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1. CLASSIFIED BY JOHN RIDDLE, ACTING DCM, EMBASSY LIMA.
REASON: 1.5 (D).

2. [REDACTED] SUMMARY: KEY MEDIATOR ARCHBISHOP JUAN LUIS CIPRIANI HAS INTENSIFIED HIS MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT ALBERTO FUJIMORI. MEMBERS OF THE GUARANTOR COMMISSION ARE QUIETLY URGING THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT TO CONCEDE TO THE MRTA'S DEMAND TO RELEASE SEVERAL MRTA PRISONERS CLOSE TO THE HOSTAGE TAKERS IN ORDER TO BRING THE 119-DAY OLD HOSTAGE STANDOFF TO A PEACEFUL END. NEITHER THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC) NOR THE CANADIAN EMBASSY HAS ALERTED US TO ANY PRESSING MEDICAL EMERGENCIES INSIDE THE HOSTAGE SITE. END SUMMARY.

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GUARANTORS CONTINUE THEIR SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY

3. (U) KEY MEDIATOR ARCHBISHOP JUAN LUIS CIPRIANI MET WITH PRESIDENT FUJIMORI ON APRIL 10 AND 11 AND 14; THEIR LAST MEETING LASTED ALMOST FOUR HOURS. ON APRIL 11, MEMBERS OF THE GUARANTOR COMMISSION, INCLUDING TDY JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TERUSUKE TERADA, MET WITH ROLI ROJAS (A.K.A. "EL ARABE") AT THE NEGOTIATION HOUSE ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE FOR CLOSE TO THREE HOURS. CIPRIANI AND CANADIAN AMBASSADOR ANTHONY VINCENT VISITED THE HOSTAGE SITE FOR 80 MINUTES DURING THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 12. ICRC CHIEF DELEGATE TO PERU MICHEL MINNIG, LEADING A TEAM OF TWO ICRC DOCTORS, VISITED THE HOSTAGE SITE SEPARATELY ON APRIL 12; MINNIG RETURNED WITH MEDICAL STAFF ON APRIL 14. ARCHBISHOP CIPRIANI SAID MASS AT THE JAPANESE RESIDENCE ON APRIL 13. CIPRIANI, VINCENT, AND A TDY JAPANESE DIPLOMAT ARRANGED TO PLAY TENNIS AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY COMPOUND THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 13 TO ESCAPE TV CAMERAS, PROMPTING A SERIES OF FALSE MEDIA REPORTS THAT THE GUARANTORS MET WITH

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AMBASSADOR JETT FOR TWO HOURS.

GUARANTORS PRESS FUJIMORI TO AGREE TO RELEASE SOME MRTA PRISONERS

4. [REDACTED] TOLD POLOFF ON APRIL 11 THAT THE GUARANTORS, PARTICULARLY ARCHBISHOP CIPRIANI, CONTINUE TO PRESS PRESIDENT FUJIMORI TO AGREE TO RELEASE SOME MRTA PRISONERS TO RESOLVE THE HOSTAGE CRISIS. [REDACTED] CIPRIANI DID NOT GET SUCH A COMMITMENT FROM FUJIMORI DURING THEIR APRIL 8 AND 10 MEETINGS. CIPRIANI REPORTEDLY TOLD CANADIAN AMBASSADOR VINCENT [REDACTED]

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AND TDY JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TERADA THAT FUJIMORI WAS MOST INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING THE ARCHBISHOP'S PERCEPTIONS OF CERPA'S DEPRESSED STATE OF MIND. VINCENT AND CIPRIANI HAVE NOTED THAT CERPA HAS BEEN KEEPING TO HIMSELF OF LATE AND MAY BE FAILING TO EXERCISE HIS USUAL AUTHORITY.

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6. [REDACTED] CERPA'S BOTTOM LINE SEEMED TO BE OBTAINING THE RELEASE OF SOME 30 PRISONERS, OF WHOM SOME 10 WOULD BE PERSONS THE HOSTAGE TAKERS CARED MOST ABOUT. BICKFORD SAID CERPA'S COMMON LAW WIFE NANCY GILVONIO FEATURES PROMINENTLY ON SUCCESSIVE MRTA LISTS, WHILE AMCIT CO-DEFENDANT LORI BERENSON "COMES AND GOES" ON THE CORE ROSTER. [REDACTED] SAID CERPA WOULD [REDACTED]

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AGREE TO FILL OUT THE 30 WITH PERSONS CLEARED OF TERRORISM CHARGES BY THE AD HOC COMMISSION, AND THUS, BY DEFINITION, NOT MRTA MILITANTS. THE GUARANTORS HAVE ALSO DISCUSSED USING THE AD HOC COMMISSION AS COVER TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF ACTUAL MRTA MILITANTS, BUT HUMAN RIGHTS OMBUDSMAN JORGE SANTISTEVAN DE NORIEGA TOLD THE GUARANTORS PLAINLY THAT THE AD HOC COMMISSION HAS A LEGAL MANDATE TO RECOMMEND PARDONS ONLY FOR INNOCENTS.

7. [REDACTED] THE GUARANTORS CALLED FOR THEIR APRIL 11 MEETING WITH MRTA TO LEND SOME NEW MOMENTUM TO NEGOTIATIONS AND TO REASSURE THE SKEPTICAL PUBLIC AND HOSTAGES THAT THE GUARANTORS ARE MAKING SOME PROGRESS. THE GUARANTORS HAD NOT MET FORMALLY WITH THE MRTA AT THE NEGOTIATION HOUSE SINCE MARCH 25, AND THE GOP HAS NOT HELD A FACE-TO-FACE MEETING WITH

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THE MRTA SINCE MARCH 12. THE GUARANTORS PLANNED TO PRESENT TO THE MRTA THE SUB-GROUP'S REPORT ON PRISON CONDITIONS AND WOULD NOT ADDRESS THE MRTA'S PRIMARY DEMAND FOR PRISONER RELEASES. CERPA WAS UNINTERESTED IN ATTENDING A MEETING TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE OF PRISON REFORM.

8. [REDACTED] ASKED ABOUT THE CONDITION OF THE HOSTAGES, [REDACTED] HE FEARED THE POLICE AND MILITARY HOSTAGES COULD EVENTUALLY TURN ON THEIR CAPTORS IN AN ESCAPE ATTEMPT. NOTING RECENT EXAMPLES IN WHICH MRTA TERRORISTS LEFT THEIR GUNS AND GRENADES UNATTENDED AND LOANED A KNIFE TO A HOSTAGE TO DO WOOD CARVING, [REDACTED] OPINED THAT MRTA'S "SLOPPINESS" COULD ENCOURAGE A HOSTAGE REVOLT.

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[REDACTED] ALSO NOTED THAT ONE UNSPECIFIED PERUVIAN HOSTAGE IS FACING MEDICAL PROBLEMS SUFFICIENTLY SERIOUS THAT THE ICRC RECOMMENDED HIS RELEASE. [REDACTED] SAID CERPA DID NOT CONCEDE TO FREE THE HOSTAGE, BUT THE GUARANTORS WERE NOT TOO CONCERNED AT THIS TIME BECAUSE THE ILLNESS DID NOT APPEAR IMMEDIATELY LIFE-THREATENING.

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[REDACTED] SEES MRTA WAITING PATIENTLY

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9. [REDACTED] IN AN APRIL 14 MEETING WITH POLOFF AND FBI NEGOTIATION EXPERT, [REDACTED] SAID MRTA LEADER CERPA SHOWS NO OUTWARD SIGNS OF FATIGUE NOR ANY CHANGE OF HEART REGARDING HIS DETERMINATION TO WIN PRISONER RELEASES. WHEN TOLD BY THE GUARANTORS THAT THE GOP WILL NEVER AGREE TO RELEASE TERRORISTS, CERPA RESPONDS THAT THE GOP SET THE PRECEDENT BY AMNESTYING GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL GUILTY OF, IN HIS WORDS "STATE TERRORISM" FOR THE 1993 MURDER OF NINE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND A UNIVERSITY [REDACTED]

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PROFESSOR ("LA CANTUTA" CASE). IF THE GOVERNMENT CAN AMNESTY MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY FORCES WHO COMMITTED HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES, CERPA REPORTEDLY INSISTS, THE GOVERNMENT CAN CERTAINLY PARDON A FEW MRTA MEMBERS.

10. [REDACTED] SAID CERPA RETAINS CONTROL OVER THE OTHER HOSTAGE TAKERS. [REDACTED] OPINED THAT ONLY CERPA AND HIS THREE LIEUTENANTS, "EL ARABE," "TITO" AND "SALVADOR," REALLY HAVE ANY CONCEPTION OF ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS. THE OTHERS, [REDACTED] DO NOT THINK INDEPENDENTLY AND LIVE DAY-TO-DAY. [REDACTED] THE HOSTAGE TAKERS ARE NOW PLAYING SOCCER AND VOLLEYBALL MORE FREQUENTLY TO BLOW OFF STEAM, OFTEN LEAVING THEIR GRENADES IN DANGEROUS AND UNATTENDED PROXIMITY TO THEIR PLAYING "FIELD." ASKED ABOUT THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE CAUSE, [REDACTED] OPINED THAT THE "YOUNG ONES" WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY OBEY ANY ORDERS TO REPEL ANY RESCUE EFFORT AND/OR HARM THE HOSTAGES. THE MRTA HOSTAGE TAKERS MAINTAIN THAT THEY EXPECTED TO LOSE HALF THEIR RANKS IN TAKING THE RESIDENCE AND ARE PREPARED TO DIE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT CONFRONTATION.

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11. [REDACTED] ASKED ABOUT THE HEALTH AND MORALE OF THE HOSTAGES, [REDACTED] REPORTED THAT NO CAPTIVE NEEDS TO BE EVACUATED RIGHT NOW. [REDACTED] MEDICAL SPECIALISTS ARE ATTENDING TO THE NEEDS OF SOME HOSTAGES ON-SITE. (COMMENT: EMBASSY FREQUENTLY QUERIES

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[REDACTED] MEMBERS OF THE GUARANTOR COMMISSION ABOUT THE
PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH OF THE HOSTAGES. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] END COMMENT.) NOTING THAT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE DEATH OF ANY CAPTIVE WOULD CHANGE THE SCENARIO,
[REDACTED] CERPA WAS COMMITTED NOT TO MAKE ANY FURTHER

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RELEASES ON MEDICAL GROUNDS. THE MORALE OF THE HOSTAGES, SHE
SAID, HAS BEEN DECLINING SINCE EASTER TO THE POINT WHERE THE
HOSTAGES ARE RESIGNED AND APATHETIC, RATHER THAN AGGRESSIVE.

GOP MOVES PRESS BACK

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12. (U) PERUVIAN SECURITY FORCES MOVED THE PRESS SOME THIRTY
YARDS BACK FROM THE PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED POLICE PERIMETER
AROUND THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE ON APRIL 14. MEMBERS
OF THE PRESS STILL HAVE A GOOD VIEW OF THE VICINITY OF THE
HOSTAGE SITE, INCLUDING ROOFTOP SHOTS OF THE JAPANESE RESIDENCE
COMPOUND.

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