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

2. SUMMARY: PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S ANNOUNCEMENT FROM LONDON THAT THE GOP AND MRTA ARE SET TO BEGIN "PRELIMINARY TALKS" COMES ON THE HEELS OF THE GUARANTORS RECENT MEETING WITH MRTA LEADER CERPA. ON THE EVE OF TALKS BETWEEN GOP INTERLOCUTOR PALERMO AND A MRTA LIEUTENANT, "EL ARABE," THE MRTA FIRED MORE WARNING SHOTS AND EXPLODED A GRENADE, REPORTEDLY TO KEEP POLICE PERSONNEL AWAY FROM THE BACK WALL OF THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S COMPOUND. PERU'S MILITARY CHIEFS ASSURED THE AMBASSADOR THAT THEY SUPPORT FUJIMORI'S HANDLING OF THE HOSTAGE CRISIS. END SUMMARY.

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FUJIMORI ANNOUNCES START OF GOP-MRTA TALKS  
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3. (U) SPEAKING TO REPORTERS IN LONDON, PRESIDENT FUJIMORI ANNOUNCED ON FEBRUARY 9 THAT THE GOP WOULD BEGIN "PRELIMINARY TALKS" WITH THE MRTA ON FEBRUARY 11. FUJIMORI NOTED THAT GOP INTERLOCUTOR AND EDUCATION MINISTER DOMINGO PALERMO WOULD MEET WITH MRTA LEADER NESTOR CERPA CARTOLINI'S LIEUTENANT, ROLI ROJAS FERNANDEZ (A.K.A. "EL ARABE"). THE PERUVIAN PRESIDENT ALSO INDICATED THAT THE TALKS WOULD BE HELD AT A HOUSE ACROSS FROM THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.

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[REDACTED] ICRC FIRST LEARNED THAT TALKS WOULD START ON FEBRUARY 11 WHEN FUJIMORI ANNOUNCED IT TO THE PRESS. [REDACTED] ICRC [REDACTED] HAD TO SEEK CONFIRMATION FROM GOP INTERLOCUTOR PALERMO THAT NEGOTIATIONS WOULD START THE AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 11. MEANWHILE, ICRC, WITH THE HELP OF CANADIAN SECURITY EXPERTS, PREPARED ON FEBRUARY 10 THE HOUSE SELECTED BY THE GOP FOR TALKS. IN MAKING PREPARATIONS, ICRC ALSO DISCOVERED THAT THE GOP ARMORED CAR, AND AN ARMORED CAR OFFERED BY THE

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BRITISH EMBASSY, WERE TOO BIG TO FIT IN THE GARAGE ATTACHED TO THE HOUSE WHERE NEGOTIATIONS ARE SLATED TO TAKE PLACE.

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GUARANTORS MEET WITH CERPA  
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5. (U) THE LATEST MOVEMENT TOWARDS NEGOTIATIONS COMES ON THE HEELS OF THE GUARANTORS' FEBRUARY 6 MEETING WITH MRTA LEADER CERPA. THREE MEMBERS OF THE GUARANTOR COMMISSION, ICRC'S MICHEL MINNIG, HOLY SEE REPRESENTATIVE ARCHBISHOP JUAN LUIS CIPRIANI,

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AND CANADIAN AMBASSADOR ANTHONY VINCENT, SPENT TWO AND ONE-HALF HOURS IN THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE ON FEBRUARY 6. SPEAKING FOR THE GROUP, CIPRIANI TOLD THE PRESS AFTERWARDS THAT THEY HAD A "SERENE CONVERSATION" FOR "ADVANCING THE BEGINNING OF THE PRELIMINARY CONVERSATIONS" BETWEEN THE GOP AND MRTA. THE GUARANTORS MET WITH GOP INTERLOCUTOR PALERMO LATER THAT SAME DAY, BUT DID NOT ISSUE ANY MORE PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENTS.

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MRTA FIRES MORE WARNING SHOTS  
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6. (U) AT 1:20 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 10, MRTA FIRED SEVERAL SHOTS AND EXPLODED A GRENADE, APPARENTLY AFTER OBSERVING POLICE NEAR THE OPENING IN THE BACK WALL OF THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. ICRC DEPUTY CHIEF DELEGATE JEAN PIERRE SCHAEERER CONFIRMED FOR POLOFF THAT NO ONE INSIDE THE HOSTAGE SITE WAS INJURED. THIS MARKED THE FIRST TIME MRTA EXPLODED A GRENADE TO WARN AGAINST POLICE MOVEMENTS.

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MILITARY CHIEFS BACK FUJIMORI'S STRATEGY  
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7. [REDACTED] DURING THE AMBASSADOR'S FEBRUARY 5 CALL ON CHAIRMAN OF

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THE JOINT CHIEFS AND ARMY COMMANDER GENERAL NICOLAS DE BARI HERMOZA AND HIS FEBRUARY 6 CALLS ON NAVY COMMANDER ADMIRAL ANTONIO IBARCENA AND AIR FORCE COMMANDER GENERAL WALDO RICHTER, THE MILITARY CHIEFS ALL EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR FUJIMORI'S HANDLING OF THE HOSTAGE CRISIS. THE MILITARY CHIEFS STRESSED THAT THEY FOLLOWED FUJIMORI'S ORDERS AND WERE NOT PRESSURING HIM TO SEEK A MILITARY SOLUTION TO THE STANDOFF. THEY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT MANY LIVES WOULD BE LOST IN ANY MILITARY OPERATION AND SUCH AN OUTCOME WOULD HAVE DAMAGING POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES. GENERAL HERMOZA AND ADMIRAL IBARCENA BOTH HOPED MRTA LEADER CERPA WOULD COME TO HIS SENSES AND NEGOTIATE A DEAL TO END THE CRISIS PEACEFULLY.

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FUJIMORI FLIES TO LONDON  
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8. (U) LESS THAN ONE WEEK AFTER HIS TRIP TO TORONTO AND WASHINGTON, PRESIDENT FUJIMORI FLEW TO LONDON ON FEBRUARY 8 TO PARTICIPATE IN A CONFERENCE ON LATIN AMERICA ORGANIZED BY THE BRITISH FOREIGN MINISTRY. ACCORDING TO LOCAL MEDIA REPORTS, THE PERUVIAN PRESIDENT WILL MEET WITH BRITISH PRIME MINISTER JOHN MAJOR ON FEBRUARY 11 AND RETURN TO LIMA ON FEBRUARY 12. PRESIDENT FUJIMORI TOOK THE PLACE OF PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FRANCISCO TUDELA WHO HAD ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE LONG BEFORE MRTA TERRORISTS TOOK HIM HOSTAGE.

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