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1. CONSULAR OFFICERS TRAVELING NORTHWESTERN PROVINCES OF VALVERDE, SANTIAGO RODRIGUEZ, DAJABON, AND MONTECRISTI ON MAY 10-11 ENCOUNTERED NO SIGN POLITICAL DISORDER OR UNREST. PRD MEMBERS MONTECRISTI CITY COUNCIL, ONLY SIZABLE OPPOSITION BLOC IN AREA, ATTENDING TO DUTIES NORMALLY ALTHOUGH RUMORS HIGH THAT PRD MAYOR FAUSTO MARICHAL MAY SOON QUIT POST FOR "PERSONAL REASONS".

2. PRESENT WORK HALT AT THE NEBRASKA PROJECT IN MANZANILLO HAS CAUSED MUCH LOCAL CONCERN AS IT HAS ADDED SUBSTANTIALLY TO

TO ALREADY HIGH UNEMPLOYMENTPRATE IN AREA. LOCAL AUTHORITIES CONTEMPLATE NO VIOLENT REACTIONS TO STOPPAGE BUT ADMIT AN EXTENDED DELAY OR ABANDONMENT OF PROJECT MAY CAUSE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DISLOCATIONS PARTICULARLY WITHIN PROVINCE OF MONTECRISTI.

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