

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

BODY

SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICA BRIEF [REDACTED] FOR 31 MARCH 1993.

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1. HAITI: TALKS FOSTER JOCKEYING FOR POSITION [REDACTED]

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1. HAITI: TALKS FOSTER JOCKEYING FOR POSITION [REDACTED]

KEY PLAYERS IN HAITI'S POLITICAL CRISIS ARE SCRAMBLING TO PROTECT THEIR INTERESTS AS A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF OUSTED PRESIDENT ARISTIDE'S RETURN SEEMS POSSIBLE. [REDACTED]

ARMY CHIEF CEDRAS APPARENTLY HAS ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE UN-OAS MEDIATOR CAPUTO'S PROPOSAL THAT THE GENERAL STAFF RESIGN IN EXCHANGE FOR A GENERAL MILITARY AMNESTY, BUT HE [REDACTED] CANNOT ENSURE THAT THE GENERAL STAFF WOULD COMPLY. [REDACTED]

CEDRAS IS PREDICTING THAT TROOPS OPPOSED TO ARISTIDE WOULD REVOLT IF THEY BELIEVED HE WAS ABOUT TO RESIGN, AND HE IS SEEKING TO KEEP HIS POST AT LEAST UNTIL MILITARY REFORMS TAKE HOLD. WORRIED THAT RUMORS OF HIS DEPARTURE COULD EMBOLDEN ARISTIDE SUPPORTERS TO RIOT, HE HAS PLACED THE POLICE ON MAXIMUM ALERT. CEDRAS [REDACTED] WOULD WELCOME A FOREIGN MILITARY PRESENCE TO QUELL UNREST BY BOTH SIDES WHEN HE RESIGNS. [REDACTED]

POLICE CHIEF FRANCOIS OPPOSES CAPUTO'S PROPOSAL. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THAT FRANCOIS HAS STRENGTHENED KEY UNITS INVOLVED IN THE SEPTEMBER 1991 COUP. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

COMMENT: THE MANEUVERING--WHICH IN ITSELF IS DESTABILIZING--ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL INCREASE AS THE DETAILS OF A FINAL ACCORD ARE WORKED OUT. ANY SUCCESSOR TO CEDRAS WOULD FACE THE SAME DIFFICULTY IN PERSUADING THE TROOPS AND FRANCOIS TO ACCEPT THE PRESIDENT'S RETURN BECAUSE THEY FEAR RETRIBUTION DESPITE PROMISES OF AMNESTY. THE GENERAL STAFF MIGHT REFUSE TO RESIGN IF ARISTIDE

PROPOSES A PARTISAN LIST OF PRIME-MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES. [REDACTED]