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2. BATISTA IS SOCIAL CONTACT OF FREDERICK C. BRADSPYES AND MAY BE EXPLOITABLE AVENUE OF ACCESS COPEI LEADERSHIP.

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