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C O N F I D E N T I A L PARAMARIBO 0477

E.O. 12065: GDS 03/13/88 (LA ROCHE, RICHARD R.) OR-M
TAGS: PINT NS
SUBJECT: SURINAME COUP: SITREP 11

REF: PARAMARIBO 0251 (NOTAL)

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. IN A 0900 INTERVIEW WITH THE PRESS, NATIONAL ARMY COMMANDER
BOUTERSE ANNOUNCED THAT SERGEANT WILFRED HAWKER HAD BEEN EXECUTED
THIS MORNING AT 0600 "TO PROTECT THE POPULATION," COMMENT:
THIS EXECUTION WITHOUT TRIAL, AN UNEQUIVOCAL VIOLATION OF
INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS MAY BE EXPLAINED
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IN PART BY BOUTERSE'S FEAR OF HAWKER WHO PROVED HIMSELF A
THREAT EVEN FROM BEHIND BARS AND MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN INTENDED AS
A WARNING TO OTHER POTENTIAL COUP MAKERS. WE NOTE NO PARTICULAR
SENSE OF OUTRAGE LOCALLY.3. AS OF 1600 LOCAL TIME THE SECOND PRINCIPAL IN THE COUP,
SURINQDER RAMBOCUS, HAD NOT BEEN REPORTED CAPTURED, HOWEVER,
HE WAS BELIEVED TO BE ISOLATED WITH A FEW OF HIS SUPPORTERS
AND SURROUNDED BY NATIONAL ARMY TROOPS SOMEWHERE IN WEST SURINAME.
ACCORDING TO NEWS SERVICES, THE TWO ARMORED CARS IN WHICH**REVIEW AUTHORITY: Leonard Kusnitz, Senior Reviewer**

HE AND HIS MEN FLED PARAMARIBO WERE CAPTURED EARLIER TODAY.

4. ACCORDING TO A 1400 RADIO BROADCAST, TWO PERSONS BEING SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH THE COUP ATTEMPT ARE SALAM SOMOHARDJO, A FORMER M.P. DURING THE NPK (ARRON) GOVERNMENT AND ONE OF 2 PRINCIPAL JAVANESE POLITICAL LEADERS AT THE TIME; AND PROFESSOR OEMRAWSINGH, FORMER MP OF THE VHP PARTY. COMMENT: APART FROM HAWKER WHO WAS RELEASED FROM JAIL AND APPARENTLY TOOK PART IN THE COUP FOR THE SAME REASONS THAT HE PLANNED AN EARLIER COUP AND BECAUSE HE WISHED TO REGAIN HIS FREEDOM; THE PERSONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PRESENT VENTURE APPEAR TO BE CHIEFLY HINDUSTANIS AND JAVANESE. A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE HAS TOLD US THAT OEMRAWSINGH WAS CAPTURED AT HOME THIS AFTERNOON.
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