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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT: PEOPLE'S PARTY LEADER INTERVIEW

DR. RUBIN LIE PAW SAM, LEADER OF THE PEOPLE'S PARTY OF SURINAME,  
WAS INTERVIEWED BY HIS PARTY'S WEEKLY PAPER PIPEL. FOLLOWING  
ARE EXCERPTS FROM THAT INTERVIEW:

"NEARLY EVERYBODY IS HAPPY THAT THE ARRON GOVERNMENT IS GONE,  
EVEN OUR COUNTRYMEN IN HOLLAND. FOR THIRTY YEARS THE OLD PARTIES  
HAVE RULED THIS COUNTRY WITHOUT CLEAR RESULTS. THE OPERATION  
OF THE YOUNG SOLDIERS OF THE BOARD OF THE MILITARY CADRE HAS  
GIVEN EVERYBODY HOPE THAT THINGS WILL GO BETTER... THE  
MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLE'S PARTY MUST NOT REMAIN PASSIVE, LEAVING  
EVERYTHING TO THE MILITARY. THE CALL OF THE NMC THAT WE ALL  
HAVE TO WORK HARD FOR OUR FUTURE IS CLEARLY AIMED AT THE PRO-  
GRESSIVE FORCES IN SURINAME... THE PROBLEMS OF THIS COUNTRY  
CANNOT BE SOLVED IN A MILITARY WAY. THE PROBLEMS HERE ARE  
POLITICALLY ORGANIZATIONAL, THE FORMULATING OF CONCRETE  
DEVELOPMENTAL GOALS. BUT THERE ARE ALSO PROBLEMS IN  
EXECUTING THE SOUND PROJECTS ALREADY STARTED... WE  
HAVE NOW ENTERED THE MOST DIFFICULT PHASE ... A  
GOVERNMENT MUST BE PROPOSED. THE PEOPLE'S PARTY AGREES  
THAT THE CIVILIAN BOARD'S MEMBERS MUST BE CAPABLE, HONEST

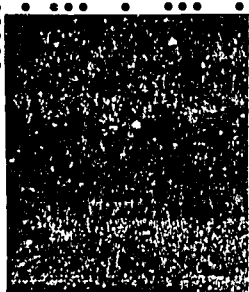
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AND UNBLEMISHED... WE NOW HAVE A CHANCE TO CALL ON OUR

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BEST AND MOST CAPABLE ELEMENTS IN THE SURINAMESE COMMUNITY.  
... IT DEPENDS COMPLETELY ON US WHICH WAY THE EVENTS WILL  
GO. IF WE REMAIN PASSIVE, IF THE WELL-MEANERS AND PROGRESS-  
IVES DO NOT GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO BRING THE OPERATION TO  
A SOCIAL SUCCESS... MAXIMAL EXPLOITATION OF OUR NATURAL  
RESOURCES AND THE INTELLIGENCE AND ENERGY OF OUR PEOPLE  
(IS IMPOSSIBLE)... IF WE LOOK ON PASSIVELY AS OPPORTUN-  
ISTIC ELEMENTS AND POLITICIANS TRY TO MASTER THE RESULTS OF  
THE OPERATION, THE, WITHIN A SHORT TIME, WE WILL RETURN TO  
THE SAME SITUATION AS BEFORE... THE PEOPLE'S PARTY IS  
WILLING, AT ANY TIME, TO GIVE ITS BEST EFFORTS TO THE  
DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY..."  
COMMENT: AIRGRAM GIVING FULL TEXT OF INTERVIEW  
FOLLOWS. END COMMENT.

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