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SUBJECT: CANADIAN AMBASSADOR READY TO FACILITATE HOSTAGE
CRISIS TALKS BUT HIS ROLE IS STILL UNDEFINED

1. CLASSIFIED BY DENNIS JETT, AMBASSADOR, REASON: 1.5 (D).

2. [REDACTED] SUMMARY: CANADIAN AMBASSADOR ANTHONY VINCENT, A FORMER
HOSTAGE AND INTERMEDIARY, HAS AGREED TO FACILITATE TALKS BETWEEN
THE GOP AND MRTA AS A MEMBER OF A GUARANTOR COMMISSION. TALKS
BETWEEN THE GOP AND MRTA, HOWEVER, ARE STALLED APPARENTLY BECAUSE
FAMILY VISITS TO IMPRISONED MRTA MEMBERS HAVE BEEN CUT OFF
(INCLUDING TO AMCIT LORI BERENSON) AND THE TERRORISTS WITHIN THE
JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE MAY WANT TO SEE THIS MEANS OF
COMMUNICATING WITH THEM REESTABLISHED. THE ROLE OF VINCENT AND
THE GUARANTOR COMMISSION HAS YET TO BE HAMMERED OUT, BUT THE GOP
CLEARLY SEES THE GUARANTORS AS OBSERVERS AT BEST AND NOT
NEGOTIATORS OR MEDIATORS. END SUMMARY.

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CANADIAN AMBASSADOR JOINS GUARANTOR COMMISSION

3. (U) THE GOP PROPOSED ON JANUARY 17 THAT CANADIAN AMBASSADOR
ANTHONY VINCENT BE ADDED TO THE GUARANTOR COMMISSION TO BE SET UP
TO FACILITATE A RESOLUTION OF THE HOSTAGE CRISIS. THE TUPAC
AMARU REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MRTA) ACCEPTED THE ADDITION OF
AMBASSADOR VINCENT THE NEXT DAY. VINCENT WILL JOIN ICRC CHIEF
DELEGATE TO PERU MICHEL MINNIG AND ARCHBISHOP JUAN LUIS CIPRIANI
ON THE GUARANTOR COMMISSION ONCE THE COMMISSION ACTUALLY BEGINS
WORK. MRTA HAD PROPOSED THE INCLUSION OF A REPRESENTATIVE FROM
GUATEMALA, BUT THE GOP REJECTED THE IDEA BECAUSE ACCEPTANCE WOULD
IMPLY THAT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE GOP AND THE MRTA WAS
SIMILAR TO THAT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUATEMALA AND THE
GUATEMALAN NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY UNION (URNG).

4. [REDACTED] IN THEIR JANUARY 19 CONVERSATION, THE CANADIAN
AMBASSADOR TOLD AMBASSADOR JETT THAT HE HAS NO IDEA AS TO WHAT

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HIS ROLE AND THAT OF OTHER GUARANTORS WILL BE, NOR WHEN TALKS ARE LIKELY TO GET UNDERWAY. VINCENT DID NOTE THAT VICE FOREIGN MINISTER JORGE VOTO-BERNALES HAD SUGGESTED THAT THE GUARANTORS WOULD NOT EVEN BE PRESENT FOR TALKS BETWEEN THE GOP AND MRTA, BUT WOULD INSTEAD RECEIVE ORAL SUMMARIES. (COMMENT: THE GOP CLEARLY SEES NO NEGOTIATING ROLE FOR THE GUARANTORS AND MAYBE NOT EVEN ONE OF DIRECT OBSERVATION. VOTO-BERNALES'S VIEW IS NOT THE LAST WORD, HOWEVER, AS THE GOP IS STILL NOT SURE ITSELF HOW TO DEFINE THE COMMISSION'S ROLE. END COMMENT.)

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AT VINCENT'S REQUEST, TWO FBI NEGOTIATION EXPERTS MET WITH HIM ON JANUARY 20 TO DISCUSS NEGOTIATING TECHNIQUES. VINCENT SHED NO MORE LIGHT ON HIS STILL UNDEFINED ROLE DURING THEIR BRIEF MEETING.

6. (U) THE MRTA CONTINUES TO REFUSE TO RESUME DIRECT TALKS WITH THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT UNTIL THE GOP AGREES TO DISCUSS THE RELEASE OF IMPRISONED MRTA MILITANTS. THE GOP REITERATED IN ITS JANUARY 17 COMMUNIQUE THAT IT WILL NOT RELEASE IMPRISONED MRTA CADRES AND THAT THE PURPOSE OF DIRECT TALKS IS TO DISCUSS THE SAFE PASSAGE OF THE HOSTAGE TAKERS AND THE LIBERATION OF THE REMAINING HOSTAGES. SPEAKING THROUGH A MEGAPHONE ON JANUARY 16, MRTA COMANDANTE CERPA ALSO REPEATED THE TERRORISTS'S DEMAND THAT FAMILY AND ICRC VISITS TO MRTA PRISONERS BE RESTORED.

AMBASSADOR VINCENT'S PREVIOUS ROLE LIMITED BY GOP

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7. [REDACTED] AMBASSADOR VINCENT WAS AMONG THE SEVERAL HUNDRED GUESTS THAT THE MRTA TOOK HOSTAGE AT THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE ON DECEMBER 17. THE MRTA HOSTAGE TAKERS RELEASED HIM WITH THE GERMAN AND GREEK AMBASSADORS, THE FRENCH CULTURAL ATTACHE, AND PERUVIAN DIPLOMAT ARMANDO LECAROS ON DECEMBER 18 IN ORDER TO PRESS THEIR DEMANDS WITH THE GOP. VINCENT DULY CARRIED MRTA'S MESSAGE TO GOP INTERLOCUTOR AND EDUCATION MINISTER DOMINGO PALERMO, BUT THE GOP DID NOT ALLOW VINCENT OR THE OTHER DIPLOMATS TO MEET WITH JAILED MRTA LEADER VICTOR POLAY OR OTHER JAILED MRTA MEMBERS.

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VINCENT MADE EVERY EFFORT TO BE AN EFFECTIVE INTERMEDIARY DESPITE HIS LIMITED SPANISH. HE RETURNED WITH AMBASSADOR LECAROS TO THE HOSTAGE SITE ON DECEMBER 19 TO REPORT BACK TO THE MRTA THE SUBSTANCE OF HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH PALERMO. VINCENT ALSO CARRIED OUT HIS WORK PATIENTLY [REDACTED]

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9. [REDACTED] WHEN IT BECAME APPARENT HE COULD CONTRIBUTE LITTLE TO THE CHANNELS ESTABLISHED THROUGH THE ICRC AND PALERMO, VINCENT, ACCOMPANIED BY LECAROS, RETURNED TO THE HOSTAGE SITE ON DECEMBER 20 AND ANNOUNCED TO THE PRESS THAT HIS ROLE HAD BEEN SUSPENDED. VINCENT TOLD THE AMBASSADOR AT THAT TIME THAT HE PREFERRED THAT HIS WORK BE DESCRIBED AS "SUSPENDED" RATHER THAN TERMINATED TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE CHANNEL IN CASE OF FUTURE NEED. AFTER THEN TAKING SOME TIME OFF IN CANADA, VINCENT RETURNED TO PERU ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO. THE GOP HAS NOW TAKEN THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR UP ON HIS OFFER OF HIS GOOD OFFICES.

AN HONEST BROKER WITH AMPLE EXPERIENCE

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10. (U) THE 56-YEAR OLD CANADIAN AMBASSADOR IS A FORMER SENIOR ADVISOR ON SECURITY AND COUNTERTERRORISM IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (1989-1992) AND A FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS' SECURITY DIVISION (1988-1989). HE JOINED CANADA'S DIPLOMATIC CORPS IN 1969 AND HAS GENERALLY CONCENTRATED HIS CAREER IN SOUTH ASIA; HE WAS CANADA'S HIGH

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COMMISSIONER TO BANGLADESH AND AMBASSADOR TO BURMA (BASED IN DHAKA) FROM 1985 TO 1988. VINCENT ARRIVED IN PERU TO TAKE UP HIS AMBASSADORIAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN FEBRUARY 1994; HE SERVES CONCURRENTLY AS CANADA'S AMBASSADOR TO BOLIVIA (RESIDENT IN LIMA). WHATEVER THE ULTIMATE ROLE OF THE GUARANTOR COMMISSION, WE EXPECT VINCENT WILL BE A COMMITTED AND HONEST BROKER.

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