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SUBJECT: ASSESSMENT OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

1. CONFIDENTIAL (ENTIRE TEXT)

2. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO RECORD ITS APPRECIATION FOR
EMBASSY EFFORTS UNDER THE CURRENTLY VERY TRYING CIRCUM-
STANCES AND FOR ITS TIMELY AND HELPFUL REPORTING ON
RAPIDLY EVOLVING DEVELOPMENTS THERE.

3. WE CAN APPRECIATE THAT THE SITUATION REMAINS VERY
UNCLEAR. WE ARE SEEKING CLARIFICATION AND GUIDANCE RE-
GARDING THE ATTITUDES OF KEY THIRD COUNTRIES (SURINAME'S
NEIGHBORS, THE DUTCH AND THE FRENCH) CONCERNING DEVELOP-
MENTS IN SURINAME AND THE QUESTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.
WE SHALL KEEP THE EMBASSY INFORMED OF THE RESULTS OF THE
REQUESTED CONSULTATIONS.

4. AS THE NATIONAL MILITARY COUNCIL APPEARS TO BE MOVING
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AUTHORITY, A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS OCCUR TO US THAT THE EMBASSY SHOULD BEGIN TO ADDRESS IN FUTURE REPORTING AND ANALYSIS. WE REALIZE THAT YOU ARE LIKELY ALREADY TAKING THESE ISSUES INTO ACCOUNT AND KNOW THAT THERE ARE OTHER

ASPECTS OF THE SITUATION WHICH YOU WILL BE CONSIDERING. THE FOLLOWING ARE ISSUES ON WHICH WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SPECIAL ATTENTION:

-- WAS THE REBELLION ESSENTIALLY CAUSED BY PROFESSIONAL GRIEVANCES AND NCO/OFFICER RIVALRY AND DISAGREEMENT?
-- WAS THERE A POLITICAL ELEMENT IN THE REBELLION FROM THE BEGINNING? FOR EXAMPLE, DID BRUMA, RAVALES, ET AL PLAY A ROLE IN FOMENTING THE COUP?
-- WE HAVE SEEN NO EVIDENCE OF THIRD COUNTRY (CUBAN OR SOVIET) INVOLVEMENT IN THE COUP IN ANY WAY, ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR ACCREDITED TO SURINAME BUT RESIDENT IN BOGOTA, COLOMBIA VISITED SURINAME FEBRUARY 18-22. DOES THE EMBASSY HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON THIRD COUNTRY INVOLVEMENT?

-- HOW WILL THE HINDUSTANI AND INDONESIAN MINORITIES REACT TO THE COUP, SINCE THE COUP EXECUTERS--THE NCO'S--ARE MAINLY CREOLE AND THE EMERGING POLITICAL LEADERSHIP OF THE CITIZENS COUNCIL SEEMS TO BE CREOLE? IF THERE IS POLITICAL REACTION AMONG THE MINORITY GROUPS, WHAT FORM MIGHT IT TAKE? MIGHT THERE ALSO BE AN EXODUS OF THE MINORITY GROUPS, WHAT FORM MIGHT IT TAKE? MIGHT THERE ALSO BE A EXODUS OF THE MINORITIES WHO PLAY SUCH AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC LIFE.

-- WHAT ASSESSMENT CAN THE EMBASSY MAKE AT THIS TIME CONCERNING BRUMA'S HIS PERSONAL AMBITIONS AND HIS POLITICAL
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LEARNAGE; AND CONCERNING OTHER KEY CIVILIAN AND NCO LEADERS?

-- WHAT IS THE ALLEGIANCE OF MILITARY UNITS OUTSIDE OF PARAMARIBO?

-- WHAT MIGHT BE THE FUTURE ROLE OF THE MILITARY OFFICERS AND HOW EFFECTIVELY WILL THE MILITARY BE LED?

5. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK; VANCE

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