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

2. SUMMARY: STATING PUBLICLY THAT HE WILL ONLY USE FORCE IF FACED WITH AN "UNCONTROLLABLE EMERGENCY" AT THE HOSTAGE SITE, PRESIDENT FUJIMORI CONTINUES TO STRESS THAT HE SEEKS A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO HOSTAGE CRISIS. THE GUARANTORS CONTINUE TO MEET SEPARATELY WITH THE GOP AND THE MRTA TO HELP FRAME A POTENTIAL AGREEMENT, BUT THE MRTA'S INSISTENCE THAT THE GOP RELEASE MRTA TERRORISTS MAKES IT UNLIKELY THE GOP AND MRTA WILL COME TO ANY NEGOTIATED ACCORD ANYTIME SOON. END SUMMARY.

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PRESIDENT FUJIMORI REITERATES INTEREST IN PEACEFUL SOLUTION

3. (U) IN A LIVE APRIL 6 TELEVISION INTERVIEW, PRESIDENT ALBERTO FUJIMORI REITERATED HIS COMMITMENT TO SEEK A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION TO THE HOSTAGE CRISIS. THE PERUVIAN PRESIDENT SAID HE ANTICIPATED THAT HE WOULD ONLY USE FORCE IF HE WERE "FACED WITH AN UNCONTROLLABLE EMERGENCY" INSIDE THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. COMMENDING THE WORK OF THE GUARANTOR'S COMMISSION, FUJIMORI SAID THE GUARANTORS WERE HELPING "TO CREATE THE PROPER CONDITIONS" FOR A MEETING WITH MRTA LEADER NESTOR CERPA CARTOLINI AND GOP INTERLOCUTOR DOMINGO PALERMO. FUJIMORI ALSO USED THE INTERVIEW TO STRESS THAT "EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THE HOSTAGES IS IN OUR MIND."

GUARANTORS SHUTTLE BETWEEN MRTA AND GOP

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4. (U) THE GUARANTORS CONTINUED TO MEET SEPARATELY WITH THE MRTA TERRORISTS AND GOP OFFICIALS. ARCHBISHOP JUAN LUIS CIPRIANI MET WITH PRESIDENT FUJIMORI FOR TWO HOURS ON APRIL 8; GOP INTERLOCUTOR PALERMO JOINED THEM MIDWAY THROUGH THE MEETING. CIPRIANI, CANADIAN AMBASSADOR ANTHONY VINCENT, AND ICRC CHIEF DELEGATE TO PERU MICHEL MINNIG VISITED THE HOSTAGE SITE ON APRIL 6; CIPRIANI RETURNED TO SAY MASS THERE ON APRIL 7.

ICRC SEES MRTA MAINTAINING ITS GROUND

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5. [REDACTED]

SAID MRTA LEADER CERPA REMAINS STEADFAST IN HIS INSISTENCE THAT THE GOP RELEASE SOME MRTA MILITANTS. [REDACTED] ADDED THAT CERPA IS ONLY INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH GOP INTERLOCUTOR PALERMO IF PALERMO BRINGS A LIST OF NAMES OF MRTA PRISONERS THE GOP IS PREPARED TO RELEASE. [REDACTED] REITERATED THAT CERPA WILL NOT BE PLACATED BY THE PARDON OF PERSONS FALSELY ACCUSED OF ACTS OF TERRORISM, BUT RATHER WANTS TO SEE THE RELEASE OF ACTUAL MRTA MEMBERS THAT HE AND THE OTHER HOSTAGE TAKERS KNOW WELL. HE NOTED THAT CERPA REALIZES HE CANNOT WIN THE RELEASE OF JAILED MRTA LEADER VICTOR POLAY AND DID NOT EVEN COMMEMORATE THE POLAY'S APRIL 6 BIRTHDAY.

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6. [REDACTED] ASKED HOW THE MRTA TERRORISTS WOULD RESPOND TO A RESCUE OPERATION, [REDACTED] SAID HE BELIEVED THE MRTA WOULD ENDEAVOR TO FIGHT OFF ANY TACTICAL ASSAULT FOR A SHORT TIME. IF AN ASSAULT PROVED TO BE ANYTHING MORE THAN A PROBING OF MRTA'S DEFENSES, [REDACTED] SAID MRTA PLANS TO SET OFF EXPLOSIVES AND THROW GRENADES IN THE ROOMS WHERE HOSTAGES ARE HELD. [REDACTED] NOTED THAT IN RECENT WEEKS THE MRTA HOSTAGE TAKERS HAVE TAKEN GREATER SECURITY PRECAUTIONS, CARRYING THEIR WEAPONS AND GAS MASKS AT ALL TIMES. HE SAID AT LEAST ONE MRTA TERRORIST WAS ALWAYS READY TO LIGHT THE FUSES OF STRATEGICALLY PLACED EXPLOSIVES. [REDACTED] DID NOT DOUBT THE MRTA'S WILLINGNESS TO KILL HOSTAGES AND TO DIE IN A BLOODY

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7. [REDACTED] REGARDING THE MOOD OF THE HOSTAGES, [REDACTED] REPORTED THAT SOME HOSTAGES HAD BEEN DISCUSSING THE POSSIBILITY OF CONFRONTING THE HOSTAGE TAKERS OVER THE WEEKEND, BUT HAD STOPPED DOING SO NOW. HE SAID THE HOSTAGES WERE VERY AWARE OF THE FACT THAT NO DIRECT GOP-MRTA TALKS HAD TAKEN PLACE SINCE MARCH 12, AND INEVITABLY, SOME OF THEM WOULD AGAIN CONSIDER TAKING MATTERS IN THEIR OWN HANDS. THE MRTA HOSTAGE TAKERS, HE SAID, REMAINED UNITED AND DETERMINED. COMMENTING THAT ANOTHER GUARANTOR (READ ARCHBISHOP CIPRIANI) HAD PROVIDED THE MRTA WITH A SOCCER BALL, FRESH BATTERIES, AND NEWSPAPERS, HE SAID CERPA WAS NOT FEELING UNDULY PRESSURED. THE SECURITY FORCES OUTSIDE THE RESIDENCE PLAY

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MILITARY MARCHES ONLY IN THE MORNINGS AND NO LONGER THROW STONES AT THE JAPANESE RESIDENCE.

CANADIAN AMBASSADOR GOES TO BOLIVIA

8. (U) ON THE HEELS OF PRESIDENT FUJIMORI'S APRIL 4-5 VISIT TO BOLIVIA, GUARANTOR CANADIAN AMBASSADOR ANTHONY VINCENT TRAVELED TO LA PAZ APRIL 6-8, WHERE HE MET WITH BOLIVIAN PRESIDENT SANCHEZ DE LOZADA. VINCENT, WHO IS ALSO ACCREDITED AS CANADA'S AMBASSADOR TO BOLIVIA (RESIDENT IN LIMA), TOLD REPORTERS THAT HIS TRIP WAS PART OF HIS REGULAR, ROUTINE TRAVEL TO LA PAZ, AS WELL AS A CHANCE TO UPDATE THE GOVERNMENT OF BOLIVIA ON THE HOSTAGE STANDOFF. HE TOLD REPORTERS THAT BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR JORGE GUMUCIO, THE ONLY HOSTAGE WHO IS NOT A CITIZEN OF PERU OR JAPAN, IS IN GOOD HEALTH.

9. [REDACTED]
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SANCHEZ DE LOZADA CAN INFLUENCE FUJIMORI TO CONSIDER RELEASING SOME IMPRISONED MRTA MILITANTS TO CLOSE A DEAL WITH CERPA. [REDACTED]

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REPORT OF CIPRIANI VISIT TO JAILED MRTA LEADER POLAY PROVES FALSE

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10. (U) SOME 20 MEMBERS OF THE PRESS FOLLOWED ARCHBISHOP CIPRIANI'S CAR TO CALLAO NAVAL BASE THE EVENING OF APRIL 4. LIMA'S MEDIA OUTLETS SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED THAT CIPRIANI VISITED MRTA LEADER VICTOR POLAY INCARCERATED AT THE NAVAL BASE'S SMALL MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON. ONE PRO-GOVERNMENT LIMA DAILY EVEN REPORTED IN DETAIL A PURPORTED EXCHANGE CIPRIANI HAD WITH POLAY. PRESIDENT FUJIMORI, HOWEVER, CATEGORICALLY DENIED THAT CIPRIANI VISITED POLAY. IN THE AFOREMENTIONED TELEVISION NEWS INTERVIEW, FUJIMORI SAID CIPRIANI LOANED HIS CAR TO A FELLOW PRIEST WHO VISITED SOME FAMILY MEMBERS ON THE BASE.

11. [REDACTED] COMMENT: IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PROTRACTED HOSTAGE STANDOFF, FALSE STORIES LIKE CIPRIANI'S CALL ON POLAY TAKE ON A LIFE OF THEIR OWN. CONGRESSMEN RAFAEL REY REY, A CLOSE FRIEND OF CIPRIANI, TOLD POLOFFS THAT EVEN AFTER HE CONFIRMED WITH THE ARCHBISHOP THAT NO SUCH VISIT TOOK PLACE, REY'S OWN FATHER REFUSED TO BELIEVE THAT CIPRIANI DID NOT MAKE THE TRIP TO CALLAO. CIPRIANI, WHO HAS UPBRAIDED THE PRESS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS FOR INVENTING NEWS STORIES, APPEARS TO HAVE SUCCEEDED IN DIVERTING AND EMBARRASSING THE NEWS-STARVED PRESS. END COMMENT.

GUARANTOR SUBGROUP PRESENT PRISON CONDITIONS REPORT TO GUARANTORS

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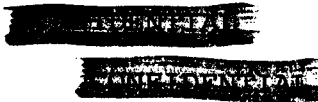
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12. [REDACTED] THE GUARANTOR SUB-GROUP WHICH VISITED FIVE MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISONS (BUT NOT THE PRISON AT CALLAO NAVAL BASE) PRESENTED ITS REPORT TO THE GUARANTORS ON APRIL 8. [REDACTED] DIPLOMAT AND SUB-GROUP MEMBER [REDACTED] TOLD POLOFF THAT THE REPORT MAKES "PALATABLE" RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN PRISON CONDITIONS. [REDACTED] EXPRESSED SOME HOPE THAT THE REPORT WOULD ALSO DISPEL THE MRTA HOSTAGE TAKERS' MISCONCEPTIONS OF THE CONDITIONS FACED BY THEIR COMRADES. THE MRTA TERRORISTS HAD ALLEGED THAT MRTA PRISONERS WERE BEING DENIED MUCH-NEEDED MEDICAL TREATMENT, [REDACTED] BUT THE SUB-GROUP FOUND NO SUCH CASES.

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