

CONFIDENTIAL

**RELEASE IN FULL**PAGE 01 PARAMA 02567 121607Z  
ACTION ARA-16INFO OCT-00 COPY-01 ADS-00 INR-10 EUR-12 SS-10 CIAE-00  
H-01 NSCE-00 NSAE-00 SSO-00 HA-08 L-03 PM-09  
PA-01 INRE-00 SP-02 SNP-01 SPRS-01 /075 W  
-----211023 121622Z /50O 101252Z DEC 82  
FM AMEMBASSY PARAMARIBO  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9296  
INFO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA  
AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN  
AMEMBASSY CARACAS  
AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN  
AMEMBASSY KINGSTON  
AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN  
AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE  
DIA WASHDC  
USCINCSOUTH QUARRY HTS PN  
USIA WASHDC 0372  
COMUSFORCARIB ROOSEVELT ROADS PR

C O N F I D E N T I A L PARAMARIBO 2567

USIA FOR AR

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: PINT, NS  
SUBJ: BOUTERSE DISCUSSES DECEMBER 9 MILITARY ACTION

REF: PARAMARIBO 2561

1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT).

2. SUMMARY: LT. COL. DESI BOUTERSE, HEAD OF RULING  
POLICY CENTER AND HEAD OF NATIONAL ARMY, SAID IN  
TELEVISION SPEECH DECEMBER 8 THAT MILITARY GOVERN-  
MENT WAS FORCED TO CRUSH "CENTERS OF POWER" OF  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 PARAMA 02567 121607Z

THOSE WHO WERE PLOTTING TO OVERTHROW GOVERNMENT  
AND PREVENT EMERGENCE OF "NEW DEMOCRACY."  
ACCORDING TO BOUTERSE, PREEMPTIVE ACTION BY  
GOVERNMENT HEADED OFF "BLOODBATH" AND "ANARCHY"  
IN COUNTRY. HE ALSO ANNOUNCED IMPOSITION OF MEASURES  
TO SILENCE PRIVATE MEDIA, SEAL OFF COUNTRY AND  
LIMIT ORGANIZED RESPONSE BY PEOPLE. IN STAGED  
INTERVIEW FOLLOWING BOUTERSE'S SPEECH, ALLEGED  
PLOTTER CLAIMED COUP MAKERS WERE TO HAVE RECEIVED  
HELP FROM EXPATRIATES IN HOLLAND TO OVERTHROW**REVIEW AUTHORITY: Leonard Kusnitz, Senior  
Reviewer**

GOVERNMENT DURING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS. BOUTERSE PRESENTATION COUPLED WITH EVENTS OF PAST TWO DAYS INDICATE HE IS MOVING FORCEFULLY TO CONSOLIDATE HIS CONTROL AND MOVE AHEAD WITH HIS REVOLUTIONARY PROGRAM. END SUMMARY.

3. IN SPEECH ON STATE-RUN RADIO AND TELEVISION ON DECEMBER 9, LTCOL DESI BOUTERSE, CHAIRMAN OF RULING POLICY CENTER AND COMMANDER OF NATIONAL ARMY, SAID THAT MILITARY MOVES AGAINST BUSINESS, MEDIA, LABOR, AND UNIVERSITY WERE TAKEN TO AVERT A SEIZURE OF POWER BY "SMALL, RICH, ECONOMIC ELITE" WHO WERE USING THEIR ORGANIZATIONS "WRONGLY" TO MISLEAD AND MISINFORM PEOPLE ABOUT STATE OF AFFAIRS IN COUNTRY AND THAT THEY PLANNED TO OVERTHROW GOVERNMENT TO ADVANCE OWN NARROW ECONOMIC INTERESTS. BOUTERSE SAID HIS ADVISERS NAD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEES HAD GIVEN HIM INFORMATION ON THESE ACTIVITIES.

4. BOUTERSE SAID GOS CHOSE TO DESTROY "CENTERS OF POWER" OF THESE ANTI-GOVERNMENT ELEMENTS IN ORDER TO PREVENT MASSIVE BLOODSHED AND ANARCHY IN COUNTRY AND PROTECT REVOLUTION. HE ALSO NOTED THAT IF CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 PARAMA 02567 121607Z

ANY OF THOSE NOW BEING HELD WERE INNOCENT THEY WOULD BE RELEASED. HE EMPHASIZED PRESENT SITUATION CONSTITUTED NEW STAGE IN BUILDING OF HIS REVOLUTIONARY "NEW DEMOCRATIC" SOCIETY.

5. BOUTERSE ALSO SAID THAT FURTHER MEASURES WOULD BE MADE KNOWN LATER, AND ALSO ANNOUNCED FOLLOWING MEASURES:

- NIGHTLY 1900-0400 CURFEW;
- CLOSING OF SURINAME AIRSPACE AND BORDERS;
- GATHERINGS OF MORE THAN 4 PERSONS PROHIBITED;
- ALL PRIVATE RADIO STATIONS AND NEWSPAPERS WITH EXCEPTION OF DAILY DE WARE TIJD TO BE CLOSED;
- UNIVERSITY CLOSED.

6. ADDITIONAL NEWS TAPE FOLLOWING BOUTERSE'S SPEECH SHOWED, APPARENTLY, STAGED PERFORMANCE IN WHICH JOZEF SLAGVEER, HEAD OF INDEPENDENT NEWS AGENCY INFORMA AND ONE OF THOSE ARRESTED ON DECEMBER 8, ANSWERED QUESTION FROM MAJ. HORB (VICE-CHAIRMAN OF POLICY

CENTER AND GARRISON COMMANDER) ABOUT ANTI-GOVERNMENT PLOTTING. SLAGVEER SAID HE HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN PLANNING WITH SEVERAL UNION, BUSINESS, AND MEDIA FIGURES (NAMING THOSE PREVIOUSLY KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED) WHO WERE WORKING WITH ANDRE HAAKMAT (FORMER ADVISER TO HORB AND TO MOEDERBOND LABOR

FEDERATION, NOW IN HOLLAND) AND EXPATRIATE "COMMITTEE TO RESTORE DEMOCRACY" ON PLAN TO FREE RECENTLY SENTENCED MARCH COUP PLOT LEADER RAMBOCUS AND OVERTHROW BOUTERSE GOVERNMENT ON 25-26 DECEMBER. SLAGVEER ALSO CLAIMED THAT SEVERAL OTHER BUSINESS AND MEDIA LEADERS NOW IN MIAMI (HE NAMED WILFRED LIONARONS AND CYRIEL KARG.) WERE IN CONTACT WITH UNSPECIFIED OTHER FOREIGN ELEMENTS TO HELP FURTHER THEIR PLAN.  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 04 PARAMA 02567 121607Z

7. COMMENT: BOUTERSE TV PERFORMANCE AND STAGED INTERVIEW BY HORB INDICATES DICTATORSHIP IN SURINAME HAS MADE DECISION TO EXERT IRON HAND TO CONSOLIDATE ITS RULE. BOUTERSE JUSTIFIED GOVERNMENT ACTION ON BASIS OF "REVOLUTIONARY" CRITERIA ONLY HE AND ADVISERS HAVE ESTABLISHED. HE IS OBVIOUSLY BETTING THAT PEOPLE OF COUNTRY HAVE BEEN SUFFICIENTLY INTIMIDATED BY MILITARY ACTIONS OF DECEMBER 8 SO THAT HE CAN PROCEED UNHINDERED TO "NEW STAGE" OF "REVOLUTION".  
DUMLING

NOTE BY OC/T: MESSAGE DELAYED IN TRANSMISSION....

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN