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SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICA BRIEF [REDACTED] FOR 02 OCTOBER 1991.

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JUNTA LEADER CEDRAS IS SEEKING TO LEGITIMIZE THE OUSTER OF PRESIDENT ARISTIDE, BUT INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE AGAINST THE COUP CONTINUES TO BUILD AND COULD ENCOURAGE DOMESTIC OPPOSITION TO THE REGIME. [REDACTED]

CEDRAS CLAIMED IN A SPEECH LAST NIGHT THAT THE ARMY HAD TO OUST ARISTIDE BECAUSE HIS GOVERNMENT HAD INTERFERED IN MILITARY AFFAIRS, CONDONED HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES, AND WAS BECOMING A DICTATORSHIP. CEDRAS ALSO PROMISED THAT THE ARMY WILL SAFEGUARD THE LEGISLATURE; [REDACTED]

MEANWHILE, CEDRAS REPORTEDLY HAS DIRECTED POLICE TO SHOOT INTO THE AIR TO DISBURSE "TROUBLEMAKERS," A POLICY HE INTENDS TO CONTINUE ANOTHER DAY OR TWO. HOWEVER, SOME SOLDIERS ARE KILLING ARISTIDE SUPPORTERS AND FIRING ON GATHERING CROWDS, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS; 130 PEOPLE ARE NOW DEAD. [REDACTED]

ARISTIDE HAS CONDEMNED THE ARMY'S BRUTALITY AND VOWED TO RETURN TO HAITI. HE ACCUSED CEDRAS OF MASTERMINDING THE COUP AND HAS CALLED ON FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS TO CUT OFF AID. ARISTIDE REPORTEDLY PLANS TO APPEAL FOR INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT TO RESTORE HIS GOVERNMENT AT AN OAS MEETING TODAY. [REDACTED]

COMMENT: CEDRAS PRESUMABLY CALCULATES THAT ALLOWING THE LEGISLATURE TO FUNCTION WOULD CALM HAITIAN POLITICAL LEADERS AND HEAD OFF CALLS FOR A POPULAR UPRISING. NEVERTHELESS, MOST POLITICIANS ARE LIKELY TO BALK AT WORKING WITH THE NEW REGIME; A FEW ALREADY HAVE CONDEMNED THE COUP. MOREOVER, THE MILITARY KILLINGS, APPARENTLY AGAINST CEDRAS'S ORDERS, SUGGEST HE MAY NOT HAVE ENOUGH

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CONTROL OVER MIDDLELEVEL OFFICERS AND ENLISTED TROOPS TO CARRY OUT HIS  
PLANS. [REDACTED]

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