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/***** THIS IS A COMBINED MESSAGE *****/

BODY

SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICA BRIEF [REDACTED] FOR 04 NOVEMBER 1993.

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1. HAITI: DEVELOPMENTS [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED]

1. HAITI: DEVELOPMENTS [REDACTED]

RIGHTIST MANEUVERING

A DUVALIERIST GROUP HAS PUBLICLY CALLED FOR GENERAL STRIKES TODAY AND TOMORROW TO PROTEST THE INTERNATIONAL EMBARGO AGAINST HAITI. [REDACTED] THIS GROUP WANTS TO INTIMIDATE THE POPULACE AND MINIMIZE OPPOSITION TO A PLANNED CONSTITUTIONAL COUP BY ARMY CHIEF CEDRAS AND OTHER RIGHTISTS. [REDACTED]

COMMENT: THE MILITARY STILL DOES NOT SEEM TO HAVE WORKED OUT ALL THE DETAILS FOR A COUP. IT MAY BE SUCCUMBING TO INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE TO POSTPONE TEMPORARILY ITS PLANS FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL COUP, BUT IT IS UNLIKELY TO JETTISON ITS SCHEME TO INSTIGATE A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE AGAINST PRIME MINISTER MALVAL. MILITARY LEADERS AND ANTI-ARISTIDE LEGISLATORS ALMOST CERTAINLY SEE INVOKING ARTICLE 149 OF THE CONSTITUTION AND SWEARING IN SUPREME COURT JUSTICE JONASSAINT AS TEMPORARY PRESIDENT AS THE ONLY SURE WAY TO FORECLOSE ARISTIDE'S OPTION TO RETURN. [REDACTED]

CAPUTO TRYING TO RESTART NEGOTIATIONS

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

UN SPECIAL ENVOY CAPUTO [REDACTED] HAS TENTATIVELY RESCHEDULED TALKS ON REVIVING THE GOVERNORS ISLAND ACCORD FOR TODAY, BUT AN AIDE LATER SAID TH TALKS MIGHT NOT BE HELD UNTIL TOMORROW OR SATURDAY. [REDACTED] CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES PRESIDENT JOSEPH SAID THAT LEGISLATORS WOULD ATTEND THE MEETINGS IF BOTH THE ARMY AND THE MALVAL GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATED AND IF MALVAL WAS SPECIFICALLY MANDATED TO NEGOTIATE ON ARISTIDE'S BEHALF. MALVAL HAS AGREED TO ATTEND ONLY IF ARISTIDE RETRACTS THE CONDITIONS HE IMPOSED ON NEGOTIATIONS IN A RECENT LETTER TO CAPUTO-- SPECIFICALLY, THE RESIGNATION OF THE ENTIRE HIGH COMMAND, INCLUDING CEDRAS AND POLICE CHIEF FRANCOIS. THE ARMY HAS AGREED TO PARTICIPATE BUT HAS RAISED SOME UNSPECIFIED CONDITIONS. [REDACTED]

COMMENT: WHILE THE MILITARY MAY ATTEND THE MEETING, THE LEADERSHIP PROBABLY BELIEVES HAITI CAN WEATHER CURRENT SANCTIONS. THEY ALSO PROBABLY DOUBT THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS THE WILL TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON WIDENING THE EMBARGO. ARISTIDE PROBABLY WILL NOT BACKTRACK SIGNIFICANTLY FROM HIS DEMANDS; HE PROBABLY FEARS THAT MALVAL MIGHT GIVE GROUND TO MILITARY DEMANDS. AS A RESULT, ANY TALKS ARE LIKELY TO MAKE LITTLE PROGRESS. [REDACTED]

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MILITARY DISCONTENT

[REDACTED] KEY ADVISERS TO FRANCOIS RECENTLY MET WITH RETIRED GENERAL ABRAHAM TO DISCUSS CEDRAS'S DEPARTURE. THE PARTICIPANTS [REDACTED] AGREED THAT CEDRAS HAD BECOME A POLITICAL LIABILITY AND THAT A WAY SHOULD BE FOUND TO RETIRE HIM REGARDLESS OF THE STATUS OF THE AMNESTY LAW. [REDACTED] THE FAILURE SO FAR TO PAY ARMY OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER REPRESENTS A SNUB FROM MALVAL'S GOVERNMENT; THE FINANCE MINISTER [REDACTED] HAS INDICATED THAT THE MILITARY WILL BE PAID SHORTLY. CEDRAS, IN HIS FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE SINCE 30 OCTOBER, YESTERDAY DENIED THAT THERE ARE DIVISIONS IN THE ARMY. [REDACTED]

COMMENT: ABRAHAM, A FORMER COMMANDER IN CHIEF, HAS TIES TO KEY CIVILIANS AT BOTH ENDS OF THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM AND IS GENERALLY REGARDED AS A FORCE FOR MODERATION. UNEASE AMONG THE RANK AND FILE SHOULD ABATE SOMEWHAT, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY, IF THEY RECEIVE THEIR PAY. CEDRAS'S PUBLIC STATEMENT APPEARS PRIMARILY A RESPONSE TO OPEN SPECULATION [REDACTED] THAT THE MILITARY IS DIVIDED OVER HOW TO RESPOND TO UN INITIATIVES TO RESOLVE THE CRISIS AND ALSO OVER HOW LONG THE ARMED FORCES CHIEF CAN RETAIN

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HIS POSITION. [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED]

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