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 REVIEW AUTHORITY: WILLIAM E. LANDFAIR  
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SUBJECT: PERU'S HOSTAGE CRISIS UPDATE - APRIL 15-17

1. CLASSIFIED BY JAMES MACK, CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, EMBASSY LIMA.  
REASON: 1.5 (D).

2. ~~ICG~~ SUMMARY: KEY MEDIATOR ARCHBISHOP JUAN LUIS CIPRIANI CONTINUES TO SHUTTLE BETWEEN PRESIDENT ALBERTO FUJIMORI AND MRTA LEADER NESTOR CERPA CARTOLINI, BUT WITHOUT SO FAR ACHIEVING ANY BREAKTHROUGH IN THE 122-DAY OLD HOSTAGE STALEMATE. THE GOP EXPULSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC) DEPUTY CHIEF DELEGATE TO PERU HIGHLIGHTS THE GOP'S DISTRUST OF THE ICRC, BUT IS NOT EXPECTED TO AFFECT THE HUMANITARIAN ROLE ICRC DELEGATES PLAY AT THE HOSTAGE SITE. AS THE MRTA PUSHES THE HOSTAGE STANDOFF INTO ITS FIFTH MONTH, FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE HOSTAGES HAVE STEPPED UP THEIR EFFORTS TO REVIVE DECLINING PUBLIC INTEREST AND TO REFOCUS GOP ATTENTION ON THE ONGOING CRISIS.

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ARCHBISHOP CIPRIANI CONTINUES TO MEDIATE  
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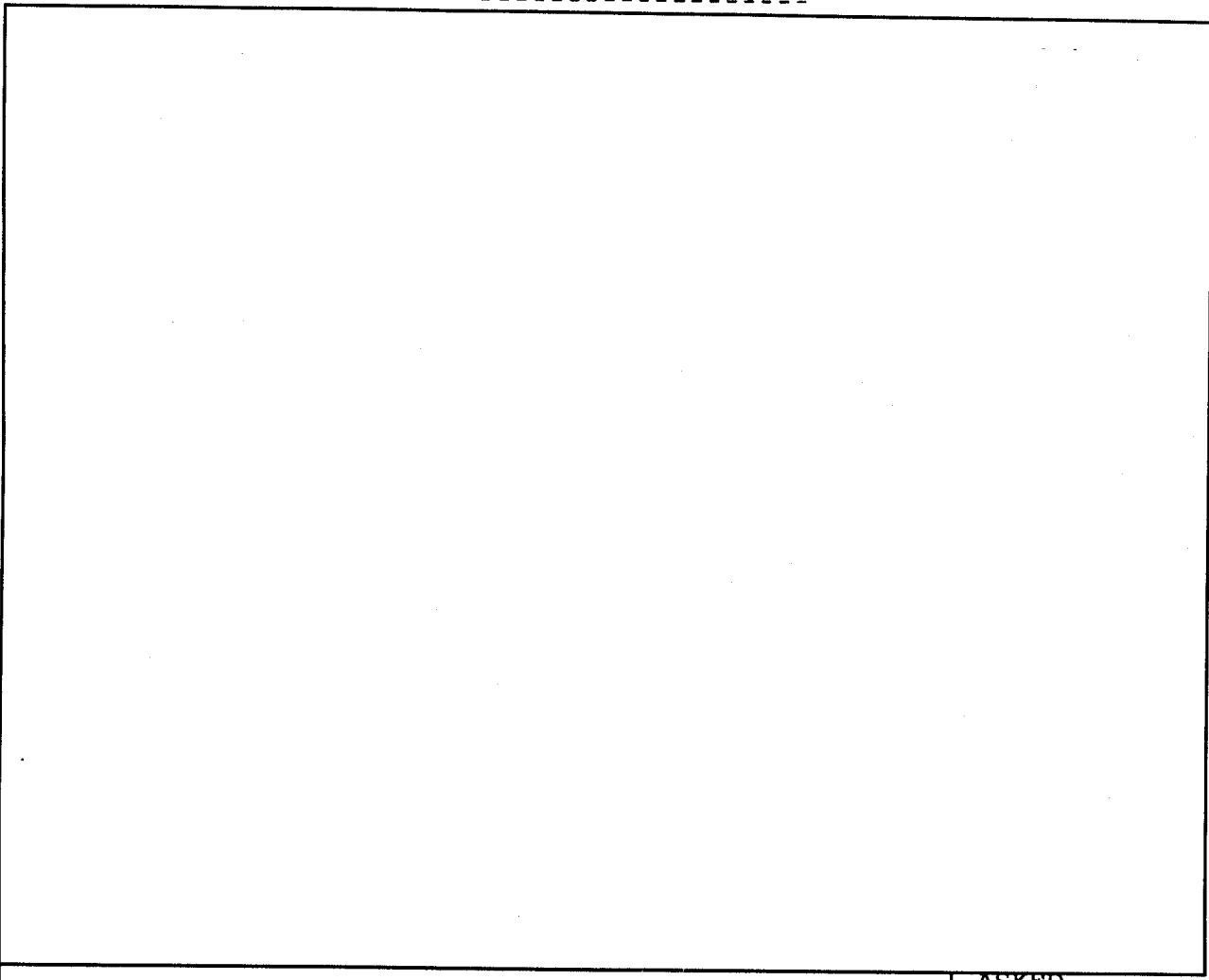
3. (U) KEY MEDIATOR ARCHBISHOP JUAN LUIS CIPRIANI MET WITH PRESIDENT FUJIMORI ON APRIL 15 AND 17; THE LATTER MEETING LASTED ALMOST THREE HOURS. CIPRIANI HAS MET WITH THE PERUVIAN PRESIDENT TO DISCUSS THE HOSTAGE CRISIS SIX OF THE LAST NINE DAYS. IN ADDITION, CIPRIANI, ACCOMPANIED BY CANADIAN AMBASSADOR ANTHONY VINCENT, VISITED THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE FOR 30 MINUTES ON APRIL 15. CIPRIANI RETURNED TO THE HOSTAGE SITE THE NEXT DAY, AS DID ICRC CHIEF DELEGATE MICHEL MINNIG. THE GUARANTORS ARE REFRAINING FROM MAKING ANYTHING BUT VAGUE COMMENTS TO THE JOURNALISTS THAT PURSUE THEM. BEFORE RETIRING THE NIGHT OF APRIL 15, CIPRIANI TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE SLEEPS "PEACEFULLY BUT WORRIED."

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[REDACTED] ASKED ABOUT THE HEALTH OF THE HOSTAGES, [REDACTED] REPORTED THAT SOME OF THE HOSTAGES ARE SUFFERING MEDICAL PROBLEMS, BUT THE ICRC IS CAREFULLY MANAGING THEIR CARE. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] THE MRTA TERRORISTS STILL SHOW NO OUTWARD SIGNS OF FATIGUE OR FRUSTRATION. ASKED ABOUT THE GUARANTORS' ONGOING MEDIATION EFFORTS, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] REPORTED NO BREAKTHROUGH ON THE CRUX OF THE IMPASSE -- MRTA'S INSISTENCE THAT THE GOP RELEASE SOME OF ITS INCARCERATED

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FAMILY MEMBERS OF HOSTAGES SHOW SOLIDARITY  
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7. (U) AGAINST A BACKDROP OF DECLINING MEDIA AND PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE HOSTAGE CRISIS, FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CAPTIVES CONTINUE TO MOUNT PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE REMAINING 72 HOSTAGES. ON APRIL 16, THE KITH AND KIN OF NATIONAL POLICE COLONEL ALBERTO CASTILLO CELEBRATED THE CAPTIVE COLONEL'S 52ND BIRTHDAY NEAR THE JAPANESE RESIDENCE. CASTILLO, SPEAKING THROUGH A MEGAPHONE FROM THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE HOSTAGE SITE, BRIEFLY THANKED THE GROUP AND ASSURED THEM THAT HE WAS

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DOING OKAY. ON APRIL 17, A LARGE GROUP OF FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE HOSTAGES MARCHED TO THE JAPANESE RESIDENCE ENVIRONS, RELEASED WHITE BALLOONS, AND THEN ATTENDED A NOON MASS AT A NEARBY CHURCH. LATER THAT SAME EVENING, CARDINAL AUGUSTO VARGAS ALZAMORA, ACCOMPANIED BY 16 BISHOPS, LED ANOTHER MASS TO PRAY FOR THE SAFE RELEASE OF ALL THE HOSTAGES.

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