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 FM AMEMBASSY LIMA
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 FBI WASHINGTON DC IMMEDIATE
 CIA WASHINGTON DC IMMEDIATE
 JCS WASHINGTON DC IMMEDIATE
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 AMEMBASSY TOKYO PRIORITY
 AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST PRIORITY
 AMEMBASSY OTTAWA PRIORITY
 AMEMBASSY MADRID PRIORITY
 AMEMBASSY BONN PRIORITY
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SUBJECT: TFPE01: SITREP 7 (109:30 A.M. EST, DECEMBER 19, 1996)
 HOSTAGE TAKING - JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S LIMA RESIDENCE

REFS: LIMA 10785 AND PREVIOUS

1. CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR DENNIS JETT, AMBASSADOR, AMERICAN
 EMBASSY LIMA, REASON: 1.5 (D)

2. [REDACTED] THE RELEASED GREEK AMBASSADOR SPOKE TO PAULA RIDDLE,
 SPOUSE OF CAPTIVE ECON COUNSELOR JOHN RIDDLE, AT 6:30 A.M. EST AND
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

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TOLD HER THAT JOHN RIDDLE AND POL COUNSELOR JIM WAGNER ARE DOING
 WELL. THE GREEK AMBASSADOR ALSO REPORTED THAT THE MRTA HOSTAGE
 TAKERS WERE RELAXED AND SHOWED NO ANIMOSITY TOWARDS THE AMERICANS
 OR ANY OTHER GROUP OF HOSTAGES. HE NOTED THAT THE MRTA WANTED
 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO PRESSURE THE GOP NOT TO TAKE ANY RASH
 ACTIONS. HE ALSO NOTED THAT WAGNER PASSED HIM A PERSONAL NOTE FOR
 HIS WIFE WHICH WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DELIVERED TO MRS. WAGNER.

3. [REDACTED] EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT 23 AMBULANCES FROM VIRGEN
 CARMEN CLINICA WERE PRE-POSITIONED IN THE AREA OF THE JAPANESE
 AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE BY 7:15 A.M., DECEMBER 19. TWENTY-FIVE
 POLICE SWAT TEAM MEMBERS ARE ALSO STANDING BY IN THE AREA.

4. [REDACTED] EMBASSY HAS NOT RELEASED THE NAMES OF CAPTIVE AMERICANS,
 BUT LOCAL MEDIA CONTINUES TO TRACK DOWN AND BROADCAST THEIR NAMES.
 LIMA'S LEADING DAILY PRINTED ON DECEMBER 19 THE NAMES OF PROMINENT
 HOSTAGES, INCLUDING ALL SIX OFFICIAL AMERICANS BEING HELD BY THE
 MRTA. TO REITERATE, THE SIX ARE: POL COUNSELOR JIM WAGNER, ECON
 COUNSELOR JOHN RIDDLE, NAS DIRECTOR JOHN CROW, ACTING AID DIRECTOR

[REDACTED]
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DON BOYD, AID OFFICER MICHAEL MAXEY, AND AID PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACTOR DONALD BAYER. AMCIT KRIS MERSCHOD IS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF A PRIVATE VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATION WITH AN AID CONTRACT. AID FSN PEDRO CARRILLO IS ALSO ONE OF THE HOSTAGES.

5. (U) THE GOP HAS REPORTEDLY TIGHTENED SECURITY AT MIGUEL CASTRO CASTRO PRISON (ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF LIMA), YANAMAYO PRISON (NEAR PUNO), PICSU PRISON (NEAR CHICLAYO), AND HUACARIZ PRISON (NEAR CAJAMARCA). ALL FOUR MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISONS HOLD CONVICTED MRTA TERRORISTS.

6. [REDACTED] EMBASSY CONTACTED PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S SECRETARY AT 8:45

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A.M. TO FACILITATE THE PLANNED CALL OF THE SECRETARY. FUJIMORI'S SECRETARY INFORMED US THAT THE PERUVIAN PRESIDENT IS NOT TAKING CALLS. RECENT PRESS ACCOUNTS INDICATE ONLY TWO FOREIGN LEADERS, THE JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER AND THE PRESIDENT OF BRAZIL, HAVE MANAGED TO SPEAK TO FUJIMORI BY PHONE DURING THE HOSTAGE CRISIS.

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