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1. (C) DEPUTY G-2 OF BRAZILIAN ARMY ASKED ARMA TO VISIT HIS OFFICE THIS AFTERNOON ON A "CONFIDENTIAL" MATTER. SUBJECT WAS BRAZILIAN INTELLIGENCE INDICATORS THAT TERRORISTS MAY STRIKE AGAIN SOON WITH RESPECT TO KIDNAP ATTEMPT AIMED AT DIPLOMAT. SOURCE SAID THAT SOME IMPORTANT ELEMENTS STILL IN CUSTODY AND THAT TERRORISTS NOT INVOLVED IN CASE OF GERMAN AMBASSADOR LIKELY TO SEEK TO CAPITALIZE ON SUCCESS THAT OPERATION TO SECURE FREEDOM FOR THEIR OWN COLLEAGUES. SINCE KIDNAPPING OF GERMAN AMBASSADOR FOLLOWED SCENARIO WHICH OFFICIALS HAD IN HAND ON BASIS CAPTURED TERRORIST DOCUMENTS, IT IS BELIEF OF BRAZILIAN INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY THAT SCRIPT WILL BE FOLLOWED WITH ADDITIONAL TARGETS BEING THOSE IDENTIFIED IN THOSE DOCUMENTS: DIPLOMATS OF THE PORTUGUESE, BRITISH, ITALIAN, AND AMERICAN MISSIONS. IN OUR CASE, THE SPECIFIC TARGET IS REPORTED AS: "THE AMERICAN CONSUL WHO LIVES ON AVENIDA VIEIRA SOUTO".

2. (C) SOURCE SAID THAT HE WAS ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM ARMY MINISTER GEISEL WHO HAD DIRECTED HIM TO CALL IN MILITARY ATTACHES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES CITED. HE POINTED OUT THAT GENERAL GEISEL BELIEVES ATTACHES SHOULD ALERT EMBASSY PERSONNEL TO DANGERS AND SHOULD ALSO CHECK ON ADEQUACY OF PERSONAL SECURITY NOW AFFORDED SENIOR DIPLOMATIC OFFICIALS. WHEN ASKED WHAT SUPPORT BRAZILIAN ARMY PREPARED TO GIVE, THE DEPUTY G-2 REACTED WITH

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OBVIOUS EMBARRASSMENT BY SAYING THAT BRAZILIAN FEDERAL POLICE WERE CHARTED WITH PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS. HE SUGGESTED THAT MILITARY ATTACHES CHECK ON THE DUTY PERFORMANCE, APPEARANCE, AND ALERTNESS OF FEDERAL POLICE ASSIGNED TO THEIR MISSIONS AND REPORT TO THE ARMY ANY DISCREPANCY. HE ALSO SAID THAT MINISTER GEISEL URGED DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS TO USE THEIR OWN QUALIFIED RESOURCES IN THE PERFORMANCE OF SECURITY DUTIES. THE COLONEL THEN HANDED ARMA HIS OFFICE AND RESIDENCE TELEPHONE NUMBERS "IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY".

COMMENT: (C) THE WIDESPREAD APPREHENSION NOTED AMONG BRAZILIAN MILITARY OFFICERS DURING PAST 48 HOURS INDICATES THEIR APPARENT CONVICTION THAT ANOTHER KIDNAPPING OF A DIPLOMAT OR OF ONE OF THEIR OWN SENIOR OFFICIALS IS IMMINENT. THE INTENSITY OF THAT FEELING PROBABLY ALSO FLOWS FROM RECOGNITION THAT TERRORISTS MUST REALIZE THAT BRAZILIAN JAILS ARE LIKELY TO BECOME DANGEROUS PLACES IN THE DAYS AHEAD AS POLICEMEN SEEK TO AVENGE THE MURDER OF ONE OF THEIR COLLEAGUES AND THE WOUNDING OF TWO OTHERS. THIS MESSAGE COORDINATED WITH SECURITY WATCH COMMITTEE. GP-3.

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