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SUBJECT: SAO PAULO BUSINESSMEN ANXIOUSLY AWAITING DECISION
ON COSTA E SILVA'S SUCCESSOR

1. CONGEN UNDERSTANDS BUSINESSMEN GENERALLY ARE ANXIOUSLY AWAITING THE MILITARY HIGH COMMAND'S DECISION ON COSTA E FILVA'S SUCCESSOR. MANY ARE WORRIED AND MOST ARE ANXIOUS FOR END TO UNCERTAINTY.
2. GENERALS MENTIONED ALL WELL ACCEPTED EXCEPT ALBUQUERQUE LCMA WHO ALARMS MANY BUSINESSMEN BECAUSE HIS ALLEGED NATIONALISM AND ANTI-PRIVATE ENTERPRISE ATTITUDES. ONE INFORMANT SAID QUOTE BUSINESSMEN TERRIFIED UNQUOTE AT THIS PROSPECT.
3. RUMOR CURRENT AMONG BUSINESSMEN IS THAT BOTH MAYOR PAULO MALUF AND GOVERNOR SODRE WILL SOON BE REMOVED AS RESULT COSTA E SILVA'S REPLACEMENT; MALUF BECAUSE HE ALLEGEDLY LINKED TO CORRUPTION INVOLVING PRESIDENT'S FAMILY AND SODRE ON GROUNDS CORRUPTION WHEN PRESIDENT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SEVEN YEARS AGO AND LATELY IN SHAMELESS ATTEMPT BUY CONTROL ARENA PARTY DIRECTORATE.
4. COMMENT: CHARGES ABOUT ALBUQUERQUE LIMA'S NATIONALISM, ETC. MAY HAVE BEEN SPREAD BY ADHERENTS OF MINISTER FINANCE DELFIM NETO WHO WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BE OUT IF ALBUQUERQUE BECAME PRESIDENT. BUSINESSMEN NOT PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT FATE OF EITHER MALUF OR SODRE WHO HAVE RELATIVELY FEW FRIENDS IN SAO PAULO. GP-4.

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