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ALTHOUGH MOST MURDERS IN PORT-AU-PRINCE APPEAR TO BE NONPOLITICAL, SOME VIOLENCE CLEARLY IS POLITICALLY INSPIRED. SINCE THE 1991 COUP, THE ARMED FORCES PERIODICALLY HAVE USED FORCE AND INTIMIDATION AGAINST REGIME CRITICS. WHILE GENERAL CEDRAS AND OTHER PRAGMATISTS IN THE ARMED FORCES PROBABLY WANT TO AVOID INTERNATIONAL CRITICISM OVER HUMAN RIGHTS, THE SECURITY FORCES NEVERTHELESS APPEAR DETERMINED TO LIMIT PRO-ARISTIDE POLITICAL ACTIVITY.

AS ARISTIDE'S FOLLOWERS BECOME BOLDER, THE ARMED FORCES PROBABLY

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WILL RESPOND MORE HARSHLY.

POLICE CHIEF FRANCOIS RECENTLY WARNED HIS COMMANDERS TO PREPARE FOR TURMOIL AND PROVIDED THEM WITH HANDGRENADES FOR THEIR PERSONAL PROTECTION. FRANCOIS PLANS TO ALLOW CRIMINAL GANGS FREE REIN IN AN EFFORT TO DISCOURAGE ARISTIDE'S RETURN. MOREOVER, HE DEMURRED WHEN PRIME MINISTER MALVAL RECENTLY REQUESTED ADDITIONAL SECURITY MEASURES,

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