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SUBJECT: DOMINICAN-HAITIAN RELATIONS

1. REPORTED KIDNAPPING (PRESUMABLY ARREST) HAITIAN CHAUFFEUR OF DOMINICAN AMBASSADOR IN PORT-AU-PRINCE ON SEPT. 23 BASIS FOR THREE HAITIAN-BAITING ARTICLES FRONT PAGE EL CARIBE SEPT 29. NO MENTION INCIDENT IN LISTIN.

2. CARIBE CLAIMS AMBASSADOR FAUSTO GUZMAN CABRERA CALLED HOME AND SAYS "IT IS CERTAIN" HE WILL NOT RETURN TO PORT-AU-PRINCE. ONE ARTICLE ALLEGES THAT ACCORDING "DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS" RELATIONS BETWEEN HAITI AND DR HAVE DETERIORATED ALMOST TO "MAXIMUM POINT" AS RESULT KIDNAPPING INCIDENT AND SILENCE GODR OFFICIALS. ANOTHER ARTICLE DEALS WITH "CLOSING DOORS OF CATHOLIC CHURCHES" BECAUSE OF LACK OF PRIESTS DUE "PERSECUTION" DUVALIER GOVERNMENT. LONG "NEWS ANALYSIS" FRONT PAGE CARIBE CHARGES DUVALIER LOSES NO OPPORTUNITY SEARCH FOR FRICTIONS WITH GODR; ALLEGES THAT ACCORDING "WELL INFORMED PERSONS" DUVALIER INTERPRETS AS "WEAKNESS" PRESIDENT BALAGUER'S ATTEMPTS AVOID TENSIONS AND DIFFICULTIES AND CONCLUDES "ALL OBSERVERS SITUATION AGREE" UP TO GODR PUT END "TO INSULTS OF HAITIAN DICTATOR".

3. CARIBE REPORTS NO COMMENT FROM GODR SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN RELAITONS.
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