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SUBJECT: FUJIMORI TAKES RESPONSIBILITY AND CREDIT FOR  
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1. CLASSIFIED BY DENNIS JETT, AMBASSADOR, EMBASSY LIMA.

REASON: 1.5 (D).

2. (U) SUMMARY: THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT'S RESCUE OPERATION  
FREED 71 HOSTAGES, OF WHOM ONLY TWO SUFFERED BULLET WOUNDS. ONE  
HOSTAGE, TWO MEMBERS OF THE ASSAULT TEAM, AND ALL 14 MRTA  
TERRORISTS WERE KILLED IN THE OPERATION. PRESIDENT FUJIMORI HAS  
BEEN EMBOLDENED BY A WAVE OF POPULAR SUPPORT IN THE WAKE OF THE  
SUCCESSFUL HOSTAGE RESCUE. HIS DECISION TO END THE HOSTAGE  
CRISIS TACTICALLY HAS ALSO RECEIVED THE SEEMINGLY UNANIMOUS  
ENDORSEMENT OF THE HOSTAGES, INCLUDING THAT OF THE LIBERATED  
JAPANESE AND BOLIVIAN AMBASSADORS. THE COMMISSION OF GUARANTORS  
MADE A BRIEF, NEUTRAL STATEMENT EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE

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FAMILIES OF THE PERSONS KILLED AND JOY FOR THE FAMILIES REUNITED  
WITH THE LIBERATED HOSTAGES. END SUMMARY.

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PERUVIAN SECURITY FORCES FREE HOSTAGES  
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3. (U) PRESIDENT ALBERTO FUJIMORI CREDITED A SPECIAL COMBINED  
PERUVIAN TACTICAL TEAM COMPOSED OF 140 MEMBERS OF THE ARMY, NAVY  
AND AIR FORCE WITH EXECUTING THE SUCCESSFUL APRIL 22 HOSTAGE  
RESCUE OPERATION. THE PERUVIAN PRESIDENT ALSO LAUDED THE  
NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE FOR PROVIDING THE INFORMATION  
NECESSARY TO MAKE THE SURPRISE ATTACK AT THE RIGHT MOMENT. IN AN  
APRIL 23 PRESS CONFERENCE, FUJIMORI, STANDING BEFORE A MODEL OF  
THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE, REVIEWED IN DETAIL GOP  
PLANNING.

4. (U) THE RESCUE TEAM REPORTEDLY ENTERED THE JAPANESE  
AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE BY BLOWING AT LEAST THREE SEPARATE

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OPENINGS IN EXTERIOR WALLS. THE TEAM GAINED ACCESS TO THE COMPOUND BY AT LEAST TWO TUNNELS, AS WELL AS THROUGH THE FRONT GATE AND OVER A BACK WALL. THE FIRST EXPLOSION WAS LOCATED UNDERNEATH THE FIRST FLOOR LIVING ROOM. EIGHT MRTA TERRORISTS WERE PLAYING SOCCER IN THE LIVING ROOM, AND THE EXPLOSION APPEARS TO HAVE KILLED ALL OF THEM. TWO MORE WERE KILLED BY SNIPERS; MRTA LEADER NESTOR CERPA AND ANOTHER WERE KILLED ON THE STAIRS BY FORCES WHO GAINED ENTRY. IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW THE OTHER TWO DIED AT THIS POINT. BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR JORGE GUMUCIO TOLD REPORTERS THAT SOME OF THE HOSTAGES KNEW ABOUT THE RESCUE ASSAULT TEN MINUTES BEFORE IT HAPPENED AND WERE TOLD TO STAY WHERE THEY WERE AND CLOSE TO THE FLOOR.

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5. (U) AS OF LATE AFTERNOON, APRIL 23, WE CAN CONFIRM:

--- SUPREME COURT JUSTICE CARLOS GIUSTI WAS THE ONLY HOSTAGE WHO DIED AS A RESULT OF A WOUND INCURRED DURING THE RESCUE OPERATION. THE 56-YEAR OLD JURIST REPORTEDLY WAS SHOT IN THE LEG AND LATER DIED FROM A HEART ATTACK PRECIPITATED BY THE LOSS OF BLOOD;

--- TWO MEMBERS OF THE RESCUE TEAM (PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED TO THE FUJIMORI FAMILY'S SECURITY DETAIL), LIEUTENANT RAUL JIMENEZ AND COMMANDER JUAN VALER, WERE ALSO KILLED BY MRTA GUNFIRE;

--- TWENTY-FIVE OF THE REMAINING 71 HOSTAGES WERE INJURED;

--- ONLY TWO OF THE INJURED HOSTAGES, HOWEVER, REQUIRED SURGERY. DOCTORS OPERATED ON FOREIGN MINISTER FRANCISCO TUDELA, WHO HAD A BULLET WOUND TO HIS ANKLE, AND ON SUPREME COURT JUSTICE LUIS SERPA, WHO HAD A BULLET WOUND TO HIS ABDOMEN;

--- ALL 14 MRTA TERRORISTS WERE KILLED;

--- GOP SECURITY FORCES ARE CURRENTLY DEACTIVATING MINES IN THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.

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6. (U) AFTER PERSONALLY ESCORTING A LARGE NUMBER OF HOSTAGES ON A BUS TO A NEARBY MILITARY HOSPITAL, PRESIDENT FUJIMORI RETURNED TO THE VICINITY OF THE HOSTAGE SITE TO HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE. STANDING ON TOP OF A PARKED CAR AND SPEAKING THROUGH A MEGAPHONE, THE PERUVIAN PRESIDENT TOLD THE ASSEMBLED JOURNALISTS THAT PERU "WILL NOT TOLERATE TERRORISM" NOR "GIVE IN TO TERRORIST BLACKMAIL." HIS VOICE BREAKING, FUJIMORI REVEALED THAT HOSTAGE CARLOS GIUSTI AND TWO MEMBERS OF THE RESCUE TEAM WERE KILLED. HE EXPRESSED HIS SORROW TO THEIR FAMILIES AND ADDED HIS CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE DECEASED MRTA TERRORISTS, BUT NOTED THAT THE HOSTAGE TAKERS WERE "ARMED TO THE TEETH" AND THE RESCUE

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TEAM HAD TO ACT IN ORDER TO SAVE THE LIVES OF THE HOSTAGES.

7. (U) FUJIMORI ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT HE:

--- MADE THE DECISION TO LAUNCH THE RESCUE OPERATION;

--- BELIEVED THAT THE HEALTH OF THE HOSTAGES WAS AT RISK AND DID NOT WANT TO WAIT TO INTERVENE UNTIL AFTER HOSTAGES' BLOOD HAD BEEN SHED;

--- DID NOT INFORM THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT OF HIS DECISION BECAUSE IN SUCH AN OPERATION "THE SURPRISE FACTOR IS FUNDAMENTAL;"

--- SPOKE WITH JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER HASHIMOTO AFTER THE OPERATION AND RECEIVED THE GOJ'S UNDERSTANDING OF FUJIMORI'S DECISION TO END THE HOSTAGE CRISIS TACTICALLY;

--- STATED THAT THE MRTA INSISTED ON THE RELEASE OF 20 TERRORISTS, SOMETHING HE COULD NOT ACCEPT;

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--- THANKED THE MEMBERS OF THE GUARANTOR COMMISSION, ESPECIALLY ARCHBISHOP JUAN LUIS CIPRIANI, FOR THEIR "EXTRAORDINARY, EXHAUSTING AND PATIENT" WORK.

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OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FOR THE SUCCESSFUL OPERATION  
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8. (U) GOP OFFICIALS ARE BASKING IN THE NEARLY UNIVERSAL PUBLIC ACCLAIM FOR THE SUCCESSFUL RESCUE OPERATION. PERU'S LEADING

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MEDIA OUTLETS, INCLUDING SOME JOURNALISTS WHO QUESTIONED THE REPORTED CONSTRUCTION OF TUNNELS UNDER THE HOSTAGE SITE, LAUDED THE PRESIDENT'S DECISIVE ACTION. GIVING STRENGTH TO FUJIMORI'S ARGUMENT THAT HE HAD NO ALTERNATIVE, A NUMBER OF RELEASED HOSTAGES TOLD JOURNALISTS THAT THEY HAD DETERMINED WEEKS AGO THAT THE MRTA TERRORISTS DID NOT INTEND TO RESCIND THEIR DEMAND FOR THE RELEASE OF MRTA PRISONERS. BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR GUMUCIO OPINED THAT MRTA LEADER CERPA WAS HIMSELF A "PRISONER" OF THE HARD LINE TAKEN BY THE OTHER MRTA MILITANTS.

9. (U) THE DISSIDENT VOICES ARE FEW AND FAR BETWEEN. FORMER HOSTAGE AND UNITED LEFT FRONT CONGRESSMAN JAVIER DIEZ CANSECO SAID HE REGRETTED THE DEATH OF THE 14 MRTA HOSTAGE TAKERS WHICH HE SAID "REFLECTED THE GOVERNMENT'S INCAPACITY FOR DIALOGUE." IN HIS PUBLIC COMMENTS, TERRORISM ANALYST CARLOS TAPIA OPINED THAT "PACIFICATION IS NEVER ACHIEVED VIA MILITARY ACTS" AND INSISTED THAT NO OPERATION CAN BE CONSIDERED SUCCESSFUL WHEN 17 LIVES ARE LOST. THE NATIONAL COORDINADORA FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, AN UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS NGO'S, RELEASED AN APRIL 23 PRESS STATEMENT ARGUING THAT A "PEACEFUL AND NEGOTIATED SOLUTION IS ALWAYS BETTER THAN EVEN THE BEST MILITARY RESOLUTION."

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10. (U) ARCHBISHOP JUAN LUIS CIPRIANI, CANADIAN AMBASSADOR ANTHONY VINCENT, ICRC CHIEF DELEGATE TO PERU MICHEL MINNIG, AND TDY JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TERUSUKE TERADA HELD AN APRIL 23 PRESS CONFERENCE. READING THEIR JOINT STATEMENT, CIPRIANI NOTED THAT THEY MADE "EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT" TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE HOSTAGE CRISIS AND THAT THE "SITUATION ENDED UNEXPECTEDLY FOR US WITH AN OPERATION UNDER THE EXCLUSIVE RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY OF THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT." IN ADDITION, THE GUARANTORS NOTED THAT "WE SHARE THE SORROW OF THOSE WHO LOST RELATIVES AND AT THE SAME TIME SHARE THE RELIEF OF THE HOSTAGES AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO HAVE REUNITED."

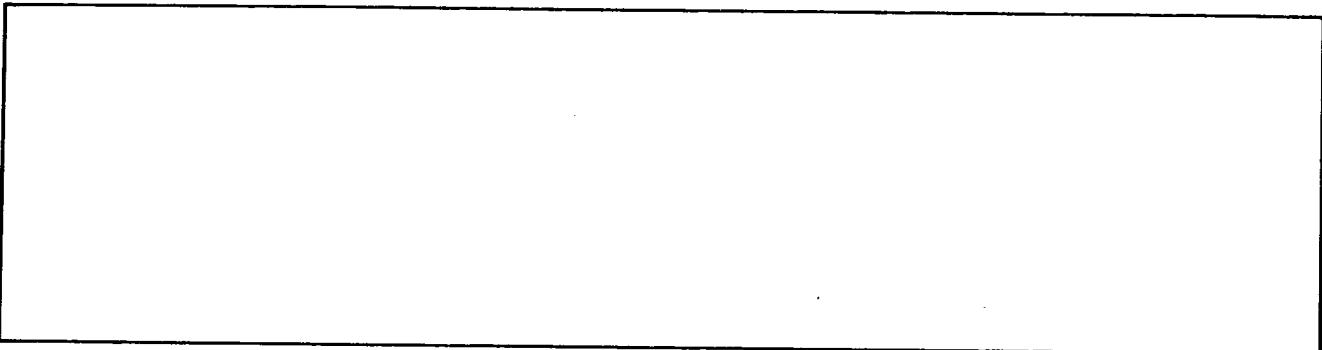
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11. (U) SPEAKING AS THE HOLY SEE'S DELEGATE TO THE GUARANTOR COMMISSION, AN EMOTIONAL CIPRIANI EXPRESSED DEEP REGRET FOR ALL THE PERSONS KILLED AND SAID HE WAS "ASKING GOD FOR PARDON IN THE HOPE THAT SOCIETY WILL STRIVE TO ACHIEVE PEACE AND TO DEFEND HUMAN LIFE." AFTER THANKING HIS FELLOW GUARANTORS, THE ARCHBISHOP EXTENDED HIS AFFECTIONATE GREETINGS TO PRESIDENT FUJIMORI, WHO HE SAID SHOWED "HONOR AND PATIENCE IN AN EFFORT TO FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION BEFORE THAT OPTION WAS CUT OFF." HE ADDED HIS HOPE THAT "THIS OUTCOME WILL TEACH PERUVIANS AND THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO LIVE IN GREATER UNITY." AMBASSADOR VINCENT ALSO THANKED HIS FELLOW GUARANTORS; MINNIG AND TERADA DECLINED TO SPEAK.

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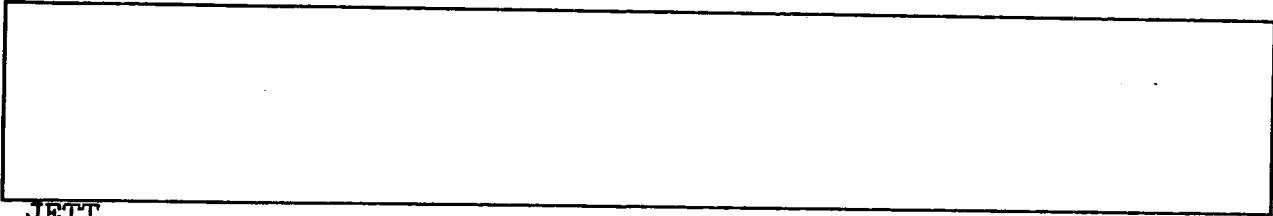
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