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REF: SECSTATE 004088 (NOTAL)

1. CLASSIFIED BY DENNIS JETT, AMBASSADOR, REASON: 1.5 (D).
2. SUMMARY: AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF MRTA'S SECOND ROUND OF WARNING SHOTS IN THREE DAYS, GOP INTERLOCUTOR DOMINGO PALERMO REESTABLISHED RADIO CONTACT WITH MRTA COMANDANTE NESTOR CERPA. THE GOP HAS PUBLICLY REITERATED ITS OFFER OF SAFE PASSAGE TO A THIRD (AS YET UNSPECIFIED) COUNTRY AND PALERMO TOLD CERPA HE MAY HAVE A SECOND FACE-TO-FACE MEETING WITH HIM ON JANUARY 11 OR 12. KEY MEDIATOR ARCHBISHOP CIPRIANI, CURRENTLY IN HIS AYACUCHO DIOCESE, ALSO APPEARS SLATED TO REENTER THE HOSTAGE SITE THIS WEEKEND. END SUMMARY.

MRTA FIRES FOUR WARNING SHOTS
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3. MRTA FIRED FOUR WARNING SHOTS INTO THE AIR AT 2:45 A.M. ON JANUARY 10. [REDACTED] THE MRTA SAID IT FIRED THE SHOTS AFTER PERCEIVING A POLICEMAN WALKING BY THE FRONT GATE OF THE OUTSIDE WALL SURROUNDING THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AND ANOTHER POLICEMAN APPROACHING THE HOLE IN THE BACK WALL OF THE PERIMETER. MRTA'S WARNING SHOTS DID NOT INJURE ANYONE, BUT DID FOR A TIME INCREASE TENSIONS ONCE AGAIN AT THE HOSTAGE SITE.

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PALERMO SPEAKS WITH CERPA

4. (U) GOP INTERLOCUTOR AND EDUCATION MINISTER DOMINGO PALERMO, IN THE PRESENCE OF FOUR JOURNALISTS, MADE RADIO CONTACT WITH MRTA COMANDANTE NESTOR CERPA ON JANUARY 10. DURING THEIR FOUR MINUTE CONVERSATION, PALERMO ASKED IF CERPA WOULD AGREE TO ALLOW

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ARCHBISHOP AND KEY MEDIATOR JUAN LUIS CIPRIANI TO SAY MASS AT THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE ON JANUARY 12. CERPA RESPONDED THAT THE ARCHBISHOP IS WELCOME AT THE RESIDENCE AT ANY TIME. PALERMO ALSO ASKED IF CERPA WOULD BE AMENABLE TO PALERMO'S SECOND FACE-TO-FACE MEETING WITH HIM THIS WEEKEND, TO WHICH CERPA RESPONDED POSITIVELY, JOKING THAT "WE DO NOT HAVE ANY PLANS TO GO ANYWHERE."

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5. [REDACTED] AMBASSADOR SPOKE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY CHIEF OF STAFF HUGO DE ZELA ON JANUARY 9 [REDACTED]

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6. [REDACTED] ON THE CURRENT STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE GOP AND THE MRTA, DE ZELA ADMITTED THAT LITTLE WAS GOING ON AT THE MOMENT WITH ARCHBISHOP CIPRIANI BACK IN AYACUCHO AND NO FOLLOW-UP TO THE INITIAL DECEMBER 28 MEETING BETWEEN EDUCATION MINISTER DOMINGO PALERMO AND THE MRTA COMANDANTE NESTOR CERPA. DE ZELA SAID IT WAS THE GOP'S STRATEGY TO LET THINGS STEW FOR A WHILE MAINLY BECAUSE CERPA HAD NOT BACKED OFF HIS DEMAND THAT HIS IMPRISONED MRTA COMRADES BE RELEASED FROM JAIL.

7. [REDACTED] DESPITE THIS "CORE PROBLEM," THE GOP NONETHELESS SAW THE NEXT STEP IN THE COMING DAYS BEING "GLOBAL TALKS" WHERE THE GOP AND CERPA WORK OUT A FINAL DEAL FOR THE RELEASE OF ALL THE

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REMAINING 74 HOSTAGES. THE GOP SAW NO BENEFIT, DE ZELA OFFERED, TO ADDITIONAL PARTIAL RELEASES. THE CHIEF OF STAFF PREDICTED THAT THE HOSTAGE SITUATION WOULD BE RESOLVED BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH AND, IN PART, FOR THIS REASON THE GOP HAD ANNOUNCED ON JANUARY 9 THAT THE NEXT ROUND OF BORDER TALKS WITH ECUADOR WOULD TAKE PLACE IN BRASILIA ON FEBRUARY 17.

ARCHBISHOP CIPRIANI ABSENTS HIMSELF

8. [REDACTED] IN A JANUARY 10 MEETING [REDACTED] TOLD US THAT KEY MEDIATOR ARCHBISHOP JUAN LUIS CIPRIANI DID NOT INTEND TO RETURN FROM AYACUCHO TO LIMA UNTIL JANUARY 12 OR 13 (NOTE: THE AFOREMENTIONED CONVERSATION BETWEEN PALERMO AND CERPA WILL ALMOST [REDACTED])

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CERTAINLY MOVE UP CIPRIANI'S TRAVEL PLANS). ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] CIPRIANI IS EXHAUSTED BY THE PROTRACTED HOSTAGE CRISIS. CIPRIANI, [REDACTED] ADDED, WAS VERY FRUSTRATED BY THE PRESS'S SECOND UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY INTO THE HOSTAGE SITE, WHICH HE BELIEVED SET BACK GOP-MRTA NEGOTIATIONS FURTHER.

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9. [REDACTED] ENDORSED THE GOP'S POLICY OF LETTING THE MRTA RECONSIDER THE GOP'S OFFER OF SAFE PASSAGE OUT OF THE COUNTRY IN RETURN FOR LAYING DOWN ITS ARMS AND RELEASING ALL 74 HOSTAGES. CALLING THE HOSTAGE TAKERS "TEEN-AGERS" AND "INDIANS," [REDACTED] MAINTAINED THAT THE GOP'S STRATEGY OF "BORING THEM" WOULD SUCCEED IN MAKING THEM MORE REALISTIC IN NEGOTIATIONS. [REDACTED] SAID HE WOULD CONVEY TO CIPRIANI THE [REDACTED] SUGGESTION THAT THE GOP ESTABLISH A HOSTAGE CRISIS SPOKESPERSON WHO CAN DELIVER A DAILY PRESS BRIEFING. SUCH REGULAR GOP BRIEFINGS, THEY NOTED, WOULD AVERT MUCH PRESS SPECULATION AND CONVEY THE GOP'S ONGOING CONCERN FOR THE SAFETY OF THE HOSTAGES.

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PRIME MINISTER REITERATES GOP OFFER TO MRTA

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10. (U) PRIME MINISTER ALBERTO PANDOLFI TOLD REPORTERS ON JANUARY 9 THAT THE GOP WILL NOT USE FORCE TO ENTER THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AS LONG AS THE MRTA TERRORISTS DO NOT HARM THE 74 VIP HOSTAGES. HE REAFFIRMED THAT THE GOP IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER GIVING THE MRTA TERRORISTS SAFE PASSAGE TO A THIRD COUNTRY WITH THE HELP OF A GUARANTOR COMMISSION ONCE THE MRTA ABANDONS ITS WEAPONS AND RELEASES ALL THE HOSTAGES. PANDOLFI SAID A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES (WHICH HE DID NOT WANT TO NAME YET)

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HAVE OFFERED TO RECEIVE THE HOSTAGE TAKERS IN SUPPORT OF A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION.

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