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FROM: ODDI/NPT INFO ODDI/NID

SUBJECT: H/W SUPPORT CABLE [REDACTED] FOR 07 JULY 1998

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1. GUYANA: ACCORD INTENDED TO DEFUSE POLITICAL CRISIS [REDACTED]

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PEOPLE'S NATIONAL CONGRESS (PNC) LEADER HOYTE AND PRESIDENT JAGAN LAST WEEK SIGNED AN AGREEMENT TO END PNC DEMONSTRATIONS--SOME OF WHICH HAVE BEEN VIOLENT--AGAINST THE ELECTION VICTORY BY JAGAN'S PARTY IN DECEMBER. AN AUDIT IN MAY CONDUCTED BY THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY AND COMMON MARKET (CARICOM) FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF THE FRAUDULENT BALLOTING HOYTE ALLEGED.

-- [REDACTED] THE CARICOM-BROKERED AGREEMENT CALLS FOR THE PNC TO ACCEPT THE AUDIT AND TAKE ITS SEATS IN PARLIAMENT AND FOR BOTH PARTIES TO COOPERATE IN ADVANCING CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM.

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-- HOYTE AND THE PNC HAVE UNTIL 15 JULY TO CLAIM THEIR PARLIAMENTARY SEATS. [REDACTED]

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THIS IS THE SECOND TRUCE SIGNED IN SEVEN MONTHS--HOYTE DISREGARDED THE PREVIOUS ACCORD AND URGED HIS FOLLOWERS TO TAKE TO THE STREETS. //ETHNIC-BASED TENSION BETWEEN HOYTE'S AFRO-GUYANESE FOLLOWERS AND JAGAN'S INDO-GUYANESE SUPPORTERS REMAINS HIGH, AND HOYTE IS LIKELY TO RE-IGNITE PROTESTS UNLESS JAGAN OFFERS CONCESSIONS ON CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM.// [REDACTED]

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