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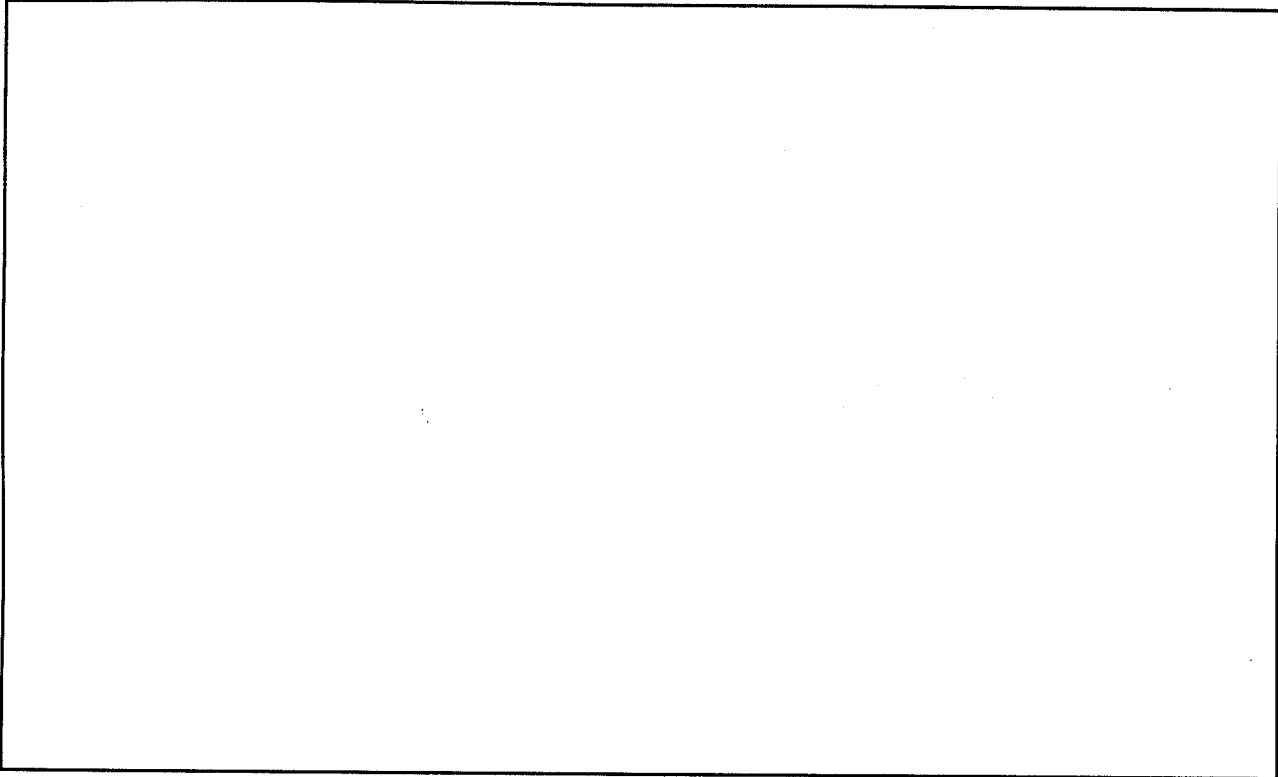
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1. CLASSIFIED BY DENNIS JETT, AMBASSADOR, AMEMBASSY LIMA.
REASON 1.5(D).

DETAILED READOUT ON USG/GOJ SECURITY MEETING



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3. THE DCM AND OTHERS ON THE EMBASSY TEAM EXPRESSED EQUALLY CANDIDLY THEIR FRUSTRATION WITH GOP'S HANDLING OF CRISIS TO DATE, NOTING THAT PRESIDENT FUJIMORI, DESPITE HIS GOVERNMENT'S LIMITED EXPERIENCE IN HOSTAGE NEGOTIATIONS AND THE UNPREPAREDNESS OF THE PERUVIAN POLICE SUAT TEAM TO ACT WITH FORCE IN AN "EN EXTREMIS" SITUATION, HAD THUS FAR NOT RESPONDED TO OUR OFFER OF ASSISTANCE (NOTE: IN FUJIMORI'S DECEMBER 19 RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT CLINTON'S OFFER, FUJIMORI DID NOT EVEN ADDRESS OUR OFFER.) DCM EXPRESSED HOPE THAT FOREIGN MINISTER IKEDA'S MEETING WITH FUJIMORI, WHICH WAS GOING ON SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE JAPANESE/U.S. SECURITY



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MEETING, MIGHT HELP PERSUADE FUJIMORI TO AGREE TO ACCEPT OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE.

4. FINALLY, IT WAS AGREED THAT THE TWO SECURITY TEAMS WOULD MEET AGAIN AT THE U.S. EMBASSY IN THE LATE AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 20, AFTER THE JAPANESE SIDE HAD MET WITH PERUVIAN NATIONAL POLICE DIRECTOR THE SAME MORNING.

ICRC HOSTAGE READOUT

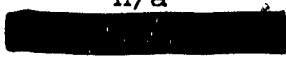
5. ACCORDING TO A FAXED DECEMBER 19 LETTER FROM THE SWISS AMBASSADOR TO DEAN OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS PAPAL NUNCIO FORTUNATO BALDELLI, THE ICRC NOW ESTIMATES THAT THERE ARE BETWEEN 380 AND 390 HOSTAGES AND ABOUT 20 MRTA TERRORISTS IN THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. THREE ICRC STAFF, INCLUDING A DOCTOR, CURRENTLY HAVE ACCESS TO ALL AREAS WITHIN THE INTERIOR OF THE BUILDING WHERE HOSTAGES ARE BEING HELD (ACCOMPANIED BY MRTA MEMBERS, OF COURSE). ICRC REPRESENTATIVES HAVE VISITED ALL HOSTAGES AND SAY THE ATMOSPHERE IN THE RESIDENCY IS CALM. THE MRTA HAS AGREED TO ALL OF THE ICRC'S RECOMMENDATIONS THAT IT RELEASE SPECIFIC HOSTAGES FOR REASONS OF HEALTH. THE MRTA

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CONTINUES TO DEMAND THAT THE GOP FREE ALL IMPRISONED MRTA MEMBERS.

MYSTERY LETTER

6. [REDACTED] AT 02:07 A.M. ON DECEMBER 20, CNN REPORTED THAT THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT HAD SENT A LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS AND OTHER NEWS OUTLETS REJECTING THE HOSTAGE TAKERS' DEMAND THAT IMPRISONED MRTA MEMBERS BE RELEASED. TO DATE, NEITHER WE NOR THE CANADIAN EMBASSY, WITH WHICH WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH, HAVE BEEN

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ABLE TO TRACK DOWN A COPY OF THE DOCUMENT. ACCORDING TO ONE ACCOUNT, THE LETTER IS HANDWRITTEN, IS NOT ON LETTERHEAD AND WAS FAXED TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS. OTHER SOURCES, HOWEVER, INCLUDING A LOCAL NEW RADIO STATION, HAVE TOLD US THAT THE DOCUMENT DOES NOT EXIST. BASED ON WHAT WE KNOW, WE DOUBT THAT THE PURPORTED LETTER IS AUTHENTIC, EVEN IF IT DOES EXIST.

DIPLOMATIC CONCLAVE

7. [REDACTED] THE JAPANESE EMBASSY HAS INVITED THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY TO A BRIEFING AT 16:30 HOURS DECEMBER 20 ON THE CURRENT HOSTAGE SITUATION. THE BRIEFING WILL BE GIVEN BY JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER IKEDA AND WILL BE HELD AT THE JAPANESE/PERUVIAN CULTURAL CENTER.

CANADIAN AMBASSADOR

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8. [REDACTED] AMBASSADOR JETT MET WITH CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TONY VINCENT AT 08:30 HOURS ON DECEMBER 20. VINCENT, THE DE FACTO LEADER OF THE GROUP OF DIPLOMATS RELEASED ON WEDNESDAY, WILL DEFER TO THE GOP'S DESIGNATION OF EDUCATION MINISTER PALERMO AS THE PRIMARY INTERLOCUTOR AND ICRC'S MINNIG AS MEDIATOR BETWEEN THE GOP AND THE MRTA. HE PREFERS, HOWEVER, THAT THE DIPLOMATS' EFFORT (ONLY AMBASSADOR VINCENT AND PERUVIAN DIPLOMAT LECARO ARE STILL ENGAGED) BE DESCRIBED AS "SUSPENDED" RATHER THAN TERMINATED SO AS TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATE CHANNEL IN CASE OF FUTURE NEED AND TO AVOID THE INTEGRATED IMPLICATIONS OF THE LATTER PHRASEOLOGY.

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VINCENT, UNLIKE HIS DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES STILL FEELS AN OBLIGATION TO THE MRTA TO MAKE HIMSELF AVAILABLE AS A MEDIATOR/MESSENGER. HE HAS CLEARLY ASSESSED THAT FUJIMORI, MONTESINOS AND A FEW OTHERS ARE CALLING THE SHOTS AND THAT ANY OTHER "NEGOTIATORS" ARE WINDOWDRESSING. HE THOUGHT THAT THE SITUATION INSIDE THE COMPOUND WAS STABLE AT PRESENT BUT SUGGESTED THAT ONE "SPARK," INCLUDING IRRESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOR BY ANY OF THE HOSTAGES, COULD SET OFF A LARGER CONFLICT. HE WAS EAGERLY AWAITING GUIDANCE FROM OTTAWA AS HE CONTINUED ROUNDS OF MEETINGS WITH OTHER DIPLOMATS.

JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER

9. [REDACTED] AMBASSADOR JETT MET WITH JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER IKEDA AT 10:45 ON DECEMBER 20. SEPTTEL WILL COVER THIS MEETING IN DEPTH.

DUTCH AMBASSADOR (ON BEHALF OF THE E.U.)

10. [REDACTED] DUTCH AMBASSADOR CALLED ON AMBASSADOR AND DCM AT 12:00

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HOURS DECEMBER 20 TO CONTINUE HIS DIALOGUE WITH THE AMERICAN EMBASSY REGARDING HOSTAGE CRISIS. HE NOTED THAT HE HAS BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL SO FAR IN GETTING A MEETING IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRO TEM HEAD OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY WITH PRESIDENT FUJIMORI. HE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED ON BEHALF OF THE E.U. TO URGE THE GOP TO RESOLVE THE HOSTAGE CRISIS PEACEFULLY. THE DUTCH AMBASSADOR ALSO INTENDS TO URGE THE GOP TO OFFER MORE INFORMATION TO DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS, PARTICULARLY BEFORE TAKING ANY DECISIVE ACTIONS. IF PRESIDENT FUJIMORI DOES NOT MEET WITH THE DUTCH AMBASSADOR TODAY, HE WILL COMMUNICATE THE E.U. POINTS BY MAIL, MESSENGER OR FAX. HE ASKED THAT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY

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KEEP THE E.U. IN THE LOOP ON ANY FAST BREAKING EVENTS.
AMBASSADOR JETT ASSURED THE EUROPEAN UNION REPRESENTATIVE THAT WE WILL KEEP THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION OPEN. AMBASSADOR JETT ALSO NOTED THAT THE USG HAS OFFERED ASSISTANCE TO THE GOP BUT HAS NOT RECEIVED A RESPONSE. HE STRESSED THAT WE CONTEMPLATE NO UNILATERAL ACTION.

SIGN LANGUAGE

11. (U) A LIVE TRANSMISSION ON CHANNEL FIVE NEWS AT 09:50 HOUR EST SHOWED HOSTAGES AT AN OPEN SECOND STORY WINDOW (BEHIND GRILLS) DISPLAYING SEVERAL SIGNS. THE SIGNS BEMOANED THE LACK OF FOOD, ELECTRICITY, TELEPHONES, WATER AND REQUESTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT "RECONNECT" THESE SERVICES. AT ABOUT 11:45 HOURS, THE UNDP DELIVERED SOME FOOD SUPPLIES TO THE RESIDENCY, INCLUDING SALADS AND CAKE. AT 12:30 P.M., THE T.V. NEWS REPORTED THAT THE HOSTAGES HAD DISPLAYED ANOTHER SIGN URGENTLY REQUESTING THAT NHK REPORTERS BE PERMITTED ENTRY TO THE RESIDENCE.

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MFA TASK FORCE

12. (U) MFA HAS SET UP A SPECIAL TASK FORCE TO COORDINATE WITH LOCAL EMBASSIES AND WITH THE PRESS. AMBASSADOR ALFONSO RIVERO AND COUNSELOR ANTONIO GARCIA REVILLA ARE IN CHARGE OF THE GROUP, WHICH CAN BE REACHED AT 511-426-2686, 511-427-7948, 511-426-3280, 511-427-3861, 511-426-2220, 511-428-9921, 511-426-3479.

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FAMILY BRIEFING

13. (U) ON DECEMBER 20, THE EMBASSY HELD ITS SECOND DAILY BRIEFING FOR THE SPOUSES OF OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE U.S. CITIZEN HOSTAGES. DCM CHAIRED THE MEETING IN THE ABSENCE OF THE AMBASSADOR WHO WAS WITH THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE THESE DAILY MEETINGS FOR AS LONG AS NECESSARY.

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