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TAGS: CASC, OREP,GY
SUBJECT:OFFER OF ASSISTANCE TO GOG
YOU SHOULD PROMPTLY CONTACT PRIME MINISTER OR OTHER
APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL TO INFORM HIM THAT USG IS PREPARED
PROVIDE ANY ASSISTANCE CONSIDERED NECESSARY AND USEFUL
BY GOG IN CONTROLLING SITUATION IN THE PEOPLES TEMPLE
AREA AND IN PREVENTING FURTHER LOSS OF LIFE. OBVIOUSLY
WE WOULD REQUIRE NUMBER OF HOURS TO DEPLOY HELICOPTER
EQUIPMENT AND SUPPORT. AT THIS POINT WE DO NOT KNOW IF
SPECIAL REACTION TEAMS WOULD BE DESIRABLE BUT SHOULD
GOG WISH SUCH ASSISTANCE IT COULD BE PROVIDED. MEDICAL
ASSISTANCE CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE SOONER. WE OF COURSE
APPRECIATE THE INTENSE EFFORTS ALREADY UNDERWAY BY GOG
AND DO NOT WISH IMPLY THEY NOT HANDLING SITUATION AS
WELL AS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, GIVEN LARGE NUMBERS AMCITS
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