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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON SURINAME

FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED PRESS GUIDANCE FOR THE MARCH 7 DEPART-
MENT'S NOON BRIEFING. POST SHOULD NOT USE THIS GUIDANCE UN-
TIL IT IS ADVISED THAT IT HAS BEEN ISSUED TO THE PRESS.
BEGIN TEXT: THE USG CONTINUES TO BE CONCERNED OVER THE VIO-
LENT ACTIONS TAKEN IN SURINAME ON FEBRUARY 25 AND THE POST-
PONEMENT OF THE ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 27. THE USG
HAS BEEN ENCOURAGED BY PRESIDENT FERRIER'S WILLINGNESS TO
REMAIN AS CHIEF OF STATE AND TO USE HIS INFLUENCE TO CON-
TINUE CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT AND PRESERVE DEMOCRACY IN
SURINAME.

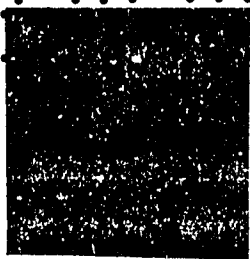
WE NOTE THAT SOME CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE MIGHT BE NECESSARY
AND THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS PLEDGED TO PRESENT ANY SUCH
CHANGES FOR APPROVAL BY THE PEOPLE OF SURINAME. WE FULLY
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SUPPORT THESE EFFORTS.

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WE APPRECIATE THE PRESIDENT'S EFFORTS TO APPOINT AN INTER-
IM GOVERNMENT, AS SPECIFIED IN THE CONSTITUTION, MAKING USE
OF THE FULL COOPERATION OF THE NATIONAL MILITARY COUNCIL.

FINALLY, THE USG WISHES TO EXPRESS THE VIEW THAT THE
PEOPLE OF SURINAME ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE A MAN OF FERRIER'S
DEDICATION, STATESMANSHIP AND PROBITY IN THEIR SERVICE. END
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