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1. (C) MAJOR ANTONIO GABRIEL CONRADO DIAS, ARMY AIDE-DE-CAMP TO PRESIDENT COSTA E SILVA, CAME BY OFFICE THIS MORNING FOR A RELAZED CHAT. HIS COMMENTS ON THE PRESIDENT'S PHYSICAL CONDITION WERE ENTHUSIASTIC AND HE STATED FIRMLY THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL ALLOW HIMSELF TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED NEXT WEEK AS HE STANDS AT A LARANJEIRAS PALACE WINDOW AND WAVES TO NEWSMEN. MOREOVER, CONRADO ASSERTED THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL BE READY TO RESUME OFFICE IN EARLY OCTOBER. I SUGGESTED THE PRESIDENT'S 3 OCTOBER BIRTHDAY AND HE REACTED WITH AGREEMENT.

2. (C) [50X1 HUMINT] INVITATIONS TO VISIT WITH MARSHAL COSTA E SILVA HAVE GONE OUT TO A SELECT GROUP OF REASONABLY CLOSE PRESIDENTIAL CRONIES. THE VISITATION PROGRAM WAS URGED BY THE FRENCH SPECIALIST WHO EXAMINED THE PRESIDENT SEVERAL DAYS AGO. THE PRINCIPAL CRITERION IS THAT THE INITIAL SELECTION BE LIMITED TO INDIVIDUALS UNILKELY TO PRODUCE A STRONG EMOTIONAL REACTION. ON THAT BASIS, THE PRESIDENT WILL NOT SEE HIS GRANDCHILDREN FOR THE TIME BEING. CONRADO SAID TAT THE PRESIDENT HAS NOT YET BEEN TOLD OF AMBASSADOR ELBRICK'S KIDNAPPING EPISODE, BUT THAT COSTA E SILVA HAS FREE ACCESS TO RADIO AND TELEVISION. THE PRESIDENT'S MAJOR RADIO INTEREST IS LISTENING TO THE BROADCASTS OF THE HORSE RACES ON

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THURSDAY NIGHTS AND SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AFTERNOONS. BY THE END OF THE MONTH CONRADO ESTIMATES THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL AGAIN BE STUDYING THE RACING PROGRAMS AVIDLY AND ASKING CLOSE FRIENDS TO PLACE A SMALL BET OR TWO ON HIS SELECTIONS.

COMMENT: ~~(C)~~ CONRADO IS A FIERCELY LOYAL YOUNG MAN WHO IS LIKELY TO THE LAST ONE TO ACCEPT THE FACT THAT THE PRESIDENT PROBABLY WILL NEVER RETURN TO OFFICE. THERE CAN BE NO DENYING THE PRESIDENT'S SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT, HOWEVER, AND THIS TURN OF EVENTS WILL PLAY AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE CONSULTATIONS AND DEBATES OVER THE SUCCESSION ISSUE. WHILE THE LIKELIHOOD OF COSTA E SILVA RETURNING MUST STILL BE TERMED REMOTE, HIS SIGNS OF RECOVERY MAKE HIS OFFICE MORE RESISTANT TO ARBITRARY CHANGE. GP-3.  
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