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C O N F I D E N T I A L FM ARMA

1. (C) BRAZILIAN ARMY SOURCES OF HIGHEST REILABILITY EXPECT CURRENT STUDENT CRISIS TO EASE CONSIDERABLY AFTER NUMEROUS SEVENTH DAY MASSES DURING COURSE OF TODAY FOR SLAIN STUDENT EDSON. SECURITY OFFICIALS HAVE MOUNTED IMPRESSIVE APPARATUS TO COPE WITH POSSIBLE VIOLENCE, BUT ARE CONFIDENT THAT PUBLIC WEARY OF AGITATION AND STUDENTS THEMSELVES SPLIT OVER CLEAR-CUT EVIDENCE THAT EXTREMISTS AND POLITICAL OPPORTUNISTS DISTORTING SERIOUSNESS OF THEIR PROTEST. THUS, ARMY SOURCES DON'T EXPECT TROUBLE. EVEN THOUGH SOME OF YOUNGER UNIT LEADERS THIRSTING FOR OPPORTUNITY TO ACT AGAINST SUSPECT ELEMENTS LEFT UNTOUCHED BY 1964 REVOLUTION.

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2. (C) GENERAL SECURITY SITUATION UNDER PERSONAL CONTROL OF ARMY MINISTER LYRA TAVARES WHO, TOGETHER WITH NAVY AND AIR MINISTERS, RETURNED FROM TEMPORARY SEAT OF GOVERNMENT IN PORTO ALEGRE FORTY EIGHT HOURS AGO. INTER-SERVICE COOPERATION APPARENTLY VERY EFFECTIVE AND ARMY IN MOOD OF UTTER COHESIVENESS. SECURITY MEASURES IN GUANABARA STATE ARE UNDER OVER-ALL COMMAND OF MG JOSE HORACIO DA CUNHA GARCIA, ACTING CG OF FIRST ARMY, WHO HAS ASSIGNED MAJOR SECURITY MISSION TO FIRST ARMORED DIVISION. WITHIN OVERALL ARMY SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, THE SECOND ARMORED INFANTRY BN. IS ENTIRELY DEPLOYED AT KEY LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT CENTRAL PART OF CITY WHILE THE GUARDS BN. AND THE ARMY POLICE BN. EACH HAVE A COMPANY DEPLOYED INSIDE THE QUADRANGLE AT THE ARMY HEADQUARTERS BUILDING. THE BALANCE OF THE POLICE BN. IS IN FIRST ARMY RESERVE. SECURITY FOR THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE

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CITY (BEACH AREA) IS IN THE HANDS OF COAST ARTILLERY UNITS LOCATED IN THAT ZONE. MORALE ALL ARMY UNITS REPORTED HIGH -- PARTICULARLY THAT OF ELITE ARMY POLICE BN., EIGHT PER CENT OF WHOSE CONSCRIPTS WERE IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES. WITH BUS TICKETS IN THEIR POCKETS, AND READY FOR DEPARTURE FROM ARMY SERVICE WHEN BATTALION COMMANDER RECEIVED NEWS OF CURRENT EMERGENCY AND MUSTERED MEN BACK INTO SERVICE WITHIN THIRTY MINUTES OF THEIR SCHEDULED DEPARTURE.

3. (C) ARMY MINISTER LYRA TAVARES SCHEDULED TO MEET TODAY WITH ALL ARMY GENERAL OFFICERS IN THE RIO GARRISON. IT IS EXPECTED THAT HE WILL OUTLINE THE GOVERNMENT'S PLANNED ACTIONS AS FOLLOWS:

- A. UNLESS THE SITUATION GETS OUT OF HAND-- AND THIS NOT EXPECTED--THE ADMINISTRATION WILL NOT (REPEAT) NOT RESORT TO STATE OF SIEGE ACTION.
  - B. IN VIEW OF THE NEGLIGIBLE IMPACT (INTERPRETED BY THE ARMY AS LARGELY NEGATIVE FOR THE AUTHOR) OF THE LACERDA MANIFESTO, THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT (REPEAT) NOT MOVE AGAINST HIM.
  - C. THERE IS NO (REPEAT) NO THOUGHT OF RESORTING TO SUCH DEVICES AS INSTITUTIONAL ACTS.
  - D. THE PRESIDENT WILL CALL IN RESPONSIBLE NATIONAL STUDENT LEADERS FOR THE BEGINNING OF A HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE.
  - E. THE GOVERNMENT WILL UNLEASH A SUBTLE BUT INTENSIVE PUBLIC RELATIONS EFFORT TO PREPARE PUBLIC OPINION FOR ACTIONS IT WILL TAKE IN COMING DAYS AND TO DENOUNCE SINISTER INSPIRATION OR OPPORTUNISM OF THOSE WHO SOUGHT EXACERBATE CURRENT CRISIS.
  - F. THE PRESIDENT WILL IMPLEMENT PROVISIONS OF THE PRESS LAW AGAINST INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO DELIBERATELY INCITED POPULATION.
  - G. THE PRESIDENT WILL MOVE AGAINST SOME OF GUANABARA GOVERNOR NEGRAO DE LIMA'S AIDES.
  - H. THE PRESIDENT WILL MOVE AGAINST INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.
  - K. THE PRESIDENT WILL MOVE AGAINST THE CLERGY.
- COMMENT: (C) ALL ARMY OFFICERS CONTACTED ARE

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EXTREMELY CONFIDENT OVER OUTCOME PRESENT SITUATION.  
SOME BELIEVE THAT IT WAS STROKE OF GOOD LUCK FROM  
SECURITY POINT OF VIEW THAT TROUBLE SURFACED NOW  
RATHER THAN AT A LATER DATE, SINCE ANTI-ADMINISTRATION  
ELEMENTS NOT WELL ORGANIZED AND SUBVERSIVES IN  
THEIR MIDST STILL EASILY IDENTIFIABLE. MOREOVER,  
CURRENT SITUATION HAS GIVEN WANING ARMY UNITY A  
POWERFUL SHOT IN THE ARM, AND PRESIDENT'S  
WILLINGNESS TO RESPOND VIGOROUSLY HAS RE-ESTABLISHED  
HIS IMAGE AS A FAITHFUL PROSECUTOR OF THE OBJECTIVES  
OF THE 1964 REVOLUTION.  
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