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	EUR-01	FAAE-00	H-01	IMMC-01	TEDE-00	INR-00	INSE-00
	IO-00	LAB-01	L-01	MCO-01	ADS-00	MMP-00	M-00
	NRCE-00	NSAE-00	NSCE-00	OCS-03	OIC-02	OIS-01	OMB-01
	OPIC-01	PA-00	PM-00	PRS-00	P-00	CIO-00	SP-00
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 AMEMBASSY TOKYO IMMEDIATE
 CIA WASHINGTON DC IMMEDIATE
 JCS WASHINGTON DC IMMEDIATE
 FBI WASHINGTON DC IMMEDIATE
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 AMEMBASSY LA PAZ PRIORITY
 USMISSION GENEVA PRIORITY
 DIA WASHDC PRIORITY
 AMEMBASSY CARACAS
 AMEMBASSY MONTEVIDEO
 DEAHQS WASHDC
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 AMEMBASSY LONDON
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 AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO
 AMEMBASSY OTTAWA
 AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

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1. CLASSIFIED BY JAMES MACK, DCM, REASON: 1.5 (D).

2. [REDACTED] SUMMARY: [REDACTED]
THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT RESUMED ITS TALKS WITH MRTA IN
RESPONSE TO THE TERRORIST GROUP'S INSISTENCE THAT ITS IMPRISONED
MILITANTS BE RELEASED. ALTHOUGH THE SHOTS THAT MRTA FIRED EARLY
ON JANUARY 7 DID NOT LEAD TO A MORE SERIOUS INCIDENT, [REDACTED]
BELIEVES A CONTINUOUS GOP-MRTA DIALOGUE IS NECESSARY TO MAKE THE
CURRENT STANDOFF LESS VOLATILE. END SUMMARY.

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MRTA STILL DIGGING IN ON RELEASE OF MRTA PRISONERS

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3. [REDACTED] IN HIS JANUARY 7 MEETING WITH POLOFF AND TWO FBI
NEGOTIATION EXPERTS, [REDACTED]
SAID THE TUPAC AMARU REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MRTA) CONTINUES TO
INSIST THAT THE GOP RELEASE OVER 400 IMPRISONED MRTA MILITANTS IN
EXCHANGE FOR THE 74 VIP HOSTAGES MRTA IS HOLDING. [REDACTED] NOTED
THAT MRTA COMANDANTE NESTOR CERPA IS NOT FOCUSING AT ALL ON HOW
HE AND THE OTHER TERRORISTS CAN SECURE SAFE PASSAGE OUT OF THE
JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE; INSTEAD, THE HOSTAGE TAKERS ARE
DIGGING IN ON THEIR PRIMARY AND UNREALISTIC DEMAND.

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4. [REDACTED] INDICATED THAT THE GOP HAD TRIED TO CONVINCe MRTA
THAT IT HAD ALREADY SECURED TREMENDOUS PROPAGANDA GAINS BY
STORMING THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE ON DECEMBER 17, BUT
THE TIME HAD COME TO NEGOTIATE THE MRTA CADRES' SAFE PASSAGE TO A
THIRD COUNTRY. WHEN MRTA REFUSED TO CONTEMPLATE ANYTHING LESS
THAN PRISONER RELEASES, [REDACTED] SAID THE GOP INTERRUPTED ITS
DIALOGUE WITH THE MRTA CAPTORS. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, [REDACTED] SAID
THE GOP NEEDED TO REENGAGE MRTA IN A STRUCTURED, BUSINESS-LIKE
DIALOGUE. HE OPINED THAT A MUTUALLY-AGREED UPON MEDIATION

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COMMISSION MIGHT HELP BREAK THE CURRENT IMPASSE.

MRTA FIRES WARNING SHOT

5. [REDACTED] CONFIRMED THAT THE TWO TO THREE SHOTS FIRED BY MRTA AT 3:20 A.M. ON JANUARY 7 INSIDE THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE WERE "NO ACCIDENT." [REDACTED] DECLINED TO ELABORATE ON THE INCIDENT, BUT HINTED THAT MRTA FIRED THE SHOTS AS SOME TYPE OF WARNING, PERHAPS IN RESPONSE TO PERCEIVED POLICE MOVEMENTS OUTSIDE THE PERIMETER OF THE RESIDENCE WALL.

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[REDACTED] COMMUNICATED QUICKLY WITH THE MRTA HOSTAGE TAKERS TO MAKE SURE THE STRAY SHOTS DID NOT ESCALATE INTO A SERIOUS CONFRONTATION BETWEEN MRTA AND THE PERUVIAN POLICE. [REDACTED] OFFERED THAT THE MRTA HOSTAGE TAKERS DID NOT SEEM TO BE FRUSTRATED YET, BUT RATHER SEEMED PREPARED FOR A LONG STANDOFF.

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6. [REDACTED] ASKED ABOUT THE CONDITION OF THE HOSTAGES, [REDACTED] SAID THAT DESPITE THEIR DIFFICULT CAPTIVITY, THE 74 VIP CAPTIVES GENERALLY REMAIN OKAY. HE SAID THE MORALE OF HOSTAGES DROPPED WHEN GOP INTERLOCUTOR DOMINGO PALERMO'S DECEMBER 28 FACE-TO-FACE MEETING WITH MRTA COMANDANTE CERPA DID NOT YIELD A FINAL SETTLEMENT. TO HELP THE HOSTAGES SHORE THEMSELVES UP MENTALLY, [REDACTED] SAID HE URGES THEM NOT TO EXPECT SUDDEN BREAKTHROUGHS IN THIS PROTRACTED HOSTAGE CRISIS. [REDACTED] NOTED THAT HE ALSO ASKED THE MRTA CAPTORS TO REITERATE OFTEN THEIR ASSURANCES TO THE HOSTAGES THAT MRTA DOES NOT INTEND TO HARM THE HOSTAGES.

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7. [REDACTED] REFERRING TO THE ADVICE A CROATIAN BISHOP ONCE GAVE HIM, THE STILL ENERGETIC [REDACTED] SAID EVERYONE INVOLVED IN THE HOSTAGE CRISIS "MUST NOT TIRE." [REDACTED]

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