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SUBJECT: VENEZUELA'S GENERAL STRIKE AS OF 8:30 PM
APRIL 13

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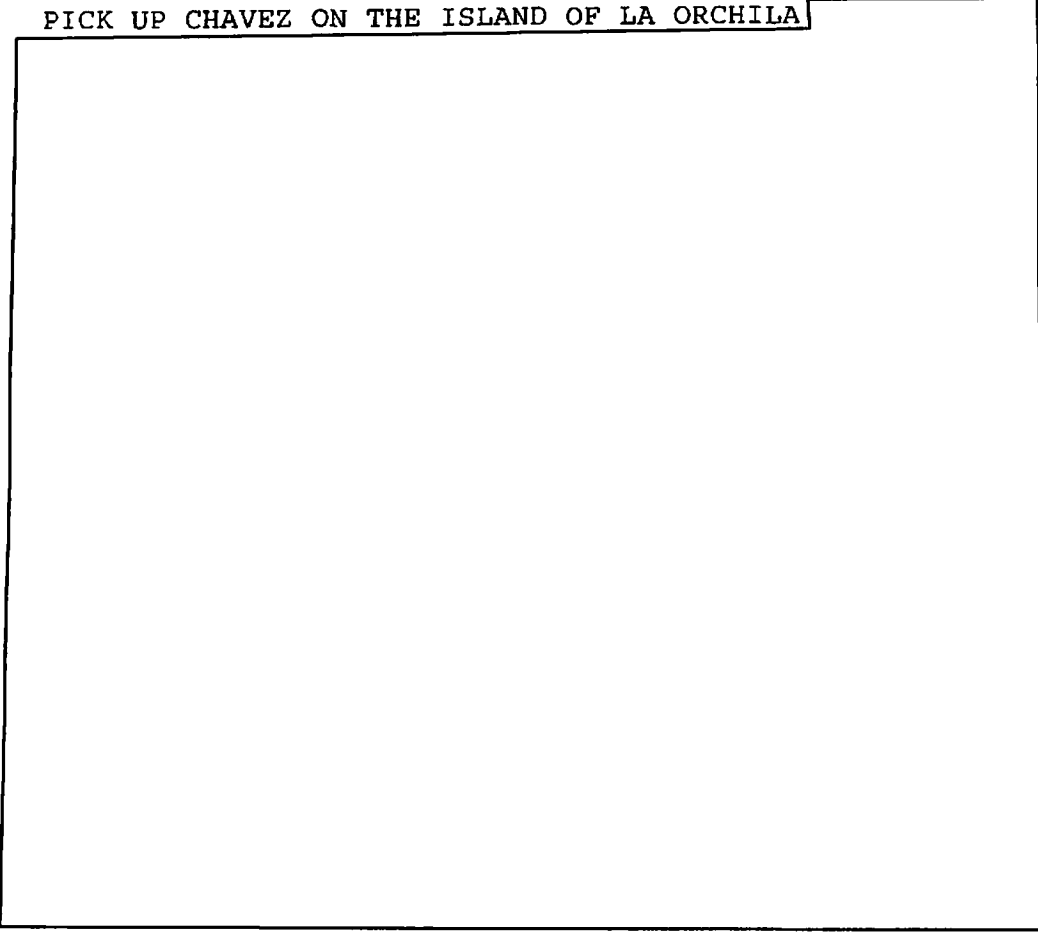
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CHAVEZ'S PLANE MAY BE IN THE AIR

1. (C) THE FORMER VENEZUELAN PRESIDENTIAL AIRCRAFT IS REPORTED TO HAVE TAKEN OFF FROM MAIQUETIA AIRPORT TO PICK UP CHAVEZ ON THE ISLAND OF LA ORCHILA



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INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CLOSED

4. (U) EMBOFF REPORTS THAT MAIQUETIA AIRPORT IS CLOSED TO INCOMING AND OUTGOING FLIGHTS. CLOSURE IS DUE TO THE BLOCKAGE OF THE HIGHWAY FROM THE AIRPORT BY PROTESTERS AND THE RESULTING INABILITY OF PASSENGERS TO EITHER REACH OR DEPART THE AIRPORT. AIRPORT OFFICIALS ARE NOT REPORTING ANY SECURITY THREATS AT THE AIRPORT ITSELF.

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