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1. SENIOR NAVY OFFICIALS INFORMED EMBASSY LATE LAST WEEK THAT NAVY INITIATIVE TO MOVE JACOBO TIMERMAN FROM PRISON TO HOUSE ARREST WAS STILL ON THE TRACKS. SUBJECT IS EXPECTED TO COME UP AT MEETING EARLY THIS WEEK OF ARMED FORCES SECRETARY GENERALS.

2. AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: SINCE AMBASSADOR'S ARRIVAL AT POST, NOVEMBER 10, 1977 ADMIRAL MASSERA PERSONALLY AND HIS SENIOR OFFICERS HAVE BEEN ADVISING EMBASSY OF THEIR INTEREST IN RELEASING TIMERMAN. THE "PROOF IS IN THE PUDDING" AND TO DATE NOTHING OF SUBSTANCE HAS COME FROM THE NAVY. EMBASSY MINDFUL THAT MASSERA IS ATTEMPTING TO USE THIS OFFICE FOR PERSONAL P.R. EFFORTS SO THAT HE MAY BE SANCTIFIED BY DEPARTMENT AS THE "GUARDIAN

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