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

BODY

SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICA BRIEF [REDACTED]

FOR 12 NOVEMBER

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1. HAITI: DEVELOPMENTS [REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

MALVAL GOVERNMENT

MALVAL AND OTHER MINISTERS SEEMED DISPIRITED IN A MEETING [REDACTED] ON TUESDAY. THEY AGAIN COMPLAINED THAT THE SANCTIONS WERE CAUSING THE POOR TO SUFFER AND APPEALED FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO HONOR ITS COMMITMENT TO DEPLOY THE UN TRAINING MISSION.

[REDACTED] HE ALSO DESCRIBED A LETTER IN WHICH CEDRAS THREATENED TO ARREST DEFENSE MINISTER BELIOTTE ONCE HE LEAVES HIS CABINET POST [REDACTED]

MORE SIGNS OF DIVISIONS IN THE MILITARY

[REDACTED] SEVERAL COLONELS WOULD LIKE TO OUST CEDRAS, ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF BIAMBY, AND POLICE CHIEF FRANCOIS BUT ARE RELUCTANT TO ACT. [REDACTED] THEY ARE AFRAID OF BIAMBY AND FRANCOIS AND BELIEVE THEY COULD NOT RALLY SUPPORT FROM KEY UNITS. THEY BELIEVE CEDRAS PLANS TO PURGE THE SENIOR OFFICER CORPS OF POTENTIAL RIVALS, AND THEY ARE WORRIED THAT THE POLITICAL CRISIS EVENTUALLY WILL DESTROY THE ARMED FORCES AS AN INSTITUTION.

COMMENT: THE COLONELS' ASSESSMENT OF THEIR POSITION PROBABLY IS CORRECT; FRANCOIS RETAINS STRONG INFLUENCE OVER KEY UNITS. EVEN IF THESE DISSIDENTS WERE TO OUST CEDRAS AND THE OTHERS, THEY WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO COMPLY WITH ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNORS ISLAND ACCORD. OVER TIME, NEW MILITARY LEADERS PROBABLY WOULD BOW TO PRESSURE FROM THE ENLISTED MEN TO OPPOSE ARISTIDE AND SUPPRESS THE LEFT.

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