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 TAGS: PTER ASEC PREL PGOV PE
 SUBJECT: PERU'S HOSTAGE CRISIS UPDATE - FEBRUARY 24-28

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

2. SUMMARY: IN THE SIXTH AND SEVENTH ROUNDS OF TALKS, THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT AND TUPAC AMARU REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MRTA) ADDRESSED CORE ISSUES, INCLUDING THE MRTA'S DEMAND FOR PRISONER RELEASES, AS WELL AS HUMANITARIAN SUBJECTS. WHILE WE DO NOT EXPECT ANY IMMINENT BREAKTHROUGHS, THE GOP-MRTA DIALOGUE IS TAKING ROOT AND SEEMINGLY CONVERTING THE HOSTAGE "CRISIS" INTO A HOSTAGE "SITUATION." END SUMMARY.

 GOP AND MRTA HOLD SIXTH AND SEVENTH ROUND OF TALKS

3. (U) GOP INTERLOCUTOR DOMINGO PALERMO MET FEBRUARY 27 WITH

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 MRTA COMANDANTE NESTOR CERPA CARTOLINI AND MRTA LIEUTENANT ROLI ROJAS FERNANDEZ FOR ABOUT THREE HOURS. GUARANTORS ARCHBISHOP JUAN LUIS CIPRIANI, CANADIAN AMBASSADOR ANTHONY VINCENT, ICRC CHIEF DELEGATE TO PERU MICHEL MINNIG, AND GUARANTOR OBSERVER TDY JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TERUSUKE TERADA ALSO ATTENDED THE TALKS. READING A BRIEF COMMUNIQUE, CIPRIANI AND VINCENT INFORMED REPORTERS THAT THE SEVENTH ROUND OF TALKS ADDRESSED "HUMANITARIAN ISSUES" AND "SUBSTANTIAL SUBJECTS." THE GUARANTORS ALSO "PRESENTED SUGGESTIONS" AND "OBSERVED THE PARTIES' WILLINGNESS TO FIND A SOLUTION." CIPRIANI AND VINCENT ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE NEXT DISCUSSION WOULD TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 3.

4. (U) THE SAME NEGOTIATORS AND GUARANTORS PARTICIPATED IN THE SIXTH ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS ON FEBRUARY 25. AFTER THAT TWO AND ONE-HALF HOUR MEETING, CIPRIANI AND VINCENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE "TALKS CONTINUED IN THE SAME CLIMATE AS BEFORE" AND THAT "THE NATURE OF THE TALKS DEMANDS SPECIAL SECRECY." BOTH GUARANTORS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE NEXT MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE ON FEBRUARY 27. (NOTE: THE GOP AND MRTA HAVE AGREED TO MEET ON A SPECIFIC

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DATE BY THE END OF FIVE OF THEIR FIRST SEVEN MEETINGS. END
NOTE).

5. [REDACTED] TOLD POLOFFS ON THE MORNING
OF FEBRUARY 27 THAT THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE SIXTH MEETING WAS
ACTUALLY MUCH MORE TENSE THAN THAT OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS,
PRIMARILY DUE TO CERPA'S INFLEXIBILITY. [REDACTED] THE MRTA
HOSTAGE TAKERS WERE PARTICULARLY AGITATED BY PRESS REPORTING THAT
THE GOP CONDUCTED A COMPREHENSIVE SEARCH OF A LIMA PRISON WHERE
MANY MRTA CONVICTS ARE HELD. ASKED IF THE GOP SECURITY FORCES
CONTINUED TO APPLY PRESSURE AT THE HOSTAGE SITE, [REDACTED] THAT
THE ROCK THROWING HAD ABATED FOR THE MOMENT, BUT THE POLICE
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CONTINUED TO BLARE MUSIC INTO THE HOSTAGE SITE DAILY.

MRTA STILL TRAINING IN JUNIN

6. (U) INTERNATIONAL JOURNALISTS ESCORTED BY MRTA MEMBERS
RECENTLY FILMED AN MRTA TRAINING SITE IN AN UNIDENTIFIED LOCATION
IN CHANCHAMAYO PROVINCE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUNIN. AIRED ON
LOCAL TELEVISION NEWS SHOWS ON FEBRUARY 27, THE TV COVERAGE
SHOWED A FEW DOZEN UNIFORMED AND CAMOUFLAGED MRTA MILITANTS
PRACTICING MILITARY MANEUVERS THROUGH MAKESHIFT OBSTACLE COURSES.
THE ARMED MRTA LEADERS AND RECRUITS, THE LATTER MAINLY YOUNG
PERSONS FROM THE SURROUNDING AREA, EXPRESSED SOLIDARITY WITH THE
MRTA TERRORISTS WHO HOLD 72 PERSONS HOSTAGE.

7. [REDACTED] COMMENT: DESPITE THE AIRING OF THE FOOTAGE OF THE
MRTA TRAINING CAMP, LOCAL PRESS COVERAGE OF THE HOSTAGE STANDOFF
AND THE MRTA HAS DIMINISHED CONSIDERABLY DURING THE LAST WEEK.
EBBING PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE HOSTAGE SITUATION MAY PUT MORE
PRESSURE ON CERPA TO COME TO TERMS FOR A FINAL, PEACEFUL
RESOLUTION. END COMMENT.

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