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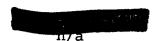
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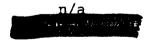
- 1. CLASSIFIED BY JAMES MACK, DCM, REASON: 1.5 (D).
- 2. SUMMARY: MRTA NEGOTIATOR ROLI ROJAS FERNANDEZ, A.K.A. "EL ARABE," WILL BRING MORE DIPLOMACY BUT LITTLE AUTHORITY TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE. A LOYAL LIEUTENANT OF MRTA LEADER NESTOR CERPA, THE UNIVERSITY-EDUCATED ROJAS WAS CONVICTED OF OVER 20 TERRORIST ATTACKS, INCLUDING THE 1986 CAR BOMBING OF THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. WITH TWO SIBLINGS REPORTEDLY JAILED ON



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TERRORISM CHARGES, ROJAS HAS A PERSONAL STAKE IN THE MRTA'S
DEMAND THAT THE GOP RELEASE OVER 400 IMPRISONED MRTA MILITANTS.
END SUMMARY.

A COMPETENT LIEUTENANT

ROLI ROJAS FERNANDEZ, A.K.A. "EL ARABE," IS MRTA COMANDANTE NESTOR CERPA CARTOLINI'S "MANAGER" INSIDE THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. CERPA HAS TAPPED ROJAS TO REPRESENT THE MRTA TERRORISTS IN THE FIRST ROUND OF TALKS WITH THE GOP. IT REMAINS UNCLEAR HOW LONG "EL ARABE" WILL PERFORM THAT FUNCTION; ONE ICRC DELEGATE TOLD US CERPA MAY ASSUME THE ROLE OF NEGOTIATOR IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. ACCORDING TO RELEASED HOSTAGES, THE 34-YEAR OLD ROJAS SKILLFULLY CARRIED OUT CERPA'S ORDERS, IDENTIFYING HOSTAGES, PREPARING LISTS OF HOSTAGES TO BE RELEASED, AND ORGANIZING THE MRTA'S HOLD OVER THE HOSTAGE SITE. FORMER HOSTAGES CONSIDERED "EL ARABE" TO BE MORE APPROACHABLE AND



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PERSONABLE THAT THE MORE RIGID AND STIFF CERPA. CERPA'S LIEUTENANT JOKED WITH HOSTAGES AND, WHEN NECESSARY, CALMED THE NERVES OF ANXIOUS HOSTAGES.

AN EXPERIENCED TERRORIST

4. (U) ROJAS' PERSONAL DIPLOMACY BELIES HIS LONG HISTORY OF COMMITTING TERRORIST ACTS. HE WAS ARRESTED IN JULY 1986 IN CONNECTION WITH 20 LIMA BOMBINGS, INCLUDING THE APRIL 1986 CAR BOMBING OUTSIDE THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE WHICH KILLED ONE



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PERUVIAN AND WOUNDED EIGHT OTHERS. HE WAS SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS
IN PRISON IN 1989, BUT HE MANAGED TO ESCAPE WITH MRTA LEADER
VICTOR POLAY AND 46 OTHER MRTA MILITANTS FROM LIMA'S MIGUEL
CASTRO CASTRO PRISON IN JULY 1990. THE MRTA PRISONERS ESCAPED
THE MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON VIA A TUNNEL EXTENDING OVER 300
METERS. THE PERUVIAN POLICE RECAPTURED POLAY IN 1992, BUT WERE
UNABLE TO RELOCATE ROJAS UNTIL HE PARTICIPATED IN THE
DECEMBER 17, 1996 MRTA STORMING OF THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S
RESIDENCE.

RADICAL ROOTS

5. (U) ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS REPORTS, "EL ARABE," BORN AUGUST 24, 1962, HAILS FROM SAN MARTIN DE PORRES, A WORKING CLASS LIMA NEIGHBORHOOD. THE OLDEST OF SEVEN SIBLINGS, ROJAS WORKED AS A FARE COLLECTOR PLYING LIMA'S THOROUGHFARES FOR A MINI-BUS COMPANY. ROJAS ENTERED SAN MARTIN DE PORRES UNIVERSITY IN 1980 WHERE HE STUDIED BUT DID NOT COMPLETE A DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY. ATTRACTED TO LEFT-WING POLITICS, ROJAS JOINED THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST YOUTH (JCR) AND PARTICIPATED IN A 1982 STUDENT STRIKE AGAINST A RISE IN UNIVERSITY BOARDING COSTS. HE APPARENTLY JOINED MRTA AS IT WAS BEING FORMED THAT SAME YEAR.



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6. TWO OF "EL ARABE'S" SIBLINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTEDLY BEEN ARRESTED FOR PARTICIPATING IN MRTA ACTIVITIES. ACCORDING TO A PERUVIAN NATIONAL PENITENTIARY INSTITUTE LIST, ROJAS' BROTHER ALFONSO MAXIMILIANO IS AWAITING COMPLETION OF HIS TRIAL ON TREASON CHARGES. ACCORDING TO LIMA'S LEADING DAILY, ALFONSO MAXIMILIANO WAS REPORTEDLY ARRESTED IN NOVEMBER 1995 IN CONNECTION WITH TWO 1993 KIDNAPPINGS FOR RANSOM AND HIS SISTER ADELAIDA WAS ARRESTED IN AUGUST 1994 IN TRUJILLO, WHERE SHE

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