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ACTION SS-00RELEASED IN PART  
B1, 1.5(D)INFO LOG-00 OASY-00 ADS-00 /000W  
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FM AMEMBASSY LIMA  
TO AMEMBASSY LA PAZ IMMEDIATE  
SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7090  
AMEMBASSY TOKYO IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: AN END TO THE HOSTAGE CRISIS MAY BE NEAR AND IT  
WON'T BE PRETTY1. CLASSIFIED BY DENNIS JETT, AMBASSADOR, EMBASSY LIMA.  
REASON: 1.5 (D).2. (BORN) TODAY MARKS THE END OF THE EIGHTEENTH WEEK OF  
THE MRTA'S HOSTAGE TAKING AT THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S  
RESIDENCE. WE SEEM TO HAVE ENTERED A NEW STAGE, HOWEVER, AS  
THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN A NUMBER OF STEPS RECENTLY  
THAT INDICATE IT MAY BE MOVING TOWARDS A TACTICAL RESOLUTION  
OF THE HOSTAGE CRISIS. THE GOP APPEARS TO BE GROWING  
SKEPTICAL THAT THE GUARANTORS' EFFORTS WILL RESULT IN AN  
ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT WITH THE MRTA AND ONLY SEE THEIR URGINGPAGE 02 LIMA 03472 221628Z  
FURTHER CONCESSIONS TO THE TERRORISTS. IN ADDITION, DESPITE  
MRTA LEADER CERPA CARTOLINI'S FLIP-FLOPS AND INABILITY TO  
DEFINE A BOTTOM LINE, CURRENT INDICATIONS POINT TOWARD NO  
RELAXATION AND PERHAPS A HARDENING OF HIS POSITION. HE HAS  
REITERATED TO THE PRESS HIS MAXIMUM DEMAND THAT THE GOP  
RELEASE ALL IMPRISONED MRTA MILITANTS. IN ADDITION, CERPA CUT  
BACK THE ICRC'S MEDICAL VISITS TO ONCE A WEEK; ICRC DOCTORS  
HAD VISITED THE JAPANESE RESIDENCE ALMOST DAILY TO TREAT A FEW  
HOSTAGES WITH SERIOUS MEDICAL PROBLEMS. SEPARATE [REDACTED]  
REPORTING DETAILS A NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT INDICATORS THAT THE  
GOP IS PLANNING A DAYLIGHT "RESCUE" OPERATION, PERHAPS WITHIN  
72 HOURS.

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