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

2. [REDACTED] SUMMARY: GOP INTERLOCUTOR DOMINGO PALERMO AND AN MRTA REPRESENTATIVE HELD THEIR SECOND ROUND OF "PRELIMINARY TALKS" IN FOUR DAYS. WHILE BOTH SIDES ENDEAVOR TO FINALIZE THE AGENDA FOR FUTURE DISCUSSIONS, THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN IS SEEKING SUPPORT FOR A JUDICIAL REFORM PACKAGE THAT COULD FACILITATE A RESOLUTION TO THE 59-DAY OLD STANDOFF. MRTA COMANDANTE NESTOR CERPA IS VERY FAMILIAR WITH AND FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARDS THE WORK OF THE AD HOC COMMISSION WHICH REVIEWS THE CASES OF PERSONS UNJUSTLY ACCUSED OF BERRORISM, A CONGRESSIONALLY MANDATED HUMAN RIGHTS ENTITY WHICH MAY EVENTUALLY BE TAPPED TO HELP IMPLEMENT PART OF A GOP-MRTA AGREEMENT. END SUMMARY.

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SECOND ROUND OF TALKS BEGIN  
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3. (U) THREE DAYS AFTER THEIR INITIAL TALKS, THE SECOND ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT AND TUPAC AMARU REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MRTA) BEGAN AT 3:30 PM ON FEBRUARY 14. GOP INTERLOCUTOR DOMINGO PALERMO ENTERED THE NEGOTIATION SITE ACROSS FROM THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE ALONG WITH THE FOUR GUARANTORS: ARCHBISHOP JUAN LUIS CIPRIANI, JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO TERUSUKE TERADA, CANADIAN AMBASSADOR ANTHONY VINCENT, AND ICRC CHIEF DELEGATE TO PERU MICHEL MINNIG. MINNIG ESCORTED MRTA REPRESENTATIVE ROLI ROJAS FROM THE HOSTAGE SITE TO THE NEGOTIATION HOUSE IN THE 1993 CHEVROLET CAPRICE. AS OF 6:00 PM, TALKS CONTINUED; THE FIRST ROUND OF TALKS LASTED FOUR HOURS.

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4. (U) THE SECOND ROUND OF TALKS COMES ON THE HEELS OF PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S THREE-HOUR FEBRUARY 13 MEETING WITH PALERMO, THE GUARANTORS, AND PRIME MINISTER ALBERTO PANDOLFI, INTERIOR MINISTER GENERAL JUAN BRIONES, DEFENSE MINISTER TOMAS CASTILLO, AND JUSTICE MINISTER CARLOS HERMOZA. AFTER THE MEETING, FUJIMORI ANNOUNCED THAT HE HOPED TALKS WOULD RESUME "WITHIN 48 HOURS." PALERMO LATER TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE WAS READY TO MEET WITH MRTA LIEUTENANT ROLI ROJAS AGAIN, OR WITH MRTA LEADER NESTOR CERPA.

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5. [REDACTED] EMBOFFS, INCLUDING POLITICAL COUNSELOR AND USAID DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MET FEBRUARY 13 WITH JAPANESE DIPLOMATS TO DISCUSS INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR PERUVIAN JUDICIAL AND PRISON REFORMS. GOJ LIMA TASK FORCE SECRETARY GENERAL URABE TOSHINAO (TDY FROM BANGKOK) AND RELEASED HOSTAGE HIRATA SOUGHT IDEAS ON ASSEMBLING A PACKAGE OF MAINLY PRISON REFORMS WHICH WOULD BE "CONVINCING" TO BOTH THE MRTA HOSTAGE TAKERS AND GOP "HARDLINERS." THOUGH THEY LISTENED ATTENTIVELY TO EMBOFFS' DESCRIPTION OF THE NEED FOR A SYSTEMIC APPROACH TO REFORMS, THE JAPANESE WERE CLEARLY SEEKING A UNDP-LED "ACTION PLAN" WHICH COULD BE RAPIDLY ASSEMBLED FROM VARIOUS NGO AND DONOR-SPONSORED PROGRAMS ALREADY PLANNED OR UNDERWAY AND REPACKAGED AS AN INTERNATIONAL PRO-DEMOCRACY INITIATIVE. SUCH A SCHEME, THEY PROMPTED, COULD BE OFFERED TO THE MRTA AS AN INCENTIVE TO RELEASE THE HOSTAGES.

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MRTA PRAISED AD HOC COMMISSION  
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6. [REDACTED] POL COUNSELOR AND POLOFF MET FEBRUARY 13 WITH FATHER HUBERT LANSSIERS, A MEMBER OF THE AD HOC COMMISSION REVIEWING THE SENTENCES OF THOSE UNJUSTLY DETAINED FOR TERRORISM. IN DISCUSSING THE MRTA HOSTAGE TAKEOVER, FATHER LANSSIERS SAID HE HAD BEEN SURPRISED TO RECEIVE A LETTER IN SEPTEMBER 1996 FROM MRTA LEADER NESTOR CERPA IN WHICH THE MRTA COMANDANTE PRAISED THE

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WORK OF THE AD HOC COMMISSION. LANSSIERS LEARNED THAT HE HAD BEEN FAVORABLY PROFILED, ALSO IN SEPTEMBER 1996, IN THE MRTA'S CLANDESTINE NEWSPAPER "LA VOZ REBELDE." LANSSIERS AND HUMAN RIGHTS OMBUDSMAN JORGE SANTISTEVAN INITIALLY OFFERED THEIR SERVICES AS MEDIATORS ON THE NIGHT OF THE MRTA ATTACK ON THE JAPANESE RESIDENCE. THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, DID NOT TAKE UP THEIR OFFER TO HELP.

7. [REDACTED] LANSSIERS, WHO HAS BEEN WORKING FOR IMPROVED PRISON CONDITIONS IN PERU FOR YEARS, OBTAINED THE PRESIDENT'S AGREEMENT IN A DECEMBER 15 MEETING FOR FACE-TO-FACE VISITS BY FAMILY MEMBERS OF TERRORISM DETAINEES AT CHRISTMASTIME AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS IN PRISON CONDITIONS. THE GOP SUSPENDED THESE IMPROVEMENTS, HE SAID, DUE TO THE MRTA HOSTAGE TAKING. LANSSIERS

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BELIEVES THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD USE THE POSSIBILITY OF A REVIEW OF SENTENCES IN ITS NEGOTIATIONS.

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LANSSIERS STRESSED THAT FUJIMORI WAS THE ONLY PERSON IN THE GOP WHO MADE DECISIONS, AND THAT HIS CABINET MEMBERS MERELY DID AS THEY WERE TOLD.

8. [REDACTED] LANSSIERS LAMENTED THAT THE AD HOC COMMISSION'S SIX-MONTH LEGAL MANDATE WAS COMING TO AN END WITHOUT HAVING FINISHED ITS WORK DUE TO THE HOSTAGE CRISIS. HE DOUBTED THAT FUJIMORI WOULD EXTEND THE COMMISSION AT THIS TIME, BUT BELIEVED THE PERUVIAN PRESIDENT WOULD WAIT UNTIL THE CRISIS WAS RESOLVED TO REVIVE THE COMMISSION. HOWEVER, IN A SURPRISE MOVE, THE CONGRESS, LATE ON FEBRUARY 13 MOVED TO EXTEND THE COMMISSION FOR ANOTHER 90 DAYS, THOUGH THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT PRESIDENT FUJIMORI WILL CONSIDER ANY PARDON RECOMMENDATIONS WHILE THE MRTA HOLDS HOSTAGES.

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