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SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICA BRIEF

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POLICE CHIEF GAINING CLOUT

SOME MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL STAFF FEAR THAT POLICE CHIEF FRANCOIS IS INCREASINGLY POWERFUL, [REDACTED] THEY RESENT HIS THREATS AGAINST ANY SUCCESSOR TO ARMY CHIEF CEDRAS BUT DOUBT THAT THEY CAN REMOVE HIM FROM HIS POST. [REDACTED]

COMMENT: SENIOR OFFICERS ALMOST CERTAINLY RECOGNIZE THAT FRANCOIS' OPEN OPPOSITION TO THE UN DEPLOYMENT HAS STRENGTHENED HIM. IF HE MOVES TO DUST THE MALVAL GOVERNMENT, THEY PROBABLY WILL GO ALONG. [REDACTED]