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SUBJECT

HAITIAN GOVERNMENT PLANS TO PROVIDE CONSTITUTIONAL BASIS FOR DUVALIER-PRESIDENT-FOR-LIFE CAMPAIGN

PLACE & DATE ACQ. [REDACTED]

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SOURCE AND APPRAISAL: [REDACTED]

FIELD REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

1. ACCORDING TO RUMORS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE GOVERNMENT INTENDED AS OF MID-APRIL TO CARRY OUT THE FOLLOWING PLAN DURING A MEETING OF THE LEGISLATURE ON 20 APRIL. MAX A. PIERRE-PAUL, DEPUTY FROM PETIONVILLE, WILL OPEN THE MEETING BY SAYING THAT THE LEGISLATURE IS NO LONGER VALID SINCE THE GOVERNMENT IS NOW A REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT. [REDACTED] COMMENT: ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS LATELY PRESIDENT FRANCOIS DUVALIER HAS STATED PUBLICLY HE IS NO LONGER CHIEF OF STATE BUT IS NOW CHIEF OF THE REVOLUTION.) PIERRE-PAUL'S

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REMARKS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY SIMILAR SPEECHES BY OTHER DEPUTIES. THERE WILL BE HEATED DISCUSSIONS AMONG THE DEPUTIES, AND THEN ALL DEPUTIES WILL DECIDE TO SUBMIT THEIR RESIGNATIONS.

2. THEREUPON PRESIDENT DUVALIER WILL FORM A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY AND ASK ALL FORMER DEPUTIES TO PARTICIPATE. WHILE THE MEETINGS OF THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY WILL BE TAKING PLACE, THERE WILL BE "POPULAR MANIFESTATIONS" STAGED IN HAITI DEMANDING THAT DUVALIER BE MADE PRESIDENT FOR LIFE. THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY WILL ACCEDE TO THESE DEMANDS AND WILL ALSO MAKE A CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION FOR A VICE-PRESIDENT FOR LIFE. [REDACTED] COMMENT: SOURCE DID NOT KNOW WHO, IF ANYONE, WOULD BE SELECTED TO FILL THE POSITION OF VICE PRESIDENT.)

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3. [REDACTED] DUVALIER TOLD [REDACTED] THAT IMPORTANT EVENTS WOULD BE TAKING PLACE BETWEEN 20 APRIL AND 10 MAY [REDACTED]

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