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SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICA BRIEF [REDACTED] FOR 27 JANUARY 1994.

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POLICE CHIEF FRANCOIS' POLITICAL COMPROMISE, WHICH IS INTENDED TO PERSUADE THE UN TO LIFT ITS SANCTIONS, IS GAINING MOMENTUM. [REDACTED] IMPORTANT POLICE AND ARMY COMPANY COMMANDERS BACK FRANCOIS' PLAN TO TRANSFER PRESIDENT ARISTIDE'S EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY TO ACTING PRIME MINISTER MALVAL. FRANCOIS ALSO SAYS HE WILL RESIGN AS POLICE CHIEF AND ACCEPT A TRANSFER TO ARMY HEADQUARTERS. [REDACTED] MALVAL AND A PRO-ARISTIDE SENATE LEADER WILL SUPPORT THE PLAN IF IT GAINS US SUPPORT. [REDACTED]

COMMENT: FRANCOIS' PLAN WILL FALTER UNLESS MALVAL AGREES TO HEAD A NEW GOVERNMENT, AND, IN THE ABSENCE OF A US ENDORSEMENT, MALVAL PROBABLY WILL REFUSE. THE POLICE CHIEF CLEARLY ANTICIPATES THAT HE WOULD RETAIN HIS INFLUENCE DESPITE THE FORMAL RESIGNATION. IF FRANCOIS FAILS, ARMY CHIEF CEDRAS IS LIKELY TO REDOUBLE HIS EFFORT TO PROMOTE A RIGHTIST INTERIM GOVERNMENT. [REDACTED]