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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE TO THE GON RE SURINAME

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C) WE WERE PLEASED TO SEE THAT THE GON HAD PROVIDED SURINAME WITH A GENEROUS INDEPENDENCE GIFT IN THE FORM OF SUBSTANTIAL FOREIGN ASSISTANCE; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN SURINAME SEEMED TO BE PROCEEDING APACE. IT WOULD BE VERY UNFORTUNATE IF SURINAME WERE NOW TO FOLLOW THE PATTERN OF ITS NEAR NEIGHBOR GUYANA AND INCUR SIMILAR GRAVE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

D) WE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED BY THE MOST RECENT REPORTING FROM PARAMARIBO WHICH INDICATES THAT THE NEW REGIME IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY AUTHORITARIAN; SPECIFICALLY, THE IMPOSITION OF PRESS CENSORSHIP; A REPORT THAT ELECTIONS WILL NOW BE DEFERRED FOR ONE YEAR AND PERHAPS FOR AS LONG AS FOUR; THE ENTRY OF OUR ICA OFFICES BY SOLDIERS REPORTEDLY LOOKING FOR PM ARRON; CONTINUED IMPOSITION OF A CURFEW AND SEARCH OF PRIVATE VEHICLES.

E) WE AGREE THAT BRUMA'S ROLE AND IMPORTANCE IN NEW GOVERNMENT ARE UNCLEAR AT THE PRESENT TIME. IT SEEMS TO US THAT THE KEY ISSUES WILL BE WHETHER DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS WILL BE RECEIVED OR DISCARDED; WHAT POLITICAL FIGURES, PARTICULARLY FROM THE HINDUSTANI AND INDONESIAN MINORITIES, MIGHT AGREE TO JOIN THE CITIZENS COUNCIL AND WHETHER PRES. FERRIER CONTINUES TO STAY IN OFFICE. THIS  
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LATTER POINT SEEMS ESSENTIAL IF THE NEW GOVERNMENT IS TO APPEAR LEGITIMATE. IT SEEMS EQUALLY IMPORTANT THAT NATIONAL MILITARY COUNCIL (NMC) BE PREVAILED ON TO MAKE A FIRM COMMITMENT REGARDING THE TIMING OF NEW ELECTIONS AND IF

POSSIBLE, THAT THEY BE HELD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, PREFERABLY ON THE PREVIOUSLY AGREED DATE OF MARCH 27 AND THE NMC SHOULD AGREE TO TURN OVER POWER TO WHATEVER GOVERNMENT EMERGES FROM THOSE NEW ELECTIONS.

F) WE ARE CURRENTLY REVIEWING OUR POLICY TOWARD SURINAME IN LIGHT OF THE COUP. OBVIOUSLY, THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS WILL BE ALL IMPORTANT TO US AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS AS WE DECIDE HOW TO RELATE TO THE COUP IN SURINAME AND WE WILL BE GRATEFUL FOR WHATEVER INFORMATION AND THINKING THE GON IS IN A POSITION TO SHARE WITH US, PARTICULARLY IF WE TAKE NO ACTIONS?

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3) FOR CARACAS, BRASILIA, PARIS, LONDON, PORT OF SPAIN,  
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