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SUBJECT: HOSTAGE TAKING - JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S LIMA RESIDENCE SITREP 3 (5:30 P.M. E.S.T.)

REFS: A) LIMA 10752 (NOTAL) B) LIMA 10763 C) LIMA 10772

- 1. CLASSIFIED BY DENNIS JETT, AMBASSADOR, EMBASSY LIMA, REASON: 1.5 (D)
- CANADIAN DCM DAVID BICKFORD SPOKE WITH THE AMBASSADOR AND EMBASSY TASK FORCE TO REPORT THAT THEIR AMBASSADOR, ALONG WITH TWO OTHER CANADIAN NATIONALS, ARE BEING HELD HOSTAGE BY THE TUPAC AMARU REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MRTA). BICKFORD NOTED THAT THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR HAS CALLED HIS EMBASSY FOUR OR FIVE TIMES AND THAT HE IS BEING WELL TREATED. HE REPORTED THAT THE SITUATION IS TENSE AND THAT THE HOSTAGES HAVE NO SENSE OF MUCH PROGRESS IN THE DISCUSSIONS

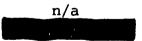


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BETWEEN THE TERRORISTS AND THE GOP. THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TOLD
BICKFORD THAT HE AND THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR WERE ENDEAVORING TO
NEGOTIATE INTERNALLY WITH THE MRTA COMMANDANTE, BUT WITHOUT
SUCCESS.

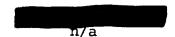
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OPPOSITION (UNITED LEFT) CONGRESSMAN JAVIER DIEZ CANSECO TELEPHONED HIS OFFICE EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 18. BASED ON THEIR CONVERSATION WITH DIEZ CANSECO, HIS STAFF RELEASED A FAX TO THE LOCAL PRESS (WHICH PASSED IT ON TO EMBASSY LIMA) CONVEYING MRTA'S DEMANDS THAT THE POLICE RETREAT AT LEAST 100 METERS FROM THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AND REOPEN A DIALOGUE WITH THE MRTA VIA ICRC DELEGATION CHIEF TO PERU MICHEL MENNIG. THE FAX ALSO ADDS



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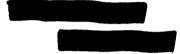


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THAT SOME OF THE HOSTAGES ARE SUFFERING FROM SERIOUS ILLNESSES DUE TO THE STRESS OF THE HOSTAGE SITUATION. THE FAX CONCLUDES THAT THE 490 HOSTAGES ARE EXTREMELY TENSE AND THAT HOSTAGES ARE ALL LOCATED NEAR WINDOWS FOR WHICH "THERE IS NO PROTECTION IN THE EVENT OF GUNFIRE OR EXPLOSIONS." A LOCAL POLICE SOURCE PUTS THE NUMBER OF HOSTAGES AT 466, REPEAT, 466. WE CANNOT AT THIS POINT VERIFY THE ACCURACY OF THAT FIGURE.

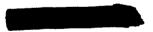
AN EMBASSY DRIVER LOCATED NEAR THE ENTRANCE OF THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE REPORTED ON THE AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 18 THAT THE POLICE REFUSED TO ALLOW THE DELIVERY OF FOOD



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AND A SECOND BATCH OF MEDICINE MRTA TERRORISTS. THE POLICE HAD
EARLIER ALLOWED A FIRST BATCH OF MEDICINE TO BE SENT IN. THE
AMBASSADOR SUBSEQUENTLY LEARNED THAT MINISTER OF INTERIOR GENERAL
JUAN BRIONES, THE GOP'S LEAD NEGOTIATOR, LEFT THE AREA OF THE
JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE, BUT SUBSEQUENTLY RETURNED.

- NAS DIRECTOR JOHN CROW CALLED HIS SPOUSE MARY PAT IN THE UNITED STATES DURING THE AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 18. HE REPORTED THAT THE SITUATION INSIDE THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE IS TENSE AND THAT THE MRTA TERRORISTS SEEMED WILLING TO DIE AND TO KILL FOR THEIR CAUSE.
- 6. FOREIGN MINISTRY STAFF DIRECTOR HUGO DE ZELA TOLD THE DCM AT 3:00 P.M. THAT PRESIDENT FUJIMORI WOULD INITIATE A CALL TO SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER "SOON".
- 7. (U) LOCAL TV NEWS SHOWED AN ADDITIONAL 5 HOSTAGES BEING RELEASED BY THE MRTA AT APPROXIMATELY 13:00. NONE WERE AMCITS. ONE LOCAL NEWS STATION IS ALSO REPORTING THAT MRTA PLANS TO RELEASE THE GREEK, GERMAN, AND CANADIAN AMBASSADORS AS WELL AS THE FRENCH CULTURAL ATTACHE ON THE CONDITION THAT THEY CONVEY MRTA DEMANDS DIRECTLY TO PRESIDENT FUJIMORI. THEY HAVE NOT YET BEEN RELEASED.

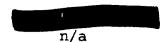
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8. AMBASSADOR APPROVED THE TDY TRAEL OF COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT SPECIAIST MARK MERCURY.

9. CONTRARY TO LOCAL PRESS REPORTS PICKED UP BY OP CENTER, PRISON OFFICIALS REPORTED AT 3:30 P.M. THAT SITUATION IS CALM AT CANTO GRANDE PRISON IN LURIGANCHO, LIMA. PRISON OFFICIALS NOTED THAT AFTER LEARNING OF MRTA HOSTAGE TAKING, THERE WAS SOME AGITATION AT THE PRISON WHICH PROMPTED OFFICIALS TO CONFINE PRISONERS TO THEIR CELLS.

10. AT LIMA DIPLOMATIC CORPS MEETING THIS AFTERNOON CALLED BY

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PAPAL NUNCIO, THE MAJORITY EXPRESSED ENORMOUS FRUSTRATION OVER THE
LACK OF INFORMATION EMANATING FROM THE GOP AS WELL AS THEIR AND
CONCERN THAT THE GOP MIGHT BE INCLINED TO USE VIOLENCE TO FREE THE
HOSTAGES, RESULTING IN BLOODBATH. THE CONSENSUS DECISION WAS THAT
THE PAPAL NUNCIO, JOINED BY A REPRESENTATIVE GROUP OF OTHER
DIPLOMATS, WOULD SEEK AN IMMEDIATE MEETING WITH VICE FOREIGN
MINISTER JORGE VOTO-BERNALES TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

TO EXPRESS SOLIDARITY WITH PERU IN THE HOSTAGE CRISIS;
TO URGE THAT THE GOP INITIATE A DIALOGUE WITH THE MRTA TO SAFEGUARD THE LIVES OF THE HOSTAGES;

TO REQUEST THAT GOP ALLOW THE PAPAL NUNCIO TO JOIN ITS HOSTAGE NEGOTIATION TEAM;

TO REQUEST THROUGH VOTO BERNALES AN URGENT MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FUJIMORI TO MAKE THE ABOVE MENTIONED POINTS.

THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS ALSO AGREED TO CONVEY THEIR EXPRESSION OF SOLIDARITY WITH THEIR CAPTIVE COLLEAGES IN THE JAPANESE EMBASSY VIA A RADIO MESSAGE.

11. AN ICRC REP TOLD THE AMBASSADOR AT 16:45 P.M. THAT ITS CHIEF OF DELEGATION MICHEL MENNIG WAS ON HIS WAY TO THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE TO SEE FUJIMORI. ANOTHER ICRC REP IS IN FRONT OF THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE MONITORING THE SITUATION.

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ACCORDING TO THE ICRC, MRTA HAS TOLD THE GOP IT IS WILLING TO EXCHANGE SOME HOSTAGES FOR MEDICINE. ICRC IS ALSO URGING THE GOP TO ALLOW MORE FOOD, WATER, AND MEDICINE INTO THE RESIDENCE. THE ICRC REP NOTED THAT THE LACK OF ONE AUTHORITATIVE GOP SPOKESPERSON IS A CONTINUING PROBLEM. ICRC REQUESTED FOUR OR FIVE WALKIE-TALKIES TO FACILITATE COMMUNICATIONS AT THE HOSTAGE SCENE, AND EMBASSY PLANS TO ASSIST THE ICRC.

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ADDITIONAL HOSTAGES: WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE UNDPREPRESENTATIVE TO PERU PLUS THREE OTHER UN OFFICIALS ARE BEING HELD HOSTAGE BY MRTA. LOCAL PRESS ALSO REPORT THAT PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S YOUNGER BROTHER PEDRO IS BEING HELD CAPTIVE; MRTA RELEASED FUJIMORI'S MOTHER AND SISTER A FEW HOURS AFTER TAKING CONTROL OF THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.

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