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1. CLASSIFIED BY DENNIS JETT, AMBASSADOR, REASON: 1.5 (D).
2. [REDACTED] SUMMARY: EXTREMELY BRIGHT AND SELF-CONFIDENT, PRO-GOVERNMENT ARCHBISHOP JUAN LUIS CIPRIANI BELIEVES HE CAN BROKER A DEAL BETWEEN THE GOP AND MRTA, IF THE GOP BECOMES MORE FLEXIBLE. ALTHOUGH HE CANNOT WORK MIRACLES WITHOUT THE AGREEMENT OF THE GOP AND MRTA, CIPRIANI, MORE THAN ANY OF THE OTHER GUARANTORS, IS IN A POSITION TO INFLUENCE BOTH SIDES. THE CONSERVATIVE ARCHBISHOP BRINGS SAVVY AND SKILL TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE. END SUMMARY.

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ARCHBISHOP PLAYS KEY INTERMEDIARY ROLE  
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3. [REDACTED] SINCE FIRST SAYING CHRISTMAS MASS INSIDE THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE, ARCHBISHOP JUAN LUIS CIPRIANI HAS PLAYED A PIVOTAL ROLE IN PERU'S ONGOING HOSTAGE CRISIS. ALTHOUGH HE LECTURED REPORTERS THAT HE WAS FULFILLING AN EXCLUSIVELY PASTORAL FUNCTION, THE PRO-GOVERNMENT CLERGYMAN HAS EVER SINCE SERVED AS A KEY INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN PRESIDENT ALBERTO FUJIMORI AND MRTA LEADER NESTOR CERPA. FIRST DESCRIBED BY THE GOP AS A "WITNESS" TO TALKS, CIPRIANI WAS LATER NAMED TO THE GUARANTOR COMMISSION TO FACILITATE A GOP-MRTA DIALOGUE. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR AND GUARANTOR ANTHONY VINCENT CONFIRMED TO AMBASSADOR JETT THAT CIPRIANI IS THE DE FACTO CHAIRMAN OF THE GUARANTOR COMMISSION.
4. [REDACTED] FOR THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS CIPRIANI HAS VISITED THE HOSTAGE SITE CARRYING MESSAGES BETWEEN THE PERUVIAN PRESIDENT AND THE MRTA TERRORIST LEADER. HE WORKED HARD TO GET THE GOP AND MRTA TO AGREE ON MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE TERMS FOR STARTING SUBSTANTIVE FACE-TO-FACE NEGOTIATIONS. DURING THE INITIAL

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SESSION BETWEEN GOP INTERLOCUTOR DOMINGO PALERMO AND MRTA NEGOTIATOR ROLI ROJAS, CIPRIANI KEPT TALKS ON TRACK BY ASKING BOTH PARTIES TO FOCUS ON THE AGENDA FOR FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS. THE ARCHBISHOP TOLD THE AMBASSADOR ON FEBRUARY 12 THAT HE COULD QUICKLY RESOLVE THE HOSTAGE CRISIS PEACEFULLY IF THE GOP WOULD GIVE HIM A FREER HAND.

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FUJIMORI'S FAVORITE CATHOLIC CHURCH OFFICIAL  
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5. [REDACTED] COMPARED WITH PERU'S OTHER WIDELY KNOWN CLERICS, WHICH INCLUDE ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF LIBERATION THEOLOGY AND A CARDINAL WHO CAMPAIGNED FOR NOVELIST MARIO VARGAS LLOSA WHEN HE RAN AGAINST FUJIMORI IN THE 1990 ELECTION, IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT FUJIMORI CONSIDERS THE CONSERVATIVE CIPRIANI AN ALLY. CIPRIANI IS THE EXCEPTION IN PERU'S RELIGIOUS HIERARCHY WHICH REMAINS LARGELY UNCOMFORTABLE WITH A POLITICAL "OUTSIDER" LIKE FUJIMORI. WHEN CARDINAL AUGUSTO VARGAS ALZAMORA ORGANIZED A MASS TO PRAY FOR THE HOSTAGES IN LIMA'S MAIN SQUARE, HE INVITED OPPOSITION POLITICIANS TO SPEAK, AND ONLY ONE GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDED.

6. [REDACTED] ALTHOUGH HE KNEW FUJIMORI BEFORE HE BECAME PRESIDENT, CIPRIANI WON FUJIMORI'S CONFIDENCE BY DINT OF HIS BROADSIDES AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS, THE MEDIA, AND OTHER CRITICS OF THE PERUVIAN PRESIDENT. AS ARCHBISHOP OF AYACUCHO, THE CRADLE OF SENDERO LUMINOSO (SHINING PATH - SL), CIPRIANI JUSTIFIED GOVERNMENT HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES AS THE NECESSARY COST OF DOING BATTLE WITH A VICIOUS TERRORIST ORGANIZATION. HE ALSO PUBLICLY CRITICIZED CARDINAL VARGAS ALZAMORA'S STATEMENTS IN FAVOR OF TOUGHER PROSECUTION OF PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES. AT THE HEIGHT OF A LOCAL PRESS FRENZY OVER A DRUG TRAFFICKER'S CORRUPTION ACCUSATIONS AGAINST DE FACTO INTELLIGENCE CHIEF VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS, THE ARCHBISHOP PUBLICLY DECLARED THAT THERE SHOULD BE GREATER CONTROLS ON THE PRESS.

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 MRTA EXPLOITS CIPRIANI'S ACCESS TO FUJIMORI  
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7. [REDACTED] CRISES BREAK DOWN TRADITIONAL BARRIERS, AND SURPRISINGLY ENOUGH, THE MRTA APPEARS TO BE WORKING WELL WITH CIPRIANI DESPITE THE ARCHBISHOP'S EFFORTS TO CONVINCING MRTA THAT ITS DEMAND FOR PRISONER RELEASES IS UNREALISTIC (REFTEL). ACCORDING TO A CIPRIANI CONFIDANT, THE MRTA SELECTED CIPRIANI TO BE AN INTERMEDIARY FROM A LIST OF CHURCH OFFICIALS DRAWN UP BY THE PAPAL NUNCIO IN PERU. NO STRANGER TO THE ARCHBISHOP'S CONSERVATIVE VIEWS, MRTA LEADER NESTOR CERPA PROBABLY ACCEPTED

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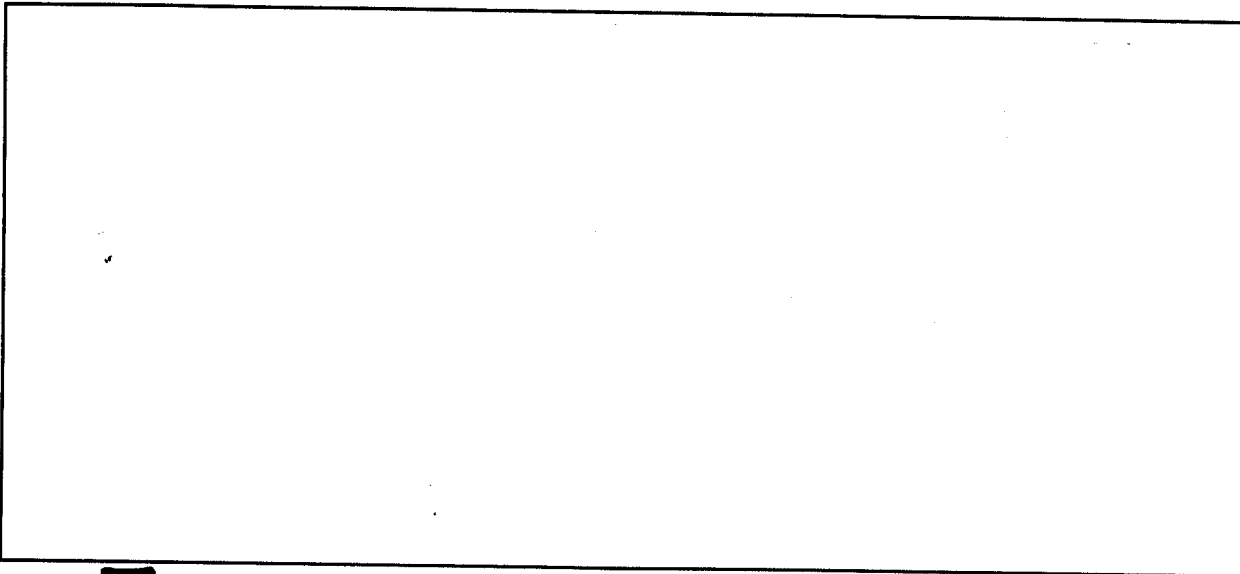
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 CIPRIANI'S INTERVENTION BECAUSE HE KNEW CIPRIANI COMMANDED BOTH THE PERUVIAN PRESIDENT'S EAR AND RESPECT. AT A TIME WHEN MRTA HAD NOT YET MADE FACE-TO-FACE CONTACT WITH ANY GOP OFFICIALS (OTHER THAN THOSE WHO WERE HOSTAGES) AND WHEN THE GOP WAS SHOWING SIGNS OF MISTRUST OF THE ICRC, CIPRIANI OFFERED A DIRECT LINK TO FUJIMORI. HOWEVER, NOW THAT "PRELIMINARY TALKS" BETWEEN THE GOP AND MRTA (WITH GUARANTORS PRESENT) HAVE BEGUN, CIPRIANI IS INCREASINGLY FRUSTRATED THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS MAY NOT PROGRESS ANY QUICKER THAN THE EIGHT WEEK-OLD STANDOFF THAT LED UP TO THEM.

8. [REDACTED] CERPA MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN INTRIGUED BY CIPRIANI'S OWN REPUTATION FOR TOUGHNESS. THE AYACUCHO ARCHBISHOP IS WIDELY KNOWN FOR PERFORMING HIS CHURCH FUNCTIONS WITHOUT BODYGUARDS IN THE BIRTHPLACE AND ONE OF THE LAST BASTIONS OF SENDERO LUMINOSO. MOREOVER, CERPA HAS USED CATHOLIC CHURCH OFFICIALS IN THE PAST, INCLUDING WHEN HE RELEASED 9 HOSTAGE POLICEMEN IN JUNE 1991 TO MONSIGNOR VENANCIO ORBE. IN A COUNTRY WHERE THE CATHOLIC CHURCH STILL WIELDS CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE, MRTA HAS ADAPTED ITS MARXIST-LENINIST IDEOLOGY TO ALLOW ITS MEMBERS TO PRACTICE THEIR FAITH AND TO SUPPORT CLERICS WHENEVER THEY "IDENTIFY WITH THE PEOPLE AND WELL-BEING OF THE MAJORITY," ACCORDING TO AN MRTA POLICY DOCUMENT.

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10. [REDACTED] CIPRIANI'S CO-GUARANTORS ARE EXPERIENCED AND TALENTED, BUT THEY WILL NOT PLAY AS IMPORTANT A ROLE AS THE ARCHBISHOP, WHO IS THE ONLY PERUVIAN AND NATIVE SPANISH SPEAKER AMONG THEM. THE JAPANESE RELY HEAVILY ON CIPRIANI FOR INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS OF THE ONGOING HOSTAGE SITUATION, AND JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO TERUSUKE TERADA IS OFFICIALLY ONLY AN OBSERVER ON THE GUARANTOR COMMISSION. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR VINCENT HAS LIMITED SPANISH AND WILL ALSO HAVE TO LEAN ON CIPRIANI DURING THE COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS. MINNIG WILL BE PRESENT FOR GOP-MRTA TALKS ONLY WHEN THEY TOUCH UPON HUMANITARIAN ISSUES.

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11. (U) SINCE BECOMING A PRIEST TWENTY YEARS AGO, CIPRIANI HAS



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RISEN QUICKLY IN THE HIERARCHY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. HE WAS NAMED AN AUXILIARY BISHOP OF AYACUCHO IN MAY 1988, AND THE VATICAN NAMED HIM ARCHBISHOP OF THE SAME ARCHDIOCESE SEVEN YEARS LATER. CIPRIANI IS A MEMBER OF OPUS DEI, A DISCIPLINED, CONSERVATIVE CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION WHICH EXERTS SIGNIFICANT INFLUENCE IN SPAIN AND MANY LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY PERU. CIPRIANI IS EXTREMELY LOYAL TO AND ENJOYS CLOSE TIES TO THE HOLY SEE. A LARGE OIL PAINTING OF HIM CLASPING THE HAND OF POPE JOHN PAUL II DOMINATES HIS AYACUCHO WAITING ROOM. HE IS WIDELY REGARDED AS A LEADING, IF CONTROVERSIAL, CANDIDATE TO BE PERU'S NEXT CARDINAL; CARDINAL VARGAS ALZAMORA WILL TURN 75 NEXT YEAR.

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12. (U) PRIOR TO JOINING THE PRIESTHOOD, CIPRIANI WORKED AS AN ENGINEER FOR SEVERAL YEARS. HE ALSO PLAYED ON PERU'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL TEAM FROM 1961 TO 1966, PARTICIPATING IN THE PAN-AMERICAN GAMES. THE FOURTH CHILD OF A WEALTHY LIMA FAMILY OF 11, THE FUTURE ARCHBISHOP ATTENDED A PRESTIGIOUS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL BEFORE COMPLETING AN ENGINEERING DEGREE AT LIMA'S NATIONAL ENGINEERING UNIVERSITY. HE LATER OBTAINED HIS DOCTORATE IN PHILOSOPHY AT THE OPUS DEI UNIVERSITY OF NAVARRE IN SPAIN. HE SPEAKS ENGLISH FLUENTLY.

13. [REDACTED] CIPRIANI HAS TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY IN THE UNITED STATES AND IS FRIENDLY TOWARDS USG OFFICIALS. HE SPEAKS FONDLY OF HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE PERUVIAN NATIONAL BASKETBALL TEAM'S 1963 TOUR OF THE UNITED STATES (ALTHOUGH PERU LOST EVERY GAME). MORE RECENTLY, HE HAS LECTURED AT SEVERAL AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES.

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14. [REDACTED] ALTHOUGH DECIDEDLY PRO-FUJIMORI, CIPRIANI STILL REPRESENTS THE HOLY SEE ON THE GUARANTOR COMMISSION. WE DO NOT EXPECT CIPRIANI TO SIT ON HIS HANDS, BUT RATHER TO SEEK TO INFLUENCE FUJIMORI NOW THAT THE LATTER HAS RETURNED FROM HIS FIVE DAY TRIP TO LONDON. LIKE THE PERUVIAN PRESIDENT, CIPRIANI HAS A TREMENDOUS PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL STAKE IN BROKERING A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE HOSTAGE SITUATION.

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