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

BODY

SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICA BRIEF [REDACTED] FOR 01 FEBRUARY 1994.

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1. HAITI: POLITICAL INERTIA [REDACTED]

RECENT PROPOSALS TO RESOLVE HAITI'S POLITICAL CRISIS HAVE FAILED TO GAIN ENOUGH BACKING--INTERNATIONALLY OR DOMESTICALLY--TO SUCCEED, AND POWER BROKERS ARE LIKELY TO STALL AS THEY REASSESS THEIR POSITIONS. [REDACTED]

POLICE CHIEF FRANCOIS' PLOY TO INVOKE ARTICLE 148 OF THE CONSTITUTION--WHICH WOULD TRANSFER PRESIDENT ARISTIDE'S EXECUTIVE POWER TO A PRIME MINISTER--AND ARMY CHIEF CEDRAS'S PLAN TO INSTALL A CIVILIAN JUNTA HAVE BOTH FIZZLED. [REDACTED] FRANCOIS IS UPSET AT CEDRAS'S APPARENT WILLINGNESS TO ENDURE SANCTIONS, AND FRANCOIS REPORTEDLY FEARS PUBLIC UNREST IF THE POLITICAL STALEMATE CONTINUES. [REDACTED] CEDRAS AND HIS AIDES ARE WORRIED ABOUT THE LACK OF PROGRESS ON THEIR SCHEME TO CREATE A NATIONAL COUNCIL. [REDACTED]

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COMMENT: TENSIONS BETWEEN FRANCOIS AND CEDRAS ARE HIGH, BUT NEITHER IS LIKELY TO RISK A CONFRONTATION. THEY ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL TRY TO GAUGE INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY, INCLUDING THE UN VOTE ON EXPANDED SANCTIONS, BEFORE DECIDING WHAT TO DO NEXT.

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