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1. CLASSIFIED BY THOMAS HOLLADAY, ACTING DCM, REASON: 1.5 (D).

2. SUMMARY. PERU'S NEGOTIATOR DOMINGO PALERMO AND MRTA
COMANDANTE NESTOR CERPA HELD THEIR FIRST DIRECT TALKS ON DECEMBER
28 WHICH FACILITATED THE RELEASE OF 20 MORE HOSTAGES. MRTA
APPEARS TO BE RETREATING FROM ITS UNREALISTIC, INITIAL DEMAND
THAT THE GOP RELEASE MRTA PRISONERS IN EXCHANGE FOR AN END TO THE
HOSTAGE CRISIS. THE INTERIOR MINISTER ASSURES US THE GOP IS
ENDEAVORING TO FIND A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION, AND [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] IS OPTIMISTIC AFTER THE RECENT GOP-MRTA TALKS THAT SUCH
A RESOLUTION CAN BE REACHED. GOP-MRTA TALKS, HOWEVER, ARE STILL

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IN THEIR EARLY STAGES, AND THE HOSTAGE STANDOFF ON DAY 13 REMAINS
A VOLATILE ONE. END SUMMARY.

MRTA RELEASES TWENTY HOSTAGES

3. (U) MRTA RELEASED ON DECEMBER 28 TWENTY MORE HOSTAGES,
INCLUDING THE AMBASSADORS FROM MALAYSIA AND THE DOMINICAN
REPUBLIC. SEVEN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING ASIA
DIRECTOR JUAN CARLOS CAPUNAY WHO IS MARRIED TO AN AMCIT, AND NINE
JAPANESE (ALL REPRESENTING MAJOR JAPANESE BUSINESS INTERESTS),
ONE KOREAN, AND ONE PERUVIAN BUSINESSMEN, THE PRESIDENT OF THE
PERUVIAN EXPORTER'S ASSOCIATION, ROUNDED OUT THE LIST OF THE
RELEASED HOSTAGES. MRTA RELEASED THE HOSTAGES AFTER PRESIDENT OF
THE PERUVIAN EXPORTERS' ASSOCIATION JUAN ENRIQUE PANDAVIS,
ACCOMPANIED BY THE TWO AMBASSADORS, READ THE MRTA'S THIRD
COMMUNIQUE TO THE PRESS.

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4. (U) THE MRTA COMMUNIQUE CALLED ON THE MEDIA AND POLITICIANS TO STOP PORTRAYING MRTA AS TERRORISTS AND TO STOP COMPARING MRTA TO SENDERO LUMINOSO (SHINING PATH - SL) WHICH MRTA SAID EMPLOYS "IRRATIONAL VIOLENCE." MRTA ALSO INSISTED IN ITS MESSAGE THAT ITS MEMBERS RESPECT THE LIVES OF CIVILIANS. IN ADDITION, MRTA STATED ITS WILLINGNESS TO END THE HOSTAGE CRISIS THROUGH DIALOGUE IF PRISON CONDITIONS AND THE "DRAMA THAT THE RELATIVES OF OUR IMPRISONED COMRADES ARE LIVING" CAN BE ADDRESSED. LASTLY, MRTA NOTED THAT THE RELEASE OF 20 ON DECEMBER 28 WAS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF THE TERRORIST GROUP'S "GOOD WILL." INTERESTINGLY, MRTA DID NOT RESTATE EXPLICITLY THE GROUP'S PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED DEMAND THAT ITS IMPRISONED MEMBERS BE RELEASED IN EXCHANGE FOR FREEING

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HOSTAGES.

5. (U) MRTA'S RELEASE OF 20 HOSTAGES ALSO REFLECTED THE FIRST VISIBLE SIGNS OF A MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE GOP AND MRTA. EDUCATION MINISTER DOMINGO PALERMO, THE GOP'S INTERLOCUTOR WITH THE MRTA, MET FACE TO FACE WITH MRTA COMANDANTE NESTOR CERPA CARTOLINI FOR THE FIRST TIME FOR THREE HOURS PRIOR TO THE DECEMBER 28 RELEASES. AYACUCHO ARCHBISHOP JUAN LUIS CIPRIANI MADE HIS THIRD VISIT TO THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE, SPENDING SEVERAL HOURS INSIDE. AFTER MRTA RELEASED THE 20, PALERMO READ A BRIEF STATEMENT TO THE PRESS NOTING THAT HE HAD CONDUCTED "INFORMAL" TALKS WITH THE MRTA AND THAT CIPRIANI HAD SERVED AS AN OFFICIAL "WITNESS."

AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH INTERIOR MINISTER

6. [REDACTED] THE AMBASSADOR CALLED ON INTERIOR MINISTER GENERAL JUAN BRIONES ON DECEMBER 30 TO INTRODUCE AND OFFER THE SERVICES OF TWO FBI NEGOTIATION EXPERTS. CHIEF OF POLICE KETIN VIDAL JOINED THE MEETING MID-WAY THROUGH, BUT DID NOT PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY. TWO FBI OFFICIALS MADE A PRESENTATION ON THE NEED TO ENGAGE HOSTAGE TAKERS IN A DIALOGUE TO BRING THE CRISIS TO A PEACEFUL

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RESOLUTION. BRIONES SAID THE GOP IS FOLLOWING THIS PATH AND APPEARS TO BE HEADED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. THE AMBASSADOR MENTIONED THE UTILITY OF THIRD PARTY NEGOTIATORS, AND BRIONES OFFERED TO PASS THE SUGGESTION TO PRESIDENT FUJIMORI. BRIONES ASKED THAT ANY ADDITIONAL MATERIALS ON NEGOTIATION TECHNIQUES BE FUNNELED THROUGH HIM OR VIDAL AND ASKED HOW LONG THE NEGOTIATION EXPERTS WOULD BE AVAILABLE. BRIONES MORE OR LESS ADMITTED THE HOSTAGE CRISIS WAS THE RESULT OF AN INTELLIGENCE FAILURE, NOTING THAT "SOMETIMES THE DOVE ESCAPES THE HUNTER."

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ICRC MINNIG'S COMMENTS ON PROGRESS TO DATE

7. [REDACTED] IN A DECEMBER 30 MEETING WITH POLOFFS AND TWO FBI NEGOTIATION EXPERTS, [REDACTED] SAID THAT THE DECEMBER 28 MEETING BETWEEN GOP INTERLOCUTOR/NEGOTIATOR PALERMO AND MRTA COMANDANTE CERPA MADE HIM MORE "OPTIMISTIC" THAT A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE HOSTAGE CRISIS CAN BE REACHED. [REDACTED] CLARIFIED THAT HE DID NOT ATTEND THOSE TALKS NOR DID HE KNOW WHEN ANOTHER MEETING BETWEEN PALERMO AND CERPA WOULD TAKE PLACE. IN ANY EVENT, THE FIRST DIRECT GOP-MRTA TALKS, HE SAID, HAD TAKEN A "WEIGHT OFF THE SHOULDERS" OF THE [REDACTED] ALSO REVEALED THAT HE HAD PUSHED THE IDEA OF BRINGING IN ARCHBISHOP CIPRIANI TO THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR IMPORTANT, ALBEIT SYMBOLIC, SUPPORT FOR THE PROCESS.

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8. [REDACTED] FBI NEGOTIATING EXPERT STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING THE DIALOGUE GOING BETWEEN THE GOP AND MRTA, AS WELL AS THE NEED FOR NEGOTIATORS TO SUPPRESS THEIR PERSONAL ANIMOSITIES FOR THE OTHER SIDE. HE ALSO CAUTIONED THAT THE GOP AND MRTA SHOULD NOT GET FRUSTRATED IF THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO ACHIEVE THE RESULTS THEY WANT RIGHT AWAY. [REDACTED] OPINED THAT AT THIS STAGE PALERMO WILL NEED TO BRING SOMETHING CONCRETE TO THE MRTA, BUT AT

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THE SAME TIME, MAY MAKE MORE RELEASES A PREREQUISITE FOR TALKING FACE-TO-FACE WITH CERPA AGAIN. [REDACTED] INDICATED THAT THE MRTA MAY HAVE BEEN PREPARING TO RELEASE MORE HOSTAGES PRIOR TO PALERMO'S FIRST VISIT, BUT PALERMO'S MEETING WITH CERPA SERVED AS A CATALYST FOR THE FREEING OF 20 MORE HOSTAGES.

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9. [REDACTED] EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE GOP CONTINUES TO DENY THE ICRC ACCESS TO PRISONS. [REDACTED] THE ICRC HAD ITS [REDACTED]

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REGULARLY SCHEDULED VISIT TO YANAMAYO PRISON NEAR PUNO CANCELED IN THE WAKE OF THE HOSTAGE CRISIS, AND THE GOP HAS BLOCKED ICRC'S UNSCHEDULED VISITS TO OTHER PRISONS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] HE HAS MADE HIS COMPLAINT PUBLIC AND WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS THE GOP TO RESTORE ICRC'S UNRESTRICTED ACCESS TO PRISONERS. [REDACTED] THE GOP SHOULD NOT USE ICRC ACCESS TO PRISONERS AS A BARGAINING CHIP, ALTHOUGH [REDACTED] RESTORING ICRC PRISON VISITS COULD HELP THE GOP BUILD CONFIDENCE AND TRUST WITH THE MRTA.

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GOP EXTENDS EMERGENCY REGULATIONS IN LIMA

10. [REDACTED] THE GOP EXTENDED EMERGENCY REGULATIONS FROM SELECTED DISTRICTS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LIMA (INCLUDING LARGE SECTIONS OF THE CAPITAL) TO THE ENTIRE CITY AND DEPARTMENT OF LIMA ON DECEMBER 27 RETROACTIVE TO DECEMBER 18. THE GOP USED THESE REGULATIONS TO COMBAT TERRORISM IN ALL OF LIMA UNTIL RECENTLY, WHEN THE GOP NARROWED THEIR GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE AS TERRORISM RECEDED. OVER 40 PERCENT OF PERU'S POPULATION HAS BEEN LIVING UNDER EMERGENCY REGULATIONS FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS. UNDER PERU'S LONGSTANDING EMERGENCY REGULATIONS, THE GOP SUSPENDS

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CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS TO ASSEMBLY AND FREE MOVEMENT AND CEDES
GREATER POWERS TO SECURITY FORCES TO MAKE ARRESTS AND SEARCHES.
EMERGENCY REGULATIONS ALSO PERMIT THE ARMED FORCES TO ASSUME
PUBLIC ORDER RESPONSIBILITIES NORMALLY ASSIGNED TO THE POLICE.

CONGRESS BACKS FUJIMORI

11. (U) ON DECEMBER 27 PERU'S 120-MEMBER CONGRESS VOTED 90 TO
NONE TO SUPPORT PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S ONGOING EFFORTS TO RESOLVE

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THE HOSTAGE CRISIS. EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITION (APRA AND A
FEW EXTREME LEFTISTS) ABSTAINED ON THE PRIMARILY SYMBOLIC
RESOLUTION; MRTA IS STILL KEEPING FIVE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS
HOSTAGE. WITH A SOLID 70-MEMBER MAJORITY IN CONGRESS, FUJIMORI
CAN COUNT ON CONTINUED CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR HIS EFFORTS TO
DEAL WITH THE HOSTAGE CRISIS.

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