

[REDACTED]

n/a

Case Number: S200200010

RELEASED IN FULL

PTQ3726

[REDACTED]

PTQ3726

PAGE 01 LIMA 00518 01 OF 03 170028Z  
ACTION ARA-01

INFO	LOG-00	ACDA-10	ACDE-00	INLB-01	AMAD-01	SMEC-00	INL-01
	OASY-00	DOEE-00	DS-00	EAP-01	EUR-01	TEDE-00	INR-00
	IO-00	LAB-01	ADS-00	MMP-00	NSAE-00	OIC-02	SCT-00
	SSO-00	ASDS-01	DSCC-00	DRL-09	G-00	/029W	

-----9057CE 170029Z /38

O 162241Z JAN 97  
 FM AMEMBASSY LIMA  
 TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5392  
 INFO DOJ WASHDC IMMEDIATE  
 JCS WASHINGTON DC IMMEDIATE  
 CIA WASHINGTON DC IMMEDIATE  
 USCINCSO QUARRY HEIGHTS PM IMMEDIATE  
 AMEMBASSY TOKYO IMMEDIATE  
 FBI WASHINGTON DC IMMEDIATE  
 DIA WASHDC PRIORITY  
 USMISSION GENEVA PRIORITY  
 AMEMBASSY LA PAZ PRIORITY  
 AMEMBASSY OTTAWA  
 AMEMBASSY LONDON  
 AMEMBASSY BRASILIA  
 AMEMBASSY QUITO  
 AMEMBASSY CARACAS  
 AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES  
 AMEMBASSY PARIS  
 AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO  
 AMEMBASSY MONTEVIDEO  
 DEAHQS WASHDC

[REDACTED]

PAGE 02 LIMA 00518 01 OF 03 170028Z

[REDACTED] SECTION 01 OF 03 LIMA 000518

JUSTICE FOR TVCS -- J LANCASTER  
SOUTHCOM ALSO FOR POLAD

E.O. 12958: DECL: 01/15/07  
TAGS: PTER ASEC PREL PGOV PE

n/a

[REDACTED]

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
REVIEW AUTHORITY: WILLIAM E. LANDFAIR  
DATE/CASE ID: 13 AUG 2002 S200200010

[REDACTED]  
n/a

Case Number: S200200010

SUBJECT: THREE PERUVIAN TERRORISM EXPERTS EXPECT A PEACEFUL END TO HOSTAGE CRISIS

1. CLASSIFIED BY DENNIS JETT, AMBASSADOR, REASON: 1.5 (D).
2. [REDACTED] SUMMARY: PERU'S THREE MOST PROMINENT NON-GOVERNMENT TERRORISM WATCHERS PREDICTED RECENTLY THAT THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT AND MRTA TERRORISTS WILL EVENTUALLY STRIKE A DEAL TO END THE HOSTAGE STANDOFF PEACEFULLY. WHILE THE LONGTIME TERRORISM WATCHERS BELIEVED MRTA'S HOSTAGE TAKING WAS A SERIOUS BLOW TO THE FUJIMORI GOVERNMENT, NONE BELIEVED THE DEBILITATED MRTA WOULD MAKE POLITICAL OR MILITARY INROADS IN PERU IN THE NEAR OR LONG TERM. THE THREE ANALYSTS DISAGREED ON WHETHER SENDERO LUMINOSO WOULD LAUNCH ITS OWN TERRORIST OFFENSIVE IN RESPONSE TO MRTA'S HEADLINE-GRABBING ACTION. END SUMMARY.

-----  
TERRORISM WATCHERS SEE PEACEFUL RESOLUTION  
-----

3. [REDACTED] PERU'S THREE LEADING TERRORISM ANALYSTS, CARLOS IVAN DEGREGORI, CARLOS TAPIA AND RAUL GONZALEZ, ALL TOLD POLOFFS IN RECENT, SEPARATE MEETINGS THAT THEY BELIEVE THE HOSTAGE CRISIS
- [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

PAGE 03 LIMA 00518 01 OF 03 170028Z  
WILL END PEACEFULLY. THEY SPECULATED THAT BY TEMPERAMENT PRESIDENT FUJIMORI WOULD PREFER TO RESPOND TO THE VIOLENT TAKEOVER OF THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE WITH VIOLENCE, BUT BELIEVE FUJIMORI UNDERSTANDS THAT HE WOULD LOSE TOO MUCH POLITICALLY IF HE INITIATED A RISKY RESCUE OPERATION TO END THE CRISIS. CARLOS TAPIA SAID HE WAS SURPRISED AT HOW WELL FUJIMORI HAD WALKED A FINE LINE SO FAR BETWEEN THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT'S EMPHASIS ON THE SAFETY OF THE HOSTAGES AND THE PERUVIAN MILITARY'S HARD LINE AGAINST TERRORISM.

4. [REDACTED] THE LONGTIME TERRORISM WATCHERS SIMILARLY ARGUED THAT THE TUPAC AMARU REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MRTA) WOULD ULTIMATELY ACCEPT MUCH LESS THAN THEIR CURRENT DEMAND THAT THEIR IMPRISONED COMRADES BE RELEASED. THE TERRORISM ANALYSTS PROFFERED THAT THE MRTA, HAVING ALREADY ACHIEVED SUBSTANTIAL INTERNATIONAL PROPAGANDA SUCCESS FOR THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, WOULD EVENTUALLY SHIFT ITS FOCUS TO NEGOTIATING SAFE PASSAGE OUT OF THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. MRTA COMANDANTE NESTOR CERPA CARTOLINI HAS WON INTERNATIONAL FAME, BUT HE GAINS NOTHING, RAUL

[REDACTED]  
n/a

[REDACTED]  
n/a  
Case Number: S200200010

GONZALEZ NOTED, UNLESS HE LEAVES THE HOSTAGE SITE ALIVE.

-----  
MRTA WINS ATTENTION FAR BEYOND ITS CAPABILITIES  
-----

5. (U) GONZALES, DEGREGORI AND TAPIA ALL CONCEDED THAT MRTA'S DRAMATIC REAPPEARANCE IN LIMA SURPRISED THEM COMPLETELY. ALL THREE PARTICIPATED IN AN AUGUST 28 USIA-SPONSORED TELECONFERENCE ON TERRORISM, AND ALTHOUGH THEY AND THE AUDIENCE DISCUSSED SENDERO LUMINOSO (SHINING PATH - SL) TERRORISM AT LENGTH, NONE OF THEM EVEN MENTIONED THE MRTA. THE THREE WERE NOT ALONE IN

PAGE 04 LIMA 00518 01 OF 03 170028Z  
WRITING OFF THE MRTA - OTHER PANELISTS AT A WOODROW WILSON INSTITUTE-SPONSORED OCTOBER 17 LIMA CONFERENCE ON TERRORISM AND PACIFICATION DID NOT DISCUSS MRTA EITHER.

6. [REDACTED] NONE OF THE TERRORISM EXPERTS BELIEVED THAT MRTA, NO MATTER WHAT THE OUTCOME OF THE HOSTAGE CRISIS, WOULD BE ABLE TO RECONSTITUTE ITSELF AS A SERIOUS POLITICAL OR MILITARY FORCE IN PERU. ALL THREE HAVE WRITTEN EXTENSIVELY ABOUT PERU'S PERVASIVE ANTI-TERRORISM CULTURE, THE RESULT OF 16 YEARS OF TERRORIST INSURGENCIAS WHICH HAVE RESULTED IN SOME 30,000 DEATHS. TAPIA ESTIMATED THAT MRTA, OUTSIDE OF THE HOSTAGE SITE, HAS ONLY 40 PERSONS UNDER ARMS IN THE CENTRAL JUNGLE OF THE PASCO AND JUNIN DEPARTMENTS. DEGREGORI NOTED THAT WITH NESTOR CERPA CARTOLINI INSIDE THE RESIDENCE, HUGO AVELLANADA VALDEZ WAS THE ONLY MAJOR MRTA LEADER STILL AT LARGE.

7. [REDACTED] DEGREGORI ARGUED, HOWEVER, THAT THE MRTA HOSTAGE TAKING HAS HIGHLIGHTED CLASS RESENTMENTS IN PERU. DURING HIS RECENT TRIP TO AYACUCHO, THE BIRTHPLACE OF SENDERO LUMINOSO, HE SAID HE FREQUENTLY HEARD WORKING CLASS PERUVIANS COMMENT THAT PERU'S

N

NNNNPTQ3727

[REDACTED] PTQ3727

PAGE 01 LIMA 00518 02 OF 03 170028Z  
ACTION ARA-01

[REDACTED]

n/a

Case Number: S200200010

INFO	LOG-00	ACDA-10	ACDE-00	INLB-01	AMAD-01	SMEC-00	INL-01
	OASY-00	DOEE-00	DS-00	EAP-01	EUR-01	TEDE-00	INR-00
	IO-00	LAB-01	ADS-00	MMP-00	NSAE-00	OIC-02	SCT-00
	SSO-00	ASDS-01	DSCC-00	DRL-09	G-00	/029W	

-----9057D2 170029Z /38

O 162241Z JAN 97  
 FM AMEMBASSY LIMA  
 TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5393  
 INFO DOJ WASHDC IMMEDIATE  
 JCS WASHINGTON DC IMMEDIATE  
 CIA WASHINGTON DC IMMEDIATE  
 USCINCSO QUARRY HEIGHTS PM IMMEDIATE  
 AMEMBASSY TOKYO IMMEDIATE  
 FBI WASHINGTON DC IMMEDIATE  
 DIA WASHDC PRIORITY  
 USMISSION GENEVA PRIORITY  
 AMEMBASSY LA PAZ PRIORITY  
 AMEMBASSY OTTAWA  
 AMEMBASSY LONDON  
 AMEMBASSY BRASILIA  
 AMEMBASSY QUITO  
 AMEMBASSY CARACAS  
 AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES  
 AMEMBASSY PARIS  
 AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO  
 AMEMBASSY MONTEVIDEO  
 DEAHQS WASHDC

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

PAGE 02 LIMA 00518 02 OF 03 170028Z

[REDACTED]

SECTION 02 OF 03 LIMA 000518

JUSTICE FOR TVCS -- J LANCASTER  
SOUTHCOM ALSO FOR POLAD

E.O. 12958: DECL: 01/15/07  
 TAGS: PTER ASEC PREL PGOV PE  
 SUBJECT: THREE PERUVIAN TERRORISM EXPERTS EXPECT A PEACEFUL END  
 TO HOSTAGE CRISIS

LEADERS INSIDE THE JAPANESE RESIDENCE MIGHT BE MORE SYMPATHETIC  
 TO PERU'S POOR AFTER LIVING FOR SO LONG WITHOUT RUNNING WATER AND  
 ELECTRICITY. TAPIA NOTED THAT THE CONTRAST OF THE INTENSIVE  
 MEDIA FOCUS ON THE SAFETY OF THE 74 VIP HOSTAGES VERSUS THE

n/a

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

n/a

Case Number: S200200010

RELATIVELY LITTLE PUBLIC ATTENTION GIVEN TO THE DAILY SUFFERING OF ORDINARY PERUVIANS AFFECTED BY TERRORISM HAS NOT BEEN LOST ON PERU'S MOST DISADVANTAGED.

-----  
 CRISIS DAMAGES FUJIMORI'S GOVERNMENT  
 -----

8. [REDACTED] WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S OVERALL SUCCESS IN COMBATING TERRORISM, THE TERRORISM WATCHERS ASSERTED THAT THE HOSTAGE CRISIS HIGHLIGHTED THE OVERCONCENTRATION OF POWER IN THE PRESIDENT'S HANDS. DEGREGORI NOTED THAT FUJIMORI MUST BE ONE OF THE FEW HEADS OF STATE WHO PERSONALLY HANDLES SO MANY CRISIS MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS. DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS OUTSIDE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE, DEGREGORI ADDED, ARE TOO WEAK TO PROVIDE MEANINGFUL ASSISTANCE TO FUJIMORI, EVEN IF HE WERE TO REQUEST IT.

[REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED]

PAGE 03 LIMA 00518 02 OF 03 170028Z  
 GONZALEZ REMARKED THAT FUJIMORI'S INITIAL RESPONSE, CLOSETING HIMSELF WITH HIS CLOSEST ADVISORS AND REFUSING TO COMMENT ON THE CRISIS, SIMPLY CEDED THE POLITICAL PLAYING FIELD TO THE MRTA. TAPIA LAMENTED THE ABSENCE OF ANY GOP-INITIATED EFFORTS TO MOBILIZE THE CIVILIAN COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY MAYORS, NGO'S AND THINK TANKS, TO SUPPORT A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE CRISIS.

9. [REDACTED] ALL THREE TERRORISM WATCHERS BELIEVED THAT WHATEVER THE OUTCOME OF THE HOSTAGE CRISIS, THE MRTA ATTACK HAD ALREADY INFLICTED CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE ON PERU. RECALLING THE SCRUTINY HE ONCE RECEIVED AT A GERMAN AIRPORT AT THE HEIGHT OF SENDERO LUMINOSO'S NOTORIETY, DEGREGORI SAID HE FEARED FOREIGNERS WILL ONCE AGAIN IMMEDIATELY ASSOCIATE PERUVIANS WITH EITHER TERRORISM OR DRUG TRAFFICKING. TAPIA ARGUED THAT THE MRTA TERRORIST ACTION AND THE POLICE'S INABILITY TO KEEP JOURNALISTS OUT OF THE HOSTAGE SITE HAVE GREATLY UNDERMINED PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THE SECURITY FORCES AND INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.

10. [REDACTED] GONZALEZ ARGUED THAT MRTA'S ACTION, OSTENSIBLY IN SUPPORT OF MRTA PRISONERS, HAD ALREADY POSTPONED PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S PLANS TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS IN PRISON CONDITIONS AND TO ANNOUNCE THAT ANOTHER GROUP OF PERSONS FALSELY ACCUSED OF TERRORISM WOULD BE PARDONED. HE ALSO NOTED THAT MORE THAN ONE OF HIS MILITARY CONTACTS HAD TOLD HIM THAT THE HOSTAGE CRISIS WAS THE DIRECT RESULT OF THE "MISTAKE OF TAKING PRISONERS" WHEN DEALING WITH TERRORISTS. GONZALEZ ALSO JOKED THAT IF 1996 WAS

n/a

[REDACTED]

n/a

Case Number: S200200010

THE "YEAR OF 600,000 TOURISTS" (THE GOP'S MUCH-PUBLICIZED TOURISM CAMPAIGN), 1997 WILL BE THE YEAR OF "60 TOURISTS."

-----  
PREDICTING SENDERO LUMINOSO'S RESPONSE  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

-----  
PAGE 04 LIMA 00518 02 OF 03 170028Z  
-----

11. [REDACTED] THE LONGTIME SENDERO LUMINOSO WATCHERS DID NOT AGREE ON WHAT SL'S LIKELY RESPONSE TO THE HOSTAGE CRISIS WOULD BE. GONZALEZ OPINED THAT SENDERO WOULD HAVE TO INITIATE TERRORIST ACTIVITY SOONER RATHER THAN LATER TO STEAL THE THUNDER FROM MRTA, WHICH SENDERO HAS TRADITIONALLY BATTLED AND OVERSHADOWED. IF SL FAILS TO REACT, GONZALEZ SAID, IT MIGHT AS WELL "PACK UP ITS BAGS." DEGREGORI AGREED THAT SENDERO LUMINOSO WILL FEEL A POLITICAL NEED TO RESPOND TO MRTA'S HEADLINE-GRABBING ATTACK ON THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. HE BELIEVED, HOWEVER, THAT SENDERO WOULD WAIT TO ACT UNTIL AFTER THE HOSTAGE CRISIS IS RESOLVED SO ITS TERRORIST ACTIONS ARE NOT MISCONSTRUED AS "SYMPATHY" ATTACKS.

12. [REDACTED] TAPIA STRESSED THAT SENDERO LUMINOSO'S ACTIONS ARE SHAPED BY ITS OWN INTERNAL, ABSTRUSE LOGIC AND IDEOLOGY MORE THAN BY EXTERNAL EVENTS. GIVEN SENDERO'S IDEOLOGICAL FOCUS ON A PROTRACTED MAOIST REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE, TAPIA DID NOT BELIEVE SL STRATEGISTS WOULD REACT IN ANY SIGNIFICANT WAY TO THE MRTA'S  
[REDACTED]

NNNNPTQ3728

[REDACTED]

PTQ3728

PAGE 01 LIMA 00518 03 OF 03 170028Z  
ACTION ARA-01

INFO LOG-00 ACDA-10 ACDE-00 INLB-01 AMAD-01 SMEC-00 INL-01  
OASY-00 DOEE-00 DS-00 EAP-01 EUR-01 TEDE-00 INR-00  
IO-00 LAB-01 ADS-00 MMP-00 NSAE-00 OIC-02 SCT-00  
SSO-00 ASDS-01 DSCC-00 DRL-09 G-00 /029W

-----9057D5 170029Z /38

O 162241Z JAN 97  
FM AMEMBASSY LIMA

n/a  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

n/a

Case Number: S200200010

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5394  
 INFO DOJ WASHDC IMMEDIATE  
 JCS WASHINGTON DC IMMEDIATE  
 CIA WASHINGTON DC IMMEDIATE  
 USCINCSO QUARRY HEIGHTS PM IMMEDIATE  
 AMEMBASSY TOKYO IMMEDIATE  
 FBI WASHINGTON DC IMMEDIATE  
 DIA WASHDC PRIORITY  
 USMISSION GENEVA PRIORITY  
 AMEMBASSY LA PAZ PRIORITY  
 AMEMBASSY OTTAWA  
 AMEMBASSY LONDON  
 AMEMBASSY BRASILIA  
 AMEMBASSY QUITO  
 AMEMBASSY CARACAS  
 AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES  
 AMEMBASSY PARIS  
 AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO  
 AMEMBASSY MONTEVIDEO  
 DEAHQS WASHDC

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

PAGE 02 LIMA 00518 03 OF 03 170028Z

[REDACTED]

SECTION 03 OF 03 LIMA 000518

JUSTICE FOR TVCS -- J LANCASTER  
SOUTHCOM ALSO FOR POLAD

E.O. 12958: DECL: 01/15/07  
 TAGS: PTER ASEC PREL PGOV PE  
 SUBJECT: THREE PERUVIAN TERRORISM EXPERTS EXPECT A PEACEFUL END  
 TO HOSTAGE CRISIS

HOSTAGE TAKING. SENDERO'S STRATEGIES, HE ADDED, ARE DEVELOPED ONLY AFTER LABORIOUS, COORDINATED PLANNING, MAKING THE ORGANIZATION PARTICULARLY ILL-SUITED FOR SUDDEN SHIFTS IN TACTICS. SL, TAPIA PREDICTED, WOULD CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON PROMOTING ITS IDEOLOGY AND CONSOLIDATING ITS MILITARY POSITIONS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE RATHER THAN ENGAGING IN OPEN RIVALRY WITH MRTA.

-----  
 COMMENT  
 -----

n/a

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

n/a

Case Number: S200200010

13. [REDACTED] AT THIS POINT, WE CAUTIOUSLY AGREE WITH THE THREE NON-GOVERNMENT TERRORISM EXPERTS' PROGNOSIS THAT THE GOP AND MRTA CAN NEGOTIATE A PEACEFUL END TO THE HOSTAGE CRISIS. THE MRTA COMANDANTE'S JANUARY 15 DECISION TO ACCEPT THE GOP'S OFFER TO SET UP A FORMAL GUARANTOR COMMISSION (WITH THE SUGGESTION THAT REPRESENTATIVES FROM GUATEMALA AND EUROPE BE ADDED) IS A HOPEFUL SIGN, BUT IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE, EFFECTIVE GUARANTOR COMMISSION CAN BE SET UP. DRAWING ON OUR

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

PAGE 03 LIMA 00518 03 OF 03 170028Z  
CONVERSATIONS WITH PERSONS CLOSELY INVOLVED WITH THE STANDOFF, WE BELIEVE OVERCOMING MRTA INTRANSIGENCE AND REACHING A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION WILL BE A MUCH LONGER AND MORE DIFFICULT PROCESS THAN THE PROMINENT PERUVIAN ANALYSTS ANTICIPATED GIVEN THE LIMITATIONS THAT WILL LIKELY BE IMPOSED ON HOW THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE CONDUCTED. WHETHER THEY CAN BE SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED BEFORE SOMEONE GETS KILLED, PROBABLY MORE BY ACCIDENT THAN DESIGN, REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

JETT

[REDACTED]

NNNN

n/a  
[REDACTED]



--	--	--	--