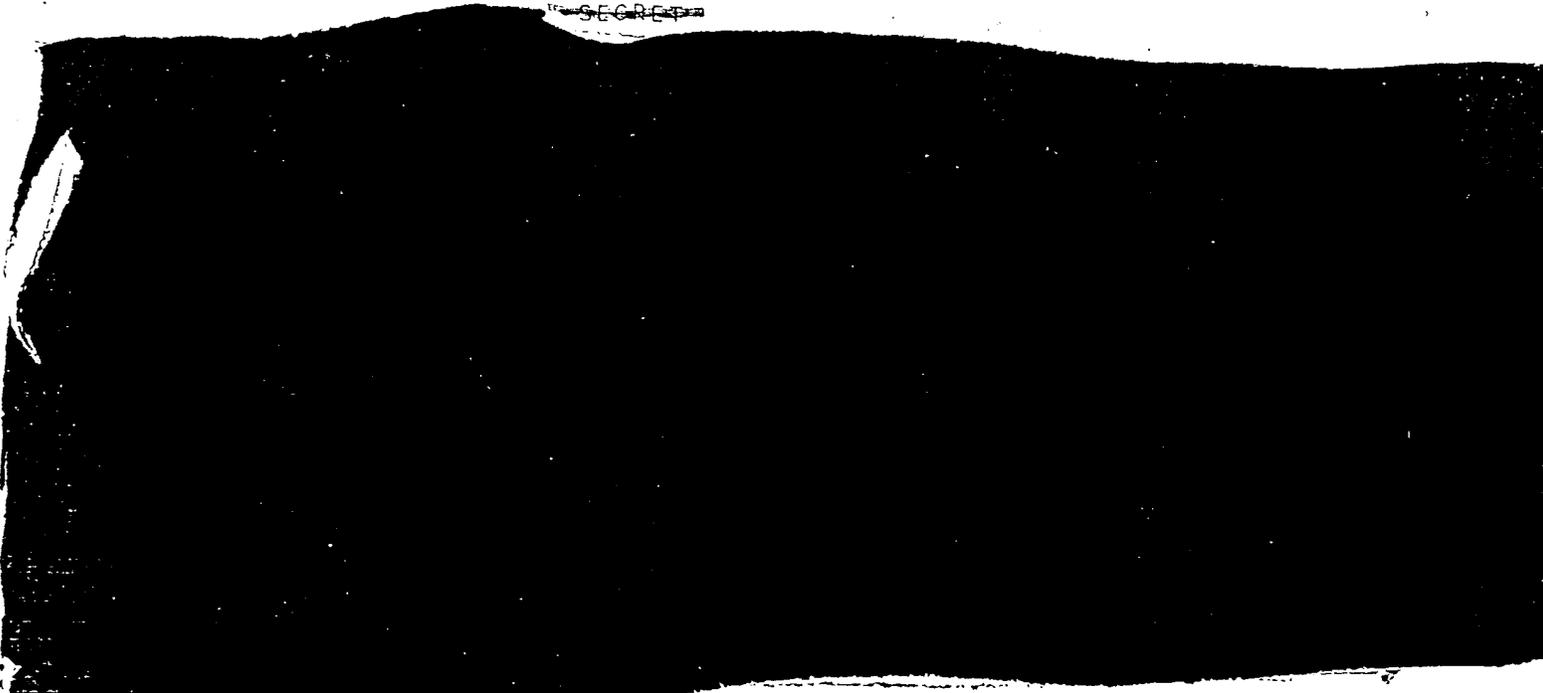


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UNIFORMED SOLDIERS, POLICE, AND ARMED MEN LINKED TO POLICE CHIEF FRANCOIS HELPED THE DEMONSTRATORS BLOCK ACCESS TO THE PORT FACILITY ON MONDAY. ARMY CHIEF CEDRAS CLAIMS THAT THE M-16 RIFLES CARRIED BY US TROOPS ARE A BREACH OF THE ACCORD; HE SAYS HE AGREED ONLY TO PISTOLS AND IS DEMANDING "CLARIFICATION" OF THE AGREEMENT. CEDRAS ALSO LAID WREATHS AT THE STATUES OF NATIONAL HEROES IN AN APPARENT ATTEMPT TO RAISE THE SPECTER OF THE UN TROOPS AS AN INVADING FORCE. [REDACTED]

COMMENT: FRANCOIS, EMBOLDENED BY THE SUCCESS OF THE PROTEST, PROBABLY WILL CONTINUE TO INCITE UNREST. PRESS REPORTS SAY CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES PRESIDENT JOSEPH, WHO WORKS CLOSELY WITH FRANCOIS, HAS ASKED THE UN TO POSTPONE THE MILITARY AND POLICE DEPLOYMENT. CEDRAS APPEARS READY TO RENEGE ON THE ACCORD AND ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL NOT RESIGN ON FRIDAY AS PLANNED. [REDACTED]

