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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF SWISS AMBASSADOR

REF: RIO 8910
YESTERDAY
1. GOB ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAS RECEIVED NEW NOTE FROM KIDNAPPERS
DATED DECEMBER 22 WHICH BEING EXAMINED

ENGLISH LANGUAGE BRAZIL

DECEMBER 24
HERALD/TAZ REVEALED GIST OF XXXX DOCUMENT, NOTING THAT KIDNAPPERS
HAVE REJECTED GOB EFFORT TO ELIMINATE FROM LIST CERTAIN PRISONERS
INVOLVED IN SERIOUS CRIMES, AND CLAIMING THAT BARGAINING HAS
NOW REACHED CRISIS STAGE.
2. SIX OF PRISONERS WHOSE NAMES ON RANSOM LIST ALLEGEDLY HAVE PETITIONED AUTHORITIES TO HAVE THEIR NAMES EXCLUDED.

3. CHIEF OF FRANCE PRESSE IN RIO, FRANÇOIS PELO, RELEASED 27 HOURS AFTER ARREST ON MONDAY FOR HAVING DISTRIBUTED KIDNAPPERS' NOTE. HE IS BEING GIVEN FOUR DAYS TO LEAVE COUNTRY, CHARGED WITH ACTIVITIES AGAINST NATIONAL SECURITY AND INCOMPATIBLE WITH FUNCTIONS AS FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT.