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FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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MILITARY PERSONNEL DEPLOYED TO PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI,
TO STRENGTHEN UNITED STATES EMBASSY SECURITY, PURSU-
ANT TO 50 U.S.C. 1543(c); PUBLIC LAW 93-148, SEC. 4(c); (87 STAT.
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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, March 14, 2024.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: While some positive efforts have been made to resolve the instability in Haiti, there remain heightened security concerns for the United States Embassy and its supporting facilities in Port-au-Prince. To protect United States diplomatic personnel and diplomatic facilities, on March 12, 2024, at my direction, a security force of military personnel deployed to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to strengthen United States Embassy security. Although this military security force is equipped for combat, its movement was undertaken as a precautionary measure solely for the purpose of protecting United States diplomatic facilities and diplomatic personnel. The United States Armed Forces personnel are anticipated to remain in Haiti for as long as the security environment requires.

I directed this action consistent with my responsibility to protect United States diplomatic missions abroad and in furtherance of United States national security and foreign policy interests, pursuant to my constitutional authority as Commander in Chief and Chief Executive and to conduct United States foreign relations.

I am providing this report as part of my efforts to keep the Congress fully informed, consistent with the War Powers Resolution (Public Law 93-148). I appreciate the support of the Congress in this action.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.

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