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SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICA BRIEF [REDACTED] 04 FEBRUARY 1994.

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RIFTS WITHIN THE MILITARY HIGH COMMAND ARE GROWING, AS IS THE PRESSURE ON ARMY CHIEF CEDRAS TO STEP DOWN.

TENSIONS BETWEEN CEDRAS AND POLICE CHIEF FRANCOIS, WHICH CAME TO A HEAD LAST WEEK OVER CEDRAS'S UNSUCCESSFUL BID TO INSTALL A JUNTA, HAVE DIVIDED THE GENERAL STAFF. SOME SENIOR COMMANDERS PREVIOUSLY LOYAL TO CEDRAS ARE UPSET WITH HIS TRANSPARENT POLITICAL MANEUVERS AND ARE NOW LOBBYING FOR HIS RETIREMENT.

SOME LEADING BUSINESSMEN ARE ALSO URGING CEDRAS TO RESIGN. FRANCOIS TOLD AIDES THAT HE WILL TELL CEDRAS THAT HE MUST STEP DOWN.

COMMENT: CEDRAS'S SMALL CADRE OF FIERCELY LOYAL SUPPORTERS, MANY OF WHOM WOULD LOSE THEIR INFLUENCE IF HE WERE TO STEP DOWN, ARE LIKELY TO TRY TO RALLY SUPPORT BEHIND HIM, PERHAPS LEADING TO A SHOWDOWN.

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