIST CONTROLLED CELL BLOCK. SPORADIC GUNFIRE AND EXPLOSIONS WERE REPORTED, BUT AT A DIMINISHED RATE OVER PREVIOUS DAYS. PUBLICLY CONFIRMED CASUALTY FIGURES REMAINED THE SAME - 10 MALE SENDERISTAS AND 2 POLICEMEN DEAD AND OVER 30 WOUNDED. (SEE REF A FOR FURTHER CASUALTIES.) POLICE MOVED THE PRESS AND INMATE FAMILY MEMBERS BACK TO ONE KILOMETER AWAY FROM THE PRISON FOR SECURITY REASONS.

FUJIMORI ORDERS POLICE TO TAKE CANTO GRANDE

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3. (C) ACCORDING TO ONE CONTACT, [REDACTED]

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CONTRADICTED BY REPORTING IN OTHER CHANNELS
PRESIDENT FUJIMORI HAD ORDERED THE POLICE TO
TAKE OVER CANTO GRANDE PRISON, REGARDLESS OF THE
COST. HOWEVER, FUJIMORI REPORTEDLY ALSO
INSISTED POLICE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CONDUCT THE
OPERATION AS HUMANELY AS POSSIBLE. FUJIMORI WAS
PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE TO HOW THE PRISON
STAND-OFF WAS BEING PLAYED IN THE MEDIA,

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ESPECIALLY OVERSEAS. HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT
DRAGGING OUT THE OPERATION AND REJECTED THE IDEA
OF WAITING OUT THE TERRORISTS.

POLICE SPECIAL OPS UNIT IN CHARGE AND READY

4. (C) DIROES CHIEF GENERAL HURTADO ASSUMED
COMMAND OF THE PRISON OPERATION FROM ANOTHER
POLICE GENERAL AND BROUGHT IN AT LEAST 140 MORE
DIROES REINFORCEMENTS. A POLICE "HEAVY
EXPLOSIVES" TEAM WAS ALSO CALLED TO THE PRISON,
APPARENTLY TO BLAST HOLES IN THE CELL BLOCK
WALLS. AT LEAST TWO POLICE ARMORED CARS MOVED
INTO THE PRISON ON MAY 8. HURTADO REPORTEDLY
WANTED TO MOVE AGAINST THE TERRORIST CELL BLOCK

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SOON, BUT PLANNED TO KEEP THE TERRORISTS
OFF-BALANCE AND GUESSING ABOUT WHEN THE ATTACK
WOULD COME. A MEDIA CONTACT TOLD POLOFF THAT
POLICE HAD LET THREE "SURRENDER-OR-ELSE"
DEADLINES PASS AND SPECULATED THAT THIS WAS PART
OF POLICE SOFTENING-UP TACTICS.

5. (C) A DIROES CONTACT COMPLAINED ABOUT
INITIAL POLICE TACTICS, SUCH AS SENDING UNARMED
POLICE OFFICERS INTO THE TERRORIST WOMEN'S CELL
BLOCKS. THE POLICEMEN WERE NOT GIVEN ADEQUATE
INTELLIGENCE OR THE MEANS TO COUNTER THE
TERRORIST DEFENSES INSIDE THEIR "FORTRESS" CELL
BLOCKS, WHICH INCLUDED MINES, GRENADES, AUTOMATIC
WEAPONS AND ACID BOMBS. IN FACT, POLICE ON THE

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FIRST DAY WERE NOT EVEN GIVEN FOOD RATIONS. HOWEVER, POLICE PINNED DOWN INSIDE THE WOMEN'S CELL BLOCK "LIBERATED" FOOD STORES THAT THE WOMEN TERRORIST FAILED TO TAKE WITH THEM WHEN THEY RETREATED TO THE MEN'S CELL BLOCK.

FUJIMORI HAS CABINET SESSION; MAKES BRIEF STATEMENT

6. (U) PRESIDENT FUJIMORI HELD A THREE-HOUR
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CABINET SESSION ON MAY 7 TO CONSIDER "OPTIONS" AT CANTO GRANDE BUT NO FURTHER INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE. IN HIS FIRST PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THE PRISON SITUATION ON MAY 8, FUJIMORI ALLEGED THAT TERRORIST DOCUMENTS CAPTURED AT THE PRISON IMPLICATED LEADING MEMBERS OF THE FEDERATION OF BAR ASSOCIATIONS OF PERU WITH THE TERRORISTS. ONE OF THE IMPLICATED BAR ASSOCIATION MEMBERS DENIED THE PRESIDENT'S ALLEGATIONS. MININT JUAN BRIONES AND NATIONAL POLICE CHIEF GENERAL ADOLFO CUBA Y ESCOBEDO VISITED THE PRISON ON MAY 7 BUT ALSO DECLINED TO MAKE ANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS.

COORDINADORA CALLS FOR NEGOTIATIONS;
DECRIES LACK OF ACCESS

7. (U) THE NATIONAL COORDINATOR FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUED A STATEMENT LATE ON MAY 8 THAT CALLED ON THE GOP TO ACCEPT ICRC AND IAHRM MEDIATION IN THE PRISON STAND-OFF. THE STATEMENT CRITICIZED SENDERISTA INMATE RESISTANCE AS "SENSELESS" AND LAMENTED THE GOP'S FAILURE TO UTILIZE THE SERVICES OF THE ICRC AND HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS. COORDINADORA HEAD PILAR COLL WAS ALLOWED BRIEFLY INSIDE THE PRISON, BUT APPARENTLY WAS ONLY ABLE TO SPEAK TO A POLICE OFFICER.

8. (C) [REDACTED] TOLD US MAY 9 THAT THE POLICE ON SITE LARGELY AGREED IT WOULD
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BE BETTER NOT TO ASSAULT THE PRISON. MOREOVER,
[REDACTED] HAD INDICATIONS YESTERDAY THAT SOMETHING
GOOD MIGHT HAPPEN SOON, BUT HE COULD NOT GO INTO
THE DETAILS OVER AN OPEN LINE.

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9. (U) UNCONFIRMED MEDIA REPORTS ON MAY 9
INDICATED THAT THE TERRORIST INMATES WERE READY
TO SURRENDER, BUT ONLY WITH ICRC AND HUMAN
RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS PRESENT.

POLIKE)TING "CORRECTLY" DESPITE PROVOCATIONS

10. (C)

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[REDACTED] TOLD POLOFF ON MAY 8 THAT "THE POLICE
WERE ACTING IN A VERY CORRECT MANNER DESPITE
CONTINUOUS STRONG PROVOCATIONS." SHE CONFIRMED
THAT ON MAY 7 POLICE HAD REFUSED A [REDACTED]

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DELEGATION OF PASTORAL PRISON WORKERS ACCESS TO
CANTO GRANDE "FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY." HOWEVER,
[REDACTED] SAID, [REDACTED] WORKERS WERE ATTENDING TO THE
"SPIRITUAL NEEDS" OF INMATE FAMILY MEMBERS WHO
WERE KEEPING VIGIL OUTSIDE THE PRISON.

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COMMON PRISONERS RECEIVING FOOD

11. (U) A POLICE CONTACT TOLD EMBOFF THAT
COMMON CRIMINALS, HELD FOR NON-TERRORIST
OFFENSES, INCLUDING 6 AMCIT PRISONERS, AT CANTO
GRANDE WERE RECEIVING FOOD. A [REDACTED] STAFFER
CONFIRMED THIS. MEDIA SOURCES ALSO INDICATED
FOOD WAS REACHING COMMON PRISON INMATES.

COMMENT

12. (C) WE ARE IN A WAITING MODE UNTIL THE
POLICE MAKE THEIR MOVE TO TAKE THE TERRORIST
CELL BLOCK. THAT FUJIMORI IS KEEPING THE PRISON
OPERATION AN ALL-POLICE SHOW WITH THE MILITARY
IN A PURELY SUPPORTING ROLE IS A GOOD SIGN. SO
FAR, THE POLICE APPEAR TO BE KEEPING CASUALTY

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LEVELS FAR BELOW THE MASSACRE TOLLS OF THE
MILITARY'S ASSAULTS ON EL FRONTON IN 1986.
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