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SUBJECT: PERU'S HOSTAGE CRISIS UPDATE - JANUARY 3-6

REF: LA PAZ 00057

1. CLASSIFIED BY JAMES MACK, DCM, REASON: 1.5 (D).
2. SUMMARY: MRTA HAS NOT RELEASED ANY MORE OF ITS 74 HOSTAGES FOR FIVE CONSECUTIVE DAYS, AND THERE ARE NO APPARENT SIGNS THAT THE GOP AND MRTA ARE ANY CLOSER TO RESOLVING THE 20-DAY OLD HOSTAGE STANDOFF VERY SOON. KEY MEDIATOR ARCHBISHOP CIPRIANI HAS RESUMED HIS VISITS TO THE HOSTAGE SITE, BUT THE MRTA, IF ITS PAINTED SLOGANS ARE ANY INDICATION, CONTINUES TO HOLD OUT FOR THE RELEASE OF IMPRISONED MRTA MILITANTS.
END SUMMARY.

BOLIVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS LIMA

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3. (U) BOLIVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ANTONIO ARANIBAR ARRIVED IN LIMA ON JANUARY 5 AND WAS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT FUJIMORI ON JANUARY 6. THE TUPAC AMARU REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MRTA) RELEASED THE AMBASSADORS FROM MALAYSIA AND HONDURAS AFTER THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS VISITED PERU. WITH 15 IMPRISONED MRTA MEMBERS IN BOLIVIA, ARANIBAR FACES A MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TASK IN SECURING THE RELEASE OF THE BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR. UPON HIS ARRIVAL, HE PUBLICLY ASSURED THE GOP THAT BOLIVIA WILL NOT CONTEMPLATE RELEASING MRTA MEMBERS TO WIN THE FREEDOM OF THE BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR.

MRTA TAUNTS GOP WITH WALL HANGINGS

4. (U) MRTA CADRES PAINTED THREE SHEETS WITH ANTI-GOP MESSAGES AND HUNG THEM FROM THE ROOF OF THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE ON JANUARY 4. THE MAKESHIFT BILLBOARDS READ: "THE

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MOTHERS, WIVES, AND SONS OF OUR PRISONERS ALSO AWAIT THEIR FREEDOM -- PEACE FOR ALL PERUVIANS, " WITH ARROGANT DECLARATIONS AND WITHOUT DIALOGUE THERE WILL NEVER BE A SOLUTION, " AND "PERU TODAY: 13 MILLION PERUVIANS IN EXTREME POVERTY. WHERE IS THE PROGRESS?" ADDING FUEL TO THE FIRE, THE MRTA HOSTAGE TAKERS ALSO SET UP AN MRTA FLAG ON THE ROOFTOP.

FUJIMORI THANKS CHIRAC

5. [REDACTED] FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO PERU BERNARD PRAGUE SHARED WITH [REDACTED]
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AMBASSADOR JETT PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S DECEMBER 27 LETTER TO FRENCH PRESIDENT CHIRAC. FUJIMORI'S LETTER THANKS THE FRENCH PRESIDENT FOR THE G-8 COMMUNIQUE EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY AND OFFERING THE GOP SUPPORT DURING THE HOSTAGE CRISIS.

ICRC VISITS MRTA PRISONERS IN BOLIVIA

6. [REDACTED] PHILLIP AND FRANCOISE COMTESSE, ICRC DELEGATES BASED IN BUENOS AIRES, VISITED PRISONERS IN BOLIVIA ON JANUARY 4, INCLUDING MRTA MEMBERS INVOLVED IN THE 1995 KIDNAPPING OF BOLIVIAN BUSINESSMAN AND FORMER MINISTER SAMUEL DORIA MEDINA. ICRC TOLD THE PRESS THAT THEIR VISIT "COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE SEARCH FOR A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION" OF THE HOSTAGE CRISIS (REFTEL). FRANCOISE COMTESSE HAD BEEN SECONDED TO THE ICRC IN LIMA EARLY ON IN THE HOSTAGE CRISIS. PRIOR TO DEPARTING, SHE TOLD US SHE WAS RETURNING TO ARGENTINA ON JANUARY 4 TO BE ON "STAND-BY" AND MADE NO MENTION OF AN UPCOMING VISIT TO BOLIVIA. PERU CONTINUES TO SUSPEND ICRC ACCESS TO PERU'S PRISONS. MEDIATOR ARCHBISHOP CIPRIANI TOLD US THE GOP FEARS ICRC WILL RELAY MESSAGES TO AND FROM THE MRTA HOSTAGE TAKERS AND JAILED MRTA LEADERS.

CIPRIANI REENTERS HOSTAGE SITE

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7. [REDACTED] AFTER POINTEDLY ABSENTING HIMSELF FROM THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE ON JANUARY 2 AND 3, ARCHBISHOP CIPRIANI, THE KEY MEDIATOR IN GOP-MRTA NEGOTIATIONS, RETURNED TO THE HOSTAGE SITE FOR A FEW HOURS ON BOTH JANUARY 4 AND 5. GOP INTERLOCUTOR DOMINGO PALERMO HAS NOT HAD FACE-TO-FACE CONTACT WITH MRTA COMANDANTE NESTOR CERPA SINCE DECEMBER 28.

 SENDERO LUMINOSO ASSERTS ITSELF

8. (U) SENDERO LUMINOSO (SHINING PATH - SL), PERU'S LEADING TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, CONTINUES TO BE ACTIVE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE. SENDERO LUMINOSO CADRES REPORTEDLY BEAT TO DEATH
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 SIX PEASANTS NEAR OLMOS, LAMBAYEQUE DEPARTMENT, ON CHRISTMAS DAY AFTER ACCUSING THEM OF INFORMING ON THE ORGANIZATION. SL MILITANTS ALSO ASSASSINATED ON CHRISTMAS EVE A MOTHER AND HER THREE CHILDREN IN THE VILLAGE OF YACSA, HUANUCO PROVINCE, AFTER THE FAMILY APPARENTLY REFUSED TO PAY "WAR TAXES" AND ALIGN THEMSELVES WITH SL'S "ARMED STRUGGLE."

9. (U) ON DECEMBER 28 A SENDERO LUMINOSO COLUMN REPORTEDLY STOPPED TRAFFIC ON THE ROAD BETWEEN TINGO MARIA AND AUCAYACU, IN THE UPPER HUALLAGA VALLEY, AND COLLECTED "WAR TAXES." APPARENTLY RESPONDING TO MRTA COMANDANTE CERPA'S REPEATED CRITICISM OF SENDERO LUMINOSO, THE SL TERRORISTS FORCED STRANDED MOTORISTS TO ATTEND AN IMPROMPTU RALLY IN WHICH THEY ARGUED THAT SL REPRESENTS THE WORKING CLASS WHILE MRTA IS LINKED TO "MILLIONAIRES."

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