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1. **SURINAME: BOUTERSE TESTS CIVILIAN RESOLVE** [Redacted]

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MILITARY COMMANDER BOUTERSE IS INCREASING THE PRESSURE ON RONNIE BRUNSWIJK'S RURAL BLACK REBELS, PROBABLY MORE TO DISCOURAGE ANTIMILITARY INITIATIVES BY THE CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT THAN TO QUASH THE INSURGENCY. WITHOUT GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZATION, THE ARMY HAS REINFORCED SEVERAL POINTS OUTSIDE REBEL-OCCUPIED MOENGO AND HAS CLOSED THE ROAD LEADING THERE FROM PARAMARIBO. THE MOVE HAS FORCED THE US-OWNED SURINAME ALUMINUM COMPANY (SURALCO) TO REDUCE

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PRODUCTION SHARPLY; IT HAS THREATENED TO STOP PAYMENTS TO
PARAMARIBO. GOVERNMENT LEADERS, UNABLE TO PERSUADE **BOUTERSE** TO PULL
BACK, PLAN TO "ORDER" THE REBELS TO WITHDRAW. [REDACTED]

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COMMENT: **BOUTERSE** REALIZES HE CANNOT TAKE THE TOWN EASILY AND
HAS POSITIONED HIS TROOPS SO AS TO LET BRUNSWIJK WITHDRAW WITHOUT A
FIGHT. **BOUTERSE** PROBABLY IS DEFYING GOVERNMENT ORDERS TO SHOW HE IS
DISPLEASED WITH LEGISLATION LIMITING THE ARMY'S ARREST POWER AND
WITH A PENDING BILL THAT WOULD END MILITARY CONTROL OF THE LUCRATIVE
IMMIGRATION AND PORT AUTHORITIES. BRUNSWIJK MAY USE THE GOVERNMENT'S
REQUEST AS AN EXCUSE TO BACK AWAY FROM A TACTICALLY UNTENABLE
POSITION. ABOUT 95 PERCENT OF **SURINAME'S** FOREIGN EXCHANGE COMES FROM
SURALCO PAYMENTS AND A CUTOFF WOULD BANKRUPT THE GOVERNMENT. LABOR
LEADERS PROBABLY WOULD THEN FOLLOW THROUGH ON THREATS TO CALL A
GENERAL STRIKE [REDACTED]

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2. IN BRIEFS

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X--HAVANA HAS INDEFINITELY POSTPONED PAPAL VISIT SCHEDULED FOR
NEXT YEAR, [REDACTED]. FEARS POPE MIGHT BE
RALLYING POINT FOR DISAFFECTED CUBANS . . . HAS CHARGED LOCAL CLERGY
INFLUENCED BY US. [REDACTED]

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X--NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT SIGNED DEMOBILIZATION AGREEMENT WITH
SOUTHERN FRONT INSURGENTS WEDNESDAY . . . SOME 1,000 TO DISARM BY 25
JULY . . . PEACE AGREEMENTS NOW REACHED WITH ALL THREE REBEL GROUPS.

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X [REDACTED] PERU TRYING TO SELL SOVIET MI-6
TRANSPORT HELICOPTERS, OTHER OBSOLETE TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT . . .
UNABLE TO GET SPARE PARTS FROM SOVIETS . . . MOSCOW UNWILLING TO
TRADE FOR NEW MI-17 HELICOPTERS. [REDACTED]

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