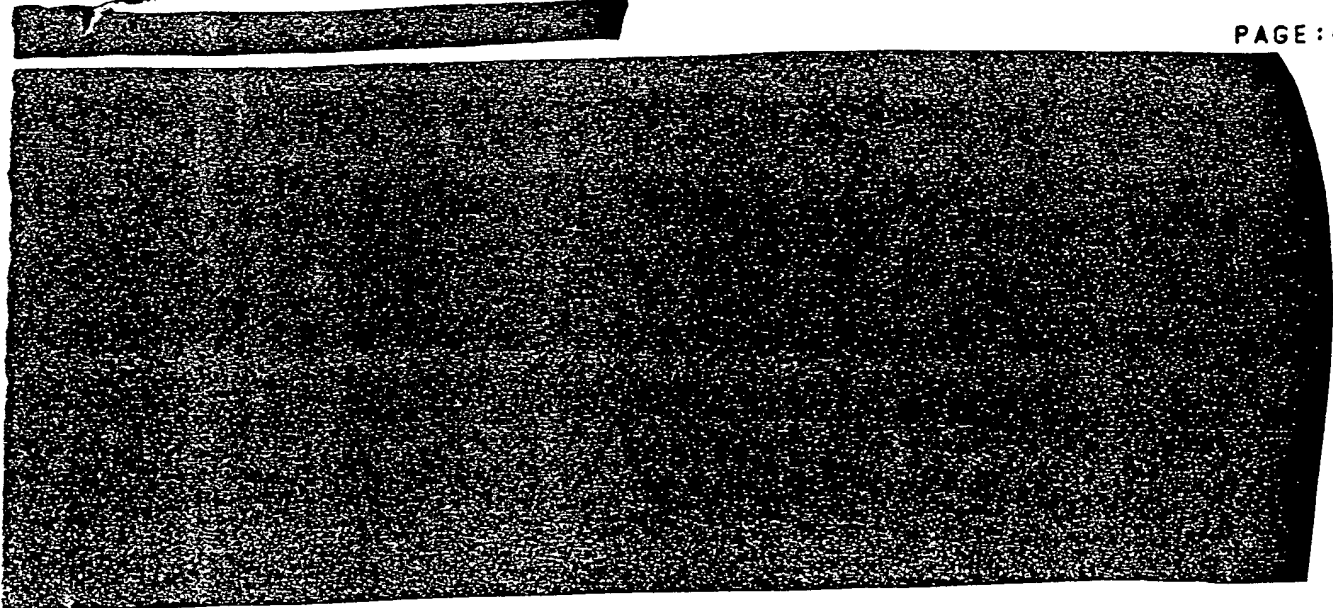


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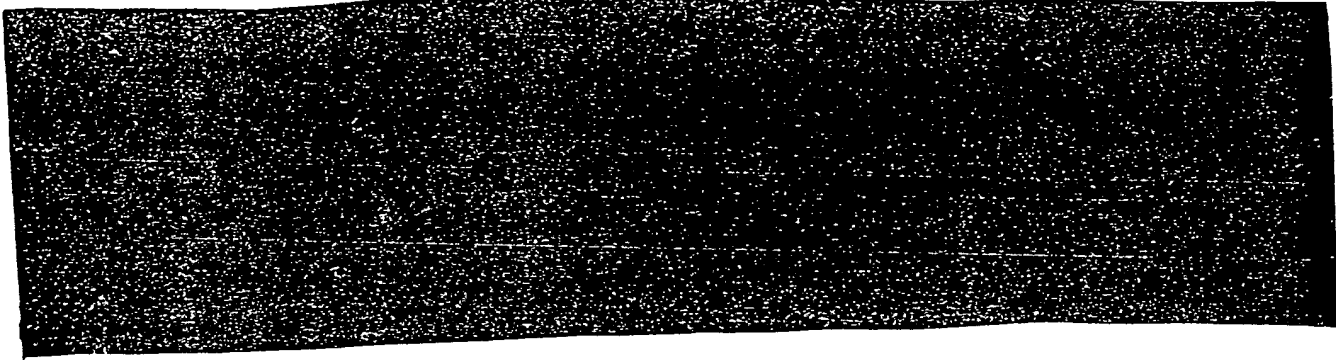
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SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICA BRIEF [REDACTED] FOR 25 OCTOBER 1993.

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FRANCOIS CONFIDENT

[REDACTED] POLICE CHIEF FRANCOIS IS STILL TAKING "PREVENTATIVE MEASURES" AGAINST THE POSSIBILITY THAT ARISTIDE MAY RETURN TO HAITI BY 30 OCTOBER, ALTHOUGH HE BELIEVES IT IMPOSSIBLE. FRANCOIS [REDACTED] PLANS TO IMPLEMENT CURFEWS AFTER THE 30TH TO KEEP THE APPEARANCE OF CALM AND CONTROL. [REDACTED]

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MIGRATION THREAT

THE DIRECTOR OF THE PORT-AU-PRINCE PORT FACILITIES, MAX PAUL, SAYS HE WILL NOT LET SHIPS OF ANY FOREIGN GOVERNMENT DOCK, INCLUDING US COAST GUARD CUTTERS REPATRIATING MIGRANTS, [REDACTED] HE SAID ALL SUCH SHIPS WILL BE MET BY ARMED CIVILIAN DEMONSTRATORS. [REDACTED]

COMMENT: PAUL, A CLOSE ALLY OF FRANCOIS AND A KEY PLAYER IN THE DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST THE USS HARLAN COUNTY, APPARENTLY IS RETALIATING FOR THE FREEZING OF HIS PERSONAL ASSETS BY THE US. HIS THREAT PROBABLY DOES NOT APPLY TO OTHER REPATRIATION FACILITIES. FRANCOIS, WHO IS TRYING TO REDUCE THE CHANCES OF INTERNATIONAL INTERVENTION, PROBABLY WILL PRESS PAUL TO COOPERATE WITH US REPATRIATION EFFORTS. NONETHELESS, IF PAUL'S INTENTIONS BECOME PUBLIC, SOME WOULD-BE MIGRANTS MAY PUT TO SEA IN THE BELIEF THAT THE US WILL BE UNABLE TO REPATRIATE THEM. IF A COAST GUARD VESSEL ACTUALLY IS PREVENTED FROM DOCKING, A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF HAITIANS MIGHT TRY TO LEAVE. [REDACTED]

CEDRAS STILL TALKING

ARMY CHIEF CEDRAS MET WITH PRIME MINISTER MALVAL ON SATURDAY NIGHT IN AN APPARENT EFFORT TO REACH A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. GOVERNMENT AIDES SAID CEDRAS REITERATED HIS PROMISE TO RESIGN BUT DID NOT SPECIFY WHEN OR UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS. [REDACTED]

COMMENT: CEDRAS, AT A MINIMUM, ALMOST CERTAINLY REPEATED HIS DEMAND THAT AN AMNESTY LAW BE PASSED BEFORE HE STEPS DOWN. HE PROBABLY IS COUNTING ON THE CURRENT LACK OF LEGISLATIVE COHESION TO FORESTALL ANY PROGRESS ON AMNESTY. FRANCOIS APPARENTLY WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE MEETING. [REDACTED]

ANOTHER PLAN

A GROUP OF GENERALLY PROMILITARY LEGISLATORS ON FRIDAY ANNOUNCED A NEW PROPOSAL TO RESOLVE THE POLITICAL CRISIS. [REDACTED] THE PLAN CALLS FOR SIMULTANEOUS PASSAGE OF AMNESTY AND POLICE LAWS, INCLUSION IN THE CABINET OF "DIVERSE POLITICAL FACTIONS," AND THE LIFTING OF SANCTIONS ONCE CEDRAS AGREES TO STEP DOWN. LEGISLATORS SAY THEY WILL CONVENE TUESDAY TO VOTE ON THE AMNESTY AND POLICE LAWS. ALTHOUGH IT TAKES EXPLICIT JABS AT HIM, UN ENVOY CAPUTO HAS DESCRIBED THE PLAN AS "VERY POSITIVE." (C NF)

COMMENT: IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER THE PLAN HAS CEDRAS'S BLESSING. ON THE SURFACE IT APPEARS TO FAVOR RIGHTWING ELEMENTS; THE PHRASE

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"DIVERSE POLITICAL FACTIONS" PROBABLY IS A EUPHEMISM FOR HARDLINE
RIGHTISTS. ARISTIDE HAS AVOIDED REJECTING THE PLAN OUTRIGHT, BUT
HE HAS TOLD MALVAL THAT HE OBJECTS TO SIMULTANEOUS
AMNESTY AND POLICE LEGISLATION BECAUSE HE DOES NOT TRUST THE
LEGISLATORS TO KEEP ANY DEAL TO LINK THE TWO BILLS. HE ALSO POINTED
OUT THAT THE LEGISLATURE IS UNLIKELY TO PULL ITSELF TOGETHER FOR ANY
QUICK ACTION ON THE PROPOSAL.

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