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SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICA BRIEF [REDACTED] FOR 10 SEPTEMBER 1993.

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ARMY CHIEF CEDRAS HAS PRIVATELY URGED SENATE LEADERS TO REQUIRE THAT THE LEGISLATURE DEBATE THE DEPLOYMENT OF UN POLICE AND MILITARY FORCES, [REDACTED]. HE [REDACTED] HINTED THAT THE TROOPS MIGHT REVOLT IF THE FORCES CAME AS PLANNED; AN ADVANCE TEAM ARRIVED THIS WEEK. THE PRO-ARISTIDE SENATE PRESIDENT AGREED TO INVITE THE DEFENSE, INTERIOR, AND JUSTICE MINISTERS TO TESTIFY ON THE PROPOSAL BEFORE THE SENATE NEXT WEEK AND TO CENSURE ANY MINISTER WHO REFUSED TO DO SO. [REDACTED]

COMMENT: CEDRAS PROBABLY HOPES TO DODGE THE BLAME FOR ANY FAILURE OF THE GOVERNORS ISLAND ACCORD. HE IS LIKELY TO PAY LIPSERVICE TO THE MALVAL GOVERNMENT, WHILE UNDERCUTTING ITS EFFORTS TO PREPARE FOR PRESIDENT ARISTIDE'S RETURN. A DEBATE ABOUT THE UN FORCE IN THE DIVIDED LEGISLATURE WOULD DELAY AND PERHAPS SCUTTLE ITS DEPLOYMENT. THE DEBATE PROBABLY WOULD ALSO SHARPEN DISAGREEMENT ON CONTEMPLATED LAWS TO SEPARATE THE POLICE FROM THE ARMY AND TO GRANT AMNESTY TO THE MILITARY FOR THE 1991 COUP AND RELATED CRIMES. [REDACTED]