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PERU'S HOSTAGE CRISIS

1. CLASSIFIED BY DENNIS JETT, AMBASSADOR, REASON: 1.5 (D).
2. [REDACTED] SUMMARY: A VISITING SENIOR ICRC OFFICIAL TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE BELIEVES THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT'S OFFER TO FORM A GUARANTOR COMMISSION CAN GET GOP-MRTA TALKS BACK ON TRACK, BUT ONLY IF THE TUPAC AMARU REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MRTA) CAN BE COAXED TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE. THE ICRC WILL BE AS FORWARD-LEANING AS POSSIBLE WITHIN ITS INSTITUTIONAL LIMITATIONS TO ASSIST IN FACILITATING A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE HOSTAGE CRISIS. HE CAUTIONED THAT THE TALKS, ESPECIALLY GIVEN THE ABSENCE OF A REAL MEDIATOR, COULD TAKE A LONG TIME. END SUMMARY.

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ICRC TRIES TO FACILITATE TALKS  
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3. [REDACTED] VISITING GENEVA-BASED ICRC DELEGATE GENERAL FOR THE AMERICAS FRANCIS AMAR CALLED ON THE AMBASSADOR ON JANUARY 14 TO REVIEW THE ONGOING HOSTAGE CRISIS. AMAR CALLED THE GOP PROPOSAL TO FORM A GUARANTOR COMMISSION "AN OPENING THAT THE MRTA MUST SEIZE." NOTING THAT HE INTENDED TO ENTER THE HOSTAGE SITE AND MEET MRTA COMANDANTE NESTOR CERPA CARTOLINI LATER THE SAME AFTERNOON, AMAR INDICATED THAT HE WOULD TRY TO CONVINCE CERPA TO ENGAGE THE GOP IN SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS. AMAR SAID ICRC CHIEF DELEGATE TO PERU MICHEL MINNIG INFORMED HIM THAT CERPA WAS NOT VERY WELL PREPARED FOR THE DIPLOMATIC WORK THAT NEEDED TO BE DONE TO END THE HOSTAGE CRISIS.
4. [REDACTED] AMAR NOTED THAT IN ADDITION TO SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO GET MRTA ENGAGED IN NEGOTIATIONS, THE ICRC IS ALSO TRYING TO REDUCE THE LEVEL OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FROM THE GOP AND MRTA OF WHAT SHOULD BE CLOSE-HELD NEGOTIATIONS. HE HINTED THAT THE MRTA'S ANSWER TO THE GOP GUARANTOR COMMISSION PROPOSAL WOULD SHOW SOME

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FLEXIBILITY AND MAY COME AS SOON AS JANUARY 14. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE ADVISED PRIME MINISTER ALBERTO PANDOLFI AND GOP INTERLOCUTOR DOMINGO PALERMO IN THEIR JANUARY 13 MEETING THAT THE GOP AND MRTA SHOULD AVOID NEGOTIATING PUBLICLY. PANDOLFI RESPONDED THAT THE GOP WAS AMENABLE TO KEEPING TALKS PRIVATE, BUT DID NOT TRUST THE MRTA TO DO SO.

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ICRC ROLE EVOLVES WITHIN LIMITS  
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5. [REDACTED] ASKED ABOUT ICRC'S LIMITATIONS IN NEGOTIATIONS, AMAR TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT ICRC CONTINUES TO ADAPT TO THE EVOLVING HOSTAGE CRISIS, AND IN ADDITION TO SHOWING COMMON SENSE, WILL TRY TO BE "IMAGINATIVE" AND "FLEXIBLE." AT THE SAME TIME, HE STRESSED THAT ICRC DOES NOT WANT TO MEDIATE OR IN ANY WAY BE DRAWN INTO THE POLITICS OF NEGOTIATIONS. THE ICRC, HE CONTINUED, CAN FACILITATE TALKS OR LEND NEUTRALITY TO A LOCATION OR A MEETING, BUT CANNOT GUARANTEE ANYTHING WITHOUT THE COOPERATION OF THE GOP AND THE MRTA.

6. [REDACTED] AMAR SAID HE TOLD PANDOLFI AND PALERMO THAT THE ICRC DOES NOT WANT TO BE AN OBSTACLE TO THE FORMATION OF A GUARANTOR COMMISSION, AS LONG AS THE GOP UNDERSTANDS THE INSTITUTIONAL LIMITS ON THE ROLE ICRC CAN PLAY. THE ICRC, HE SAID, PREFERENCES NOT TO BE PRESENT DURING NEGOTIATIONS, BUT IF AN ICRC PRESENCE AT THE TABLE IS DEEMED USEFUL, AMAR INDICATED THE ICRC WOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE PART IN THE TALKS. THE ICRC AMERICAS DELEGATE GENERAL SAID ICRC WOULD LIMIT ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DISCUSSIONS TO EXPLAINING ICRC'S ROLE AND TO PROVIDING INSIGHTS ON HUMANITARIAN ISSUES SUCH AS PRISON CONDITIONS.

7. [REDACTED] ASKED IF A GENUINE ACTIVIST MEDIATOR COULD MOVE THE TALKS MORE QUICKLY TO A RESOLUTION, AMAR AGREED BUT NOTED THAT THE GOP AND MRTA WOULD NOT LIKELY CONCUR ON A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE MEDIATOR. HE ADDED THAT EVEN AYACUCHO ARCHBISHOP JUAN LUIS

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CIPRIANI IS HARDLY NEUTRAL GIVEN HIS PRO-GOVERNMENT SENTIMENTS.  
 WITH SUCH LIMITATIONS, AMAR WOULD NOT EVEN HAZARD A GUESS AS TO  
 WHEN THE TALKS MIGHT CONCLUDE SUCCESSFULLY OTHER THAN TO SAY IT  
 COULD BE A LONG TIME.

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 ICRC RAISES CONCERNS WITH GOP  
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8. [REDACTED] AMAR REVEALED THAT THE ICRC IS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE  
 SAFETY OF ITS DELEGATES IN THE WAKE OF MRTA'S JANUARY 13 WARNING  
 SHOTS. THE ICRC DELEGATE GENERAL SAID MRTA FIRED THE SHOTS IN  
 RESPONSE TO ROCKS BEING THROWN AT THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S  
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 RESIDENCE FROM NEARBY RESIDENCES OSTENSIBLY UNDER POLICE CONTROL.  
 HE SAID HE TOLD PALERMO AND PANDOLFI THAT IF THE GOP INTENDS TO  
 TEST MRTA REACTIONS VIA THESE ROCK-THROWING INCIDENTS, THE GOP  
 SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT THESE "PROVOCATIONS" COULD HAVE SERIOUS  
 CONSEQUENCES. AMAR NOTED THAT THE ICRC'S DEPUTY DELEGATE WAS  
 INSIDE THE HOSTAGE SITE WHEN MRTA FIRED THREE BURSTS OF GUNFIRE  
 AND THAT EVEN AS ICRC ENDEAVORED TO CALM THE SITUATION, THE ROCK-  
 THROWING CONTINUED FOR SOME TEN MINUTES.

9. [REDACTED] AMAR SAID HE ALSO REITERATED TO PANDOLFI AND PALERMO THE  
 ICRC'S UNANSWERED FORMAL REQUEST FOR GOP PERMISSION TO RESUME OF  
 ICRC VISITS TO PERUVIAN PRISONS. HE ASKED BOTH MINISTERS TO  
 UNDERSTAND THAT THE GOP WAS NOT ADVOCATING FOR MRTA PRISONERS BUT  
 RATHER HAD A HUMANITARIAN MISSION TO FULFILL INDEPENDENT OF THE  
 HOSTAGE CRISIS. THE GOP, HE NOTED, SEES ICRC ACCESS TO PRISONERS  
 AS A BARGAINING CHIP TO BE USED WITH THE MRTA, A POSITION AMAR  
 SAID HE COMPREHENDS BUT WITH WHICH HE CANNOT AGREE. THE  
 AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT THE USG ALSO REMAINS CONCERNED ABOUT THE  
 GOP'S DECISION TO DENY THE USG, AS WELL AS THE ICRC AND FAMILY  
 MEMBERS, ACCESS TO PRISONERS ACCUSED OR CONVICTED OF TERRORISM.

10. [REDACTED] ASKED ABOUT THE HOSTAGES' MORALE, AMAR SAID HE  
 UNDERSTANDS FROM MINNIG THAT THE HOSTAGES' MOODS IMPROVE AS THEY  
 BEGIN TO ACCEPT THAT THE HOSTAGE CRISIS WILL NOT BE RESOLVED FOR

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SOME TIME. THE MRTA HOSTAGE TAKERS, HE SAID, REMAINED COHERENT AND DETERMINED, AND SEEMED PREPARED TO HOLD OUT FOR A LONG TIME.

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ICRC THANKS USG  
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11. (U) AMAR OPENED AND CLOSED THE MEETING BY EXPRESSING HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE "STRONG AND EFFICIENT" SUPPORT GIVEN TO ICRC BY THE USG DURING THE HOSTAGE CRISIS. HE SAID THE ICRC HAS PUT TO GOOD USE THE COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT LOANED TO THEM AND ITS CONSULTATIONS WITH THE FBI NEGOTIATION EXPERTS. HE SAID HE WAS GRATIFIED TO RECEIVE A CALL OF SUPPORT FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIDOW AND INTENDED TO RETURN THE CALL UPON RETURNING TO GENEVA. THE AMBASSADOR REAFFIRMED OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE OUTSTANDING AND CRITICAL ROLE MICHEL MINNIG AND OTHER ICRC DELEGATES CONTINUE TO PLAY IN THE HOSTAGE CRISIS.

12. (U) AMAR WAS ACCOMPANIED BY SOPHIE GRAVEN, A LIMA-BASED ICRC DELEGATE; MICHEL MINNIG WAS AT THE HOSTAGE SITE AT THE TIME OF THE MEETING. THE AMBASSADOR WAS ACCOMPANIED BY POLOFF DAN LAWTON (NOTETAKER).

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