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- I am delighted that you are safe and well and that we were able to help arrange your departure.
- We have condemned the attack against the constitutional system in Haiti in the strongest possible terms. This is a serious setback not only for Haiti but for the cause of democracy throughout the Hemisphere.
- You are not alone. Reaction throughout the region, in the OAS, and elsewhere including Europe, has been swift and very sharp. President Perez of Venezuela was only one of the many friends to show support for you and your government.

U.S. ACTIONS

- I was very pleased to receive your Ambassador on Tuesday when he presented his credentials to me. We continue to regard him as the representative of the legitimate government of Haiti.
- The U.S. has suspended all assistance to Haiti but will review at an early date possible resumption of support for private organizations that provide help directly to the people. We do not wish to worsen the plight of the poor.

OAS ACTIONS

- We are pleased by the rapid response of the OAS. Secretary General Baena Soares (by EHNA soAREez) moved quickly to call a meeting of the Permanent Council on Monday evening and a Meeting of Foreign Ministers on Wednesday.
- We are also pleased by the strong resolution approved by the Foreign Ministers, especially the agreement that additional measures may be taken if necessary.
- I urge you to lend your public support and encouragement to Secretary General Baena Soares' efforts.

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NEXT STEPS

- We and you share the same goal -- your peaceful return to Haiti -- but you have a role in ensuring the peace.

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- The army will not yield power to you if they think they and their families will be at the mercy of mobs once you return. You must make it clear that this will not be permitted.

SECURITY OF AMERICANS IN HAITI

- There are several thousand American citizens in Haiti. We are concerned about their safety.
- With emotions running high, there is a danger of misunderstanding of the U.S. position and our role in events of the past few days. The potential for mob violence is dangerously high.
- I ask that you urge your followers to explain our support for your government and counsel calm.

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