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1. CLASSIFIED BY JIM WAGNER, POLITICAL COUNSELOR, EMBASSY LIMA.
REASON: 1.5 (D).

2. SUMMARY: PRIOR TO DEPARTING LIMA FOR HIS DIOCESE FOR HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS, GUARANTOR ARCHBISHOP CIPRIANI URGED THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY TO SHOW MORE FLEXIBILITY TO END THE HOSTAGE CRISIS. THE GUARANTORS BELIEVE THAT THE RELEASE OF DOZENS OF LOW-LEVEL MRTA PRISONERS WILL HAVE TO BE PART OF THE PRICE THE GOP MUST PAY TO END THE 98-DAY OLD STANDOFF PEACEFULLY. THEY HAVE NOT, HOWEVER, OBTAINED EXPLICIT GOP AGREEMENT ON THAT KEY POINT. CONTRARY TO OVERLY OPTIMISTIC PRESS REPORTING, THE HOSTAGE CRISIS WHICH STARTED BEFORE CHRISTMAS IS NOT LIKELY TO BE RESOLVED PEACEFULLY BEFORE EASTER,

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MARCH 30. END SUMMARY.

CIPRIANI EXHORTS GOP AND MRTA TO SHOW MORE FLEXIBILITY

3. (U) SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF ALL THE GUARANTORS, ARCHBISHOP JUAN LUIS CIPRIANI, IN A MARCH 21 STATEMENT TO THE PRESS, URGED THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT AND TUPAC AMARU REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MRTA) TO SHOW GREATER INTEREST IN REACHING AN AGREEMENT TO END THE HOSTAGE STANDOFF. WHILE CIPRIANI'S OUTBURST WAS AIMED AT BOTH THE GOP AND MRTA, HIS REMARKS APPEARED TO BE DIRECTED MAINLY AT PRESIDENT FUJIMORI. ONE DAY AFTER FUJIMORI REITERATED TO THE PRESS THAT THE GOP WILL NOT RELEASE A SINGLE, JUSTLY CONVICTED MRTA PRISONER, CIPRIANI NOTED THAT "THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO ISSUE CONFLICTING STATEMENTS."

4. (U) EXPRESSING FRUSTRATION AT THE PACE OF NEGOTIATIONS, THE ARCHBISHOP CAUTIONED THAT "WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO CONSIDER A SLOW

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PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSALS" NOR "A PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSALS WITHOUT CONFIDENCE IN THE GUARANTORS." NOTING THAT HE UNDERSTANDS THAT THE HOSTAGE CRISIS IS A VERY COMPLEX PROBLEM FOR PERU AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, CIRPIANI OPINED THAT "WE MUST HAVE THE ABILITY TO OVERCOME LIMITATIONS THAT UNDER NORMAL CONDITIONS WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE." "HOW FAR ARE WE GOING TO GO IN OUR ROLE OF GUARANTORS," THE ARCHBISHOP ASKED RHETORICALLY, "WHEN WE ARE PERFORMING WORK THAT GOES BEYOND OUR OBLIGATIONS?"

5. [REDACTED] COMMENT: ALTHOUGH STAUNCHLY PRO-GOVERNMENT, CIPRIANI IS MOST INTERESTED IN SECURING A PROMPT, PEACEFUL RESOLUTION TO THE HOSTAGE SITUATION. BECAUSE HE AND THE OTHER GUARANTORS HAVE BEEN

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MUCH MORE DISPOSED TO APPEASE MRTA LEADER NESTOR CERPA CARTOLINI WITH PRISONER RELEASES THAN PRESIDENT FUJIMORI HAS BEEN, CIPRIANI AND THE OTHER GUARANTORS HAVE BECOME FRUSTRATED BY THE GOP'S RELUCTANCE TO MAKE SUCH CONCESSIONS. END COMMENT.

GUARANTORS HUDDLE

6. (U) WHILE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOP AND MRTA HAVE NOT MET FACE-TO-FACE SINCE MARCH 12, MEMBERS OF THE GUARANTOR COMMISSION CONTINUE TO WORK HARD TO MEDIATE AN AGREEMENT TO RESOLVE THE HOSTAGE STANDOFF. ARCHBISHOP CIPRIANI, CANADIAN AMBASSADOR ANTHONY VINCENT, AND TDY JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TERUSUKE TERADA MET FOR A FEW HOURS MARCH 21, 22, 23 AND 24. ICRC CHIEF DELEGATE TO PERU MICHEL MINNIG JOINED THE GUARANTORS FOR DISCUSSIONS ON MARCH 23. ARCHBISHOP CIPRIANI ALSO WENT INSIDE THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE ON MARCH 23 TO SAY MASS AND REMAINED THERE FOR TWO HOURS. ON MARCH 24, MINNIG AND VINCENT ENTERED THE HOSTAGE SITE, AND ON MARCH 25, THE GUARANTORS (MINUS CIPRIANI) MET WITH CERPA FOR TWO HOURS.

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7. (U) ARCHBISHOP CIPRIANI MET ALONE WITH PRESIDENT FUJIMORI AT CIPRIANI'S REQUEST FOR TWO HOURS ON MARCH 24. THE PRESIDENT'S STAFF RELEASED A BRIEF COMMUNIQUE TO THE PRESS NOTING THAT PRESIDENT FUJIMORI HIGHLIGHTED THE VALUABLE ASSISTANCE OF THE GUARANTORS AND HIS COMMITMENT TO WORK TOWARD A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE HOSTAGE CRISIS. CIPRIANI DEPARTED LIMA FOR HIS AYACUCHO ARCHDIOCESE EARLY ON MARCH 25, WHERE HE WILL LEAD PERU'S MOST FAMOUS HOLY WEEK COMMEMORATIONS.

CANADIANS SEE SLOW PROGRESS

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8. [REDACTED] TOLD EMBOFFS ON MARCH 25 THAT THE GOP AND MRTA ARE MOVING CLOSER TO AN AGREEMENT, BUT HE DID NOT EXPECT TO SEE MUCH MORE PROGRESS UNTIL AFTER EASTER (MARCH 30). HE NOTED THAT ARCHBISHOP CIPRIANI WAS ENCOURAGED BY HIS MARCH 24 MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FUJIMORI AND BELIEVED THE PERUVIAN PRESIDENT WAS STILL COMMITTED TO FINDING A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION. CIPRIANI, HE SAID, URGED THE PERUVIAN PRESIDENT TO PUT TOGETHER A LIST OF SOME 30 LOW-LEVEL MRTA PRISONERS WHO COULD POTENTIALLY BE PARDONED AS PART OF AN AGREEMENT TO END THE HOSTAGE CRISIS. [REDACTED] OPINED THAT MRTA LEADER CERPA WILL ALSO HOLD OUT FOR THE RELEASE OF A HANDFUL OF HARDCORE MRTA TERRORISTS WITH WHOM THE HOSTAGE TAKERS ARE ESPECIALLY CLOSE, INCLUDING CERPA'S COMMON LAW WIFE NANCY GILVONIO CONDE.

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9. [REDACTED] ANTICIPATED THAT WHILE CIPRIANI WAS AWAY DURING HOLY WEEK THE GUARANTORS WOULD CONTINUE TO MEET WITH THE MRTA AND THE HOSTAGES IN AN EFFORT TO MINIMIZE TENSIONS. [REDACTED] SAID HE HOPED FUJIMORI WOULD PROVIDE CIPRIANI WITH A CONCRETE GOP PROPOSAL TO TRANSMIT TO THE MRTA AFTER CIPRIANI RETURNED TO LIMA IN EARLY APRIL. HE NOTED THAT THE GUARANTORS HAD PROVIDED GOP INTERLOCUTOR PALERMO WITH A LIST OF SOME 150 MRTA PRISONERS WHOSE

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CASES HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE AD HOC COMMISSION REVIEWING CASES OF PERSONS WHO MAY HAVE BEEN FALSELY ACCUSED OF TERRORISM-RELATED OFFENSES. THE GUARANTORS, HE SAID, BELIEVED THE AD HOC COMMISSION COULD PROVIDE COVER FOR IDENTIFYING LOW-LEVEL MRTA PRISONERS FOR POSSIBLE RELEASE. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN, [REDACTED] CAUTIONED, WHETHER FUJIMORI WILL ACTUALLY AGREE TO PRISONER RELEASES AS PART OF A DEAL TO END THE HOSTAGE CRISIS.

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10. [REDACTED] A MEMBER OF THE GUARANTOR SUB-GROUP THAT IS [REDACTED]

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VISITING MRTA PRISONERS, REPORTED THAT THE COMMITTEE VISITED MRTA PRISONERS AT CHORRILLOS WOMEN'S PRISON ON MARCH 21 AND CASTRO CASTRO PRISON IN LIMA ON MARCH 23, BUT WAS DENIED PERMISSION TO VISIT THE THREE SENIOR MRTA LEADERS IMPRISONED AT CALLAO NAVAL BASE. ALTHOUGH THE MRTA PRISONERS HE VISITED COMPLAINED OF THE CUT-OFF OF FAMILY VISITS IN THE WAKE OF THE HOSTAGE CRISIS, THEY HAD NOT SUFFERED PHYSICAL MISTREATMENT AS A RESULT OF THE HEIGHTENED SECURITY. DIRECT FAMILY VISITS WERE PERMITTED AT BOTH PRISONS FEBRUARY 14-16, ALTHOUGH RELATIVES WERE NOT NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE. THE COMMITTEE WILL TRAVEL TO YANAMAYO PRISON NEAR PUNO ON MARCH 26, WHERE [REDACTED] WILL ENDEAVOR TO CHECK ON THE WELFARE OF AMCIT LORI BERENSON. THE COMMITTEE INTENDS TO VISIT MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISONS NEAR CAJAMARCA AND HUANUCO, AS WELL AS CALLAO NAVAL BASE, BY THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL.

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11. [REDACTED] REPORTED THAT MRTA PRISONERS APPEARED TO BE WELL-INFORMED ABOUT THE HOSTAGE STANDOFF AND EAGER TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR CONTINUED MILITANCY. MRTA PRISONERS AT CASTRO CASTRO GREETED THE VISITING COMMITTEE WITH THE SLOGAN "THE JAILS ARE THE SECOND FRONT." THE MRTA PRISONER WHO LED SOME 15 FELLOW INMATES ON AN 18-DAY HUNGER STRIKE AT CHORRILLOS WOMEN'S PRISON SPOKE AT LENGTH ABOUT THE RIGHTS OF PRISONERS. MRTA ENDED THE HUNGER STRIKE, [REDACTED] ONLY AFTER THE PRISON DIRECTOR AGREED TO QUIETLY REINSTATE FAMILY VISITS WITH THE MRTA PRISONERS (THROUGH A SCREEN) AT CHORRILLOS WOMEN'S PRISON.

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