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SUBJ: ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT DISORDERS

1. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FROM EMBASSY BY LATEST NOON FRIDAY APRIL 5 BRIEF ASSESSMENT OF RECENT STUDENT OUTBREAKS, WITH PROGNOSIS AS TO THEIR EFFECTS ON GOB FUTURE POSTURE TOWARD STUDENT PROBLEMS AND ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITY.
2. EMBASSY NO DOUBT SHARES OUR CONCERN OVER MANY ASPECTS THESE OUTBREAKS. FOR EXAMPLE, THAT STUDENT UNREST IN RIO ERUPTED SO UNEXPECTEDLY, GATHERED STEAM SO QUICKLY, AND SPREAD SO WIDELY THROUGHOUT BRAZIL. IF WE ARE NOT IN ERROR, THESE DEMONSTRATIONS ARE LARGEST, MOST WIDESPREAD PUBLIC AGITATION SINCE EARLY 1964. THERE WOULD ALSO SEEM TO BE FEATURES NEW TO BRAZILIAN PROTEST MOVEMENTS, SUCH AS APPEARANCE OF UNIDENTIFIED ARMED PERSONS WILLING TO ENGAGE POLICE. QUESTIONS OF LEADERSHIP OR LACK THEREOF IN DEMONSTRATIONS, THEIR RELATIVELY LIGHT ANTI-AMEIRCAN CONTENT, AND PROPRIETY OF POLICE TACTICS WOULD ALSO BEAR EXAMINATION.
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