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1. UPI TICKER ITEM QUOTES GOVT SOURCE AS SAYING THAT AMONG FIRST GOVT REQUESTS TO U.S. WILL BE RURAL POLICE ADVISOR. THIS IS FIRST MENTION OF SUCH POSSIBLE REQUEST, AND THERE NO CONFIRMATION VIA OFFICIAL CHANNELS. UNFORTUNATELY UPI MAN HAS LEFT TOWN BUT HE WAS IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH MAX DOMINIQUE AND LATTER WAS THUS POSSIBLY SOURCE OF REPORT.

2. IF REQUEST MATERIALIZES, [THIS MAY AFFORD MEANS OF GETTING FOOT IN DOOR WITH SECURITY PEOPLE.] WILL ADVISE FURTHER DETAILS AS THEY BECOME KNOWN.

3. NEW SUBJECT: IRVING <sup>WILSON</sup> DAVIDSON, PUBLICIST AND REGISTERED AGENT OF HAITIAN GOVT, WAS QUITE CONSPICUOUS OVER WEEKEND MAINTAINING LIAISON BETWEEN PRESS AND GOVT. APPEARED TO BE ESPECIALLY CLOSE TO FRITZ AND MAX DOMINIQUE. DIFFICULT TO JUDGE AT THIS POINT WHETHER HE AS SOLIDLY IN WITH NEW GOVT AS HIS PERFORMANCE OVER WEEKEND WOULD SUGGEST OR WHETHER, IN UNDERSTANDABLE CONFUSION OVER HAVING SO MANY FOREIGN JOURNALISTS ON HAND, GOVT WAS SIMPLY MAKING USE OF

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EXPERIENCED PUBLIC RELATIONS MAN WHO ABLE MAKE RIGHT KIND OF DECISIONS QUICKLY ON HANDLING PRESS. AMCARBON/3 SAID DAVIDSON PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR SETTING UP PRESS TOUR OF PALACE AND DESSALINES BARRACKS ON 26 APRIL, WHICH WENT OVER VERY WELL.

4. AS HQS AWARE, DAVIDSON IS OCCASIONAL ODENVY INFORMANT AND HE THUS MAY BE WILLING COOPERATE WITH WODISH IF NOT WOMACE.

5. NO FILE. INDEX DAVIDSON. GP-1.

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