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 SUBJECT: HOSTAGE TAKING - JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S LIMA RESIDENCE  
 SITREP 1 (11:30 A.M. E.S.T.)

REF: LIMA 10752 (NOTAL)

1. CLASSIFIED BY DENNIS JETT, AMBASSADOR, EMBASSY LIMA,  
 REASON: 1.5 (D)
2. [REDACTED] AMBASSADOR, NOTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS FORMED A  
 HOSTAGE CRISIS TASK FORCE IN THE DEPARTMENT, ADVISED SECTION CHIEFS  
 TO PREPARE PERSONNEL TO STAFF AN EMBASSY CONTROL ROOM ON A 24-HOUR  
 BASIS FOR THE DURATION OF THE HOSTAGE CRISIS. HE ASKED THAT  
 EMBASSY CONFIRM THE PRESENCE OF ANY AMCITS THAT THE MRTA HAS TAKEN  
 HOSTAGE IN ADDITION TO THE STILL-DETAINED SEVEN EMBASSY OFFICIALS.  
 AMBASSADOR STRESSED THAT SPOUSES OF HOSTAGE AMERICAN OFFICIALS BE  
 ASSISTED THROUGH THIS CRISIS. AMBASSADOR ALSO BRIEFED MISSION FSN  
 AND AMERICAN EMPLOYEES AT 10:00 A.M. AND STRESSED THE NEED TO AVOID  
 ANY SPECULATION OR COMMENT TO THE PRESS.
3. (U) AMBASSADOR REQUESTED THAT ALL PRESS INQUIRIES BE DIRECTED  
 TO USIS, AND HE DISTRIBUTED THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE FOR  
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 EMBASSY PERSONNEL'S INFORMATION:

Q: IS THE TUPAC AMARU REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MRTA) HOLDING ANY  
 AMERICAN OFFICIALS HOSTAGE?

A: THERE IS AN ONGOING CRISIS AND WE CANNOT PROVIDE ANY  
 INFORMATION AT THIS POINT ON THE PRESENCE OF OFFICIAL OR PRIVATE  
 U.S. CITIZENS. WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU AND  
 OTHER EMBASSIES AND ARE FOLLOWING THE SITUATION CLOSELY.

4. [REDACTED] COUNTRY TEAM AGREED THAT ALL TDY TRAVEL TO LIMA UNRELATED  
 TO THE HOSTAGE CRISIS WILL BE DISCOURAGED. AMBASSADOR REMINDED  
 COUNTRY TEAM THAT ALL USG VISITORS COMING TO PERU NEEDED TO REQUEST  
 AND RECEIVE A COUNTRY CLEARANCE FIRST. AT EAC'S REQUEST, THE  
 AMBASSADOR CLEARED THE FOLLOWING FBI PERSONNEL ARRIVING AT 19:30 ON  
 DECEMBER 18 VIA COMMERCIAL AIR FOR TDY RELATED TO THE HOSTAGE  
 TAKING:

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SIMILARLY, AMBASSADOR GRANTED COUNTRY CLEARANCE TO DS AGENTS [REDACTED] FOR TDY TRAVEL TO LIMA. EAC REQUESTED THAT DS FAX FLIGHT INFORMATION AND PASSPORT DATA. AMBASSADOR ALSO APPROVED VISIT OF REGIONAL PSYCHIATRIST TO LIMA.

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5. [REDACTED] THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS INFORMS US THAT AMBASSADORS FROM THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN TAKEN HOSTAGE:

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GERMANY, AUSTRIA, GREECE, BRAZIL, BOLIVIA, HONDURAS, CUBA, PANAMA, VENEZUELA, EGYPT, SOUTH KOREA, JAPAN, CANADA, AND GUATEMALA. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ALSO INFORMS US THAT CHARGES D'AFFAIRES FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION, ROMANIA, BULGARIA, SPAIN, POLAND, THE CZECH REPUBLIC, AND THE SLOVAC REPUBLIC HAVE BEEN TAKEN HOSTAGE. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ESTIMATES THAT SOME 40 DIPLOMATS ARE BEING CURRENTLY BEING HELD CAPTIVE AT THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. EMBASSY INDEPENDENTLY CONFIRMED WITH THE URUGUAYAN EMBASSY THAT THEIR AMBASSADOR IS ALSO BEING HELD HOSTAGE BY THE MRTA.

6. [REDACTED] PAULA RIDDLE, SPOUSE OF CAPTIVE ECON COUNSELOR JOHN RIDDLE, INFORMED EMBASSY THAT ONE OF THE HOSTAGES MANAGED TO CALL HER ON HIS CELLULAR PHONE AT 9:45 A.M. AND TOLD HER THAT ALL THE HOSTAGES WERE FINE DESPITE AN EXPLOSION THAT OCCURRED ON THE RESIDENCE GROUNDS ABOUT AN HOUR EARLIER. AID OFFICER MICHAEL MAXEY, WHO MANAGED TO TELEPHONE EMBASSY LIMA AT 10:15 A.M., ALSO REPORTED THAT ALL THE HOSTAGES WERE DOING FINE. WE UNDERSTAND FROM THE EGYPTIAN EMBASSY THAT THEIR AMBASSADOR ALSO MANAGED TO PHONE OUT THIS MORNING AND NOTED THAT ALL THE HOSTAGES WERE OKAY.

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7. (U) EMBASSY HAS ESTABLISHED THAT THE SPOUSES OF THREE AMCIT WOMEN WHO ARE BEING HELD HOSTAGE ARE NOT/NOT AMCITS. EMBASSY IS NOT CURRENTLY AWARE OF ANY PRIVATE AMCITS BEING HELD HOSTAGE BY THE MRTA AT THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.

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