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SUBJECT: LAFTA CONFERENCE

1. DIPLOMATIC COLUMNIST FOR TRIBUNA DA IMPRENSA, WHO OFTEN HAS ACCURATELY REFLECTED FONOFF POSITION STATES IN AUGUST 16 COLUMN GREAT IMPORTANCE BEING ATTACHED TO AUGUST 28 LAFTA MEETING AS FIRST STEP FOLLOWING PUNTA DEL ESTE IN LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION. SAID "DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS" SAY CENTRAL THEME WILL BE UNEXPECTED US BACKING OFF FROM SUPPORT TO CREATION OF COMMON MARKET AS EVIDENCED LAST LATAM ECOSOC MEETING WHEN US DELEGATION WAS RETICENT IN DISCUSSION EXTENT OF ECONOMIC SUPPORT PROMISED BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON AT PUNTA DEL ESTE.

2. COLUMNIST SAID ASUNCION CONFERENCE ALSO LIKELY PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON LASO RESOLUTIONS PRELIMINARY TO 12TH MFM. TUTHILL
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