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E.O. 12065: GDS 3-11-88 (LAROCHE, RICHARD R.) OR-M
TAGS: PINT NS
SUBJECT: SURINAME COUP SITREP 2

REF: PARAMARIBO 0251 (NOTAL)

1. BEST REPORTS WE HAVE ARE THAT COUP IS BEING CONDUCTED BY ARMY AND POLICE UNITS AND THAT IT IS NEAR SUCCESS OR HAS SUCCEEDED. HOWEVER THINGS ARE STILL FAR FROM CLEAR.

2. NAMES THAT ARE CONNECTED WITH THE COUP LEADERSHIP ARE POLICE COMMISSIONER VRIJ; MILITARY POLICE HEAD LT ABRAHAMS; POLICE INSPECTOR LEEFLANG, NMR MEMBER, ARMY LT. NANKOESING; ARMY CONFIDENTIAL

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SERGEANTS A. GOREE AND WILFRED HAWKER; AND FORMER ARMY LT RAMBOCUS.

3. HAWKER WAS TRIED IN 1981 FOR ALLEGED COUP ATTEMPT AND HAD BEEN IN JAIL. RAMBUCUS WAS FORCED TO RESIGN FROM ARMY AFTER FEB 1980 COUP BECAUSE OF HIS PAST 'OLD ORDER' ASSOCIATIONS. WE HEARD HIS NAME EARLIER IN CONNECTION WITH POSSIBLE COUP, SEE REFTTEL.

4. WE STILL ARE UNABLE TO ACCOUNT RELIABLY FOR MILITARY LEADERS BOUTERSE, HORB, OR FERNANDES.

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Leonard Kusnitz, Senior Reviewer

5. AT 0930 LOCAL TIME RADIO RADIKA ANNOUNCED THAT A FREEDOM COUNCIL WAS IN CONTROL. NO DETAILS FOLLOWED. OTHER STATIONS CONTINUE ON AIR BUT BROADCAST MUSIC ONLY.
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