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SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICA BRIEF [REDACTED] FOR 13 JULY 1993.

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GENERAL CEDRAS IS TRYING TO STAY OUT OF THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN PRO- AND ANTI-ARISTIDE FACTIONS IN THE LEGISLATURE, AND HIS OFFICERS ARE ASSURING THEIR TROOPS THAT PRESIDENT ARISTIDE WILL SCUTTLE THE GOVERNOR'S ISLAND AGREEMENT AND STAY IN EXILE. [REDACTED]

CEDRAS RECENTLY TOLD ANTI-ARISTIDE LEGISLATORS THAT HE WILL NOT INTERCEDE ON THEIR BEHALF IN THE DISPUTE OVER CONTROL OF THE LEGISLATURE--ONE OF THE ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED AT TALKS IN NEW YORK TOMORROW--AND THAT HE DOES NOT WANT THE MILITARY BLAMED IF THE ACCORD IS NOT IMPLEMENTED, [REDACTED] NINE ANTI-ARISTIDE SENATORS WHO WON OFFICE IN A DISPUTED ELECTION IN JANUARY [REDACTED] HAVE SINCE AGREED TO STEP ASIDE UNTIL A RECONCILIATION COMMISSION DETERMINES THEIR STATUS; THIS WOULD IMPROVE THE CHANCES FOR A QUICK RATIFICATION OF A NEW PRIME MINISTER. [REDACTED]

MILITARY LEADERS ARE REMINDING TROOPS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF DISCIPLINE BUT ARE AVOIDING OR PLAYING DOWN THE SUBJECT OF ARISTIDE'S RETURN, [REDACTED]. SOME OFFICERS ARE TELLING ENLISTED MEN THAT ARISTIDE DOES NOT WANT TO RETURN AND THAT HE WILL EVENTUALLY SABOTAGE THE ACCORD. HARDLINER CHIEF OF STAFF BIAMBY RECENTLY SAID THAT ARISTIDE IS SAFER AND MORE COMFORTABLE IN EXILE AND WILL MAKE NEW, UNREASONABLE DEMANDS TO AVOID RETURNING TO HAITI. POLICE CHIEF FRANCOIS, WHO CLAIMS TO SUPPORT THE ACCORD, IS TELLING ENLISTED MEN THE SETTLEMENT IS GOOD



[REDACTED]

FOR THE ECONOMY, A VICTORY FOR THE ARMY, AND A TRAP FOR ARISTIDE, [REDACTED]  
FRANCOIS RECENTLY DREW 100,000 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION FROM THE ARMY STORAGE DEPOT. [REDACTED]

COMMENT: CEDRAS PROBABLY WANTS TO STAY ON GOOD TERMS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND APPARENTLY IS TRYING TO HELP RESOLVE THE IMPASSE IN THE LEGISLATURE. HIS COMMITMENT PROBABLY WILL WEAKEN, HOWEVER, IF UN SANCTIONS ARE SUSPENDED OR IF MORE OIL ARRIVES, AND THE MILITARY IS LIKELY TO CRACK DOWN ON ANY LARGE PRO-ARISTIDE DEMONSTRATIONS. OTHER OFFICERS PROBABLY ARE RELUCTANT TO STEP DOWN, AND SUCH HARDLINERS AS BIAMBY AND FRANCOIS ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL LOOK FOR WAYS TO STYMIE THE ACCORD AND TO BLAME ARISTIDE OR HIS SUPPORTERS. THE ENLISTED MEN WILL GROW INCREASINGLY NERVOUS AS ARISTIDE'S RETURN SEEMS NEARER. [REDACTED]

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