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1. CLASSIFIED BY ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSELOR AL LOPEZ, AMEMBASSY
LIMA. REASON 1.5(D).

38 HOSTAGES RELEASED

2. AT 19:30, THE MRTA RELEASED 38 HOSTAGES (LIST OF NAMES FAXED
TO TASK FORCE IN WASHINGTON) FROM THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S
RESIDENCE. THE RELEASED HOSTAGES INCLUDE THREE AMBASSADORS

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(BRAZIL, KOREA, AND EGYPT); THREE PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY
OFFICIALS, SEVERAL JAPANESE-PERUVIAN BUSINESSMEN; JOURNALISTS;
NGO REPRESENTATIVES; JAVIER DIEZ CANSECO, A LEFTIST CONGRESSMAN;
ALEX KOURI, MAYOR OF CALLAO; AND ALEJANDRO TOLEDO, AN ECONOMIST
AND FORMER PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE. THE ICRC REP MINNIG
INTRODUCED A GROUP OF FIVE OF THE RELEASED HOSTAGES -- THE THREE
AMBASSADORS, DIEZ CANSECO, AND TOLEDO -- TO THE PRESS. THE FBI
WILL INTERVIEW SOME OF THE RELEASED HOSTAGES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. THE BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR SPOKE ON BEHALF OF THE THREE
AMBASSADORS. HE STATED THEY WERE SELECTED TO ESTABLISH CHANNELS
OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE MRTA AND THE OUTSIDE. HE
SAID THEY WERE COMMITTED TO MAKE STATEMENTS THE HOSTAGE TAKERS
ASKED THEM TO MAKE.

STATEMENTS OF THE RELEASED HOSTAGES

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4. THEN, CONGRESSMAN DIEZ CANSECO READ TWO STATEMENTS. THE FIRST ONE EXPRESSED THE CONCERNS OF THE APPROXIMATELY 180 HOSTAGES ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE RESIDENCE, WHERE THE HIGHER PROFILE HOSTAGES ARE BEING HELD. HE SAID THAT THE HOSTAGES ARE BEING TREATED IN A RESPECTFUL MANNER. HE NOTED THAT THE WATER IS CUT SO THEY CAN NOT USE THE TOILETS. HE SAID THAT WITH THE ELECTRICITY CUT, AND NO CELLULAR PHONES BEING LET IN, THE GOP IS ONLY MAKING THINGS WORSE. HEALTH PROBLEMS ARE GROWING INSIDE. HE SAID THAT PEACE IS NOT OUT OF REACH AND THAT AN INTEGRAL POLITICAL SOLUTION IS POSSIBLE. ON BEHALF OF THE HOSTAGES, HE CALLED ON THE GOVERNMENT AND THE MRTA TO WORK IN THAT DIRECTION.

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5. THE SECOND STATEMENT DIEZ CANSECO READ WAS A COMMUNIQUE FROM THE MRTA THAT HE SAID THE GROUP WAS CHARGED WITH TRANSMITTING. THE COMMUNIQUE INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING KEY POINTS (THE LAST ITEM, AN OFFER TO RELEASE SOME HOSTAGES, IS POTENTIALLY THE MOST IMPORTANT):

-- MRTA REITERATES THAT ITS MAIN OBJECTIVE IS TO SAVE THE LIVES OF THE MRTA PRISONERS.

-- THE MRTA IS TREATING THE HOSTAGES BY "RULES OF HUMAN DIGNITY WHICH CHARACTERIZE THE MRTA."

-- TO FACILITATE A POLITICAL SOLUTION, THE MRTA RELEASED WOMEN, ELDERLY, AND SICK PEOPLE, INCLUDING FUJIMORI'S FAMILY.

-- NEVERTHELESS, THE GOVERNMENT MAINTAINS A "REPRESSIVE ATTITUDE," CUTTING WATER AND ELECTRICITY.

-- THE ONLY POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO THE CRISIS IS TO RELEASE THE PRISONERS REQUESTED BY THE MRTA.

-- THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DIALOGUE AND MORE PEACE.

-- THROUGH THE RED CROSS, THE MRTA HAS ASKED TO TALK TO ITS PEOPLE BY PHONE TO DETERMINE THEIR HEALTH. IF THIS TAKES PLACE, THE MRTA IS PREPARED TO RELEASE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF THOSE HOSTAGES NOT LINKED TO THE "POLITICS OF THE GOVERNMENT."

RELEASED HOSTAGES REPORT AMERICANS ARE WELL

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6. SHORTLY AFTER THE HOSTAGES WERE RELEASED, RSO INVESTIGATOR SPOKE WITH ONE OF THE RELEASED HOSTAGES, ECONOMIST FRANCISCO SAGASTI, A CONTACT OF U.S. HOSTAGES JIM WAGNER AND DON BOYD. SAGASTI REPORTED THAT THE TWO AMERICANS ARE HEALTHY AND ARE NOT BEING MISTREATED. SAGASTI ALSO SAID THAT HE OVERHEARD THE TERRORISTS SAY THEY WERE GOING TO CONTINUE TO RELEASE HOSTAGES WHO DO NOT APPEAR TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE "CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION," I.E. YOUNG PEOPLE, AND FOREIGN DIPLOMATS.

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ANOTHER RELEASED HOSTAGE TOLD AN RSO EMPLOYEE THAT ALL AMERICANS ARE OKAY, LOCATED IN THE SAME ROOM, AND THAT SPIRITS ARE HIGH.

LETTERS FROM HOSTAGES EMERGE FROM RESIDENCE

7. AT 17:00, THE ICRC PHONED TO SAY THAT IT HAD LETTERS FROM FIFTY HOSTAGES IN ITS POSSESSION. AN EMBASSY EMPLOYEE PICKED UP LETTERS, WHICH INCLUDED ONE FROM EACH OF THE U.S. HOSTAGES, AND DELIVERED THEM TO FAMILY MEMBERS. WE HAVE NO READ OUT YET (23:00) ON THE CONTENT OF THE LETTERS.

FUJIMORI ALLEGEDLY SAYS CRISIS OVER BY CHRISTMAS

8. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE PERUVIAN MARINE CORPS TOLD AN EMBASSY EMPLOYEE THIS AFTERNOON THAT FUJIMORI HAD TOLD THE MILITARY THAT THE HOSTAGE CRISIS WOULD NOT GO ON PASS CHRISTMAS. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER ALSO STATED THAT THE GOP WAS BRINGING IN

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SOME OF ITS MILITARY SPECIAL OPERATIONS PERSONNEL.

FUJIMORI TELLS NEWSPAPER EDITOR NO NEGOTIATIONS WITH TERRORISTS

9. THE ASSISTANT MANAGING EDITOR OF A LOCAL NEWSPAPER, EL SOL, TOLD EMBASSY PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER THAT FUJIMORI HAD TOLD EL SOL'S MANAGING EDITOR TODAY THAT FUJIMORI WILL NOT NEGOTIATE WITH TERRORISTS AND WILL NOT LIBERATE ANY MRTA PRISONERS.

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10. THE WIFE OF ONE OF THE AMERICAN HOSTAGES CALLED EMBASSY TO SAY THAT DURING THE PAST TWO DAYS, BEGINNING AROUND 7:30 AM AND LASTING FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR, CURTAINS OPENING AND CLOSING WERE SHOWN ON LOCAL TELEVISION FROM A SECOND STORY WINDOW OF THE JAPANESE RESIDENCE. SHE BELIEVES THE CURTAIN MOVEMENTS ARE ACTUALLY COMMUNICATION SIGNALS GENERATED BY HER HUSBAND. THIS ISSUE IS BEING LOOKED INTO BY THE TASK FORCE'S COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALISTS, WHO HAVE THUS FAR NOT REACHED ANY CONCLUSIONS ON THE MATTER.

HUMAN RIGHTS OMBUDSMAN UNCLEAR ON GOP NEGOTIATING POSITIONS

11. JORGE SANTISTEVAN, THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN -- WHO HAD BEEN MENTIONED AS A POSSIBLE INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN THE GOP AND THE MRTA -- CALLED THE AMBASSADOR AT 17:00 TO SAY THAT HE HAD NOT HEARD ANYTHING FROM THE GOP AND WAS NOT EVEN SURE OF ITS

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NEGOTIATING POSITION. HE EXPRESSED THE WIDELY HELD VIEW THAT THE
GOP WAS NOT READY TO GIVE IN TO ANY OF THE MRTA'S DEMANDS.

AMBASSADOR CALLED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY

12. THE AMBASSADOR WAS CALLED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AT 18:30
TO MEET WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER VOTO BERNALES AND CHIEF OF
STAFF HUGO DE ZELA. (SEPTEL) THEY TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT THE
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GOP TACTICS ARE DELIBERATE AND CONSIDERED, THAT THEY WILL NOT
RELEASE IMPRISONED TERRORISTS, AND THAT THE GOP SHARES OUR
PRIMARY GOAL OF SEEING THE HOSTAGES RELEASED UNHARMED.

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