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SUBJECT: KRUEL MANIFESTO

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1. MANIFESTO ISSUED AUG 10 BY SECOND ARMY CHIEF GENERAL AMAURY KRUEL, FOLLOWING HIS SUPRISE DECISION TURN OVER COMMAND AND RETIRE, IS SHARPLY CRITICAL OF REGIME POLICIES AND PRESIDENT CASTELLO BRANCO AND HAS PROVOKED INTENSE COMMENT THROUGHTOUT BRAZIL OVER PAST TWENTY FOUR HOURS. THOUGH MUCH COMMENT FAVORABLE TO POINTS OF VIEW EXPRESSED BY KRUEL, MANIFESTO NOT EXPECTE TO GENERATE ANY IMMEDIATE IMPORTANT POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES, SINCE HE HAS VIRTUALLY NO FOLLOWING EITHER WITHIN ARMED FORCES OR AMONG POPULATION. CONCEIVABLY KRUEL COULD BECOME RALLYING POINT FOR DISPARATE OPPOSITION ELEMENTS, BUT THIS SEEMS UNLIKELY AS HE HAS NEITHER PERSONALITY NOR BACKGROUND FITTING HIM FOR SUCH ROLE.

2. KRUEL'S ACTIONS DO NOT COME AS COMPLETE SURPRISE. SINCE SACKING THIRD ARMY (PORTO ALEGRE) COMMANDER GENERAL BASTOS ALVES

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LAST MAY 19, EPISODE IN WHICH HE DEEPLY INVOLVED, KRUEL STAYED IN SECOND ARMY COMMAND ON SUFFERANCE AND CLOSELY WATCHED BY HIGHER AUTHROITIES. THOUGH IMPOSSIBLE TEL WHAT RECENT EVENT MAY HAVE PRECIPITATED HIS RESIGNATION, PRINCIPAL BACKGROUND MOTIVE UNDOUBTEDLY HIS FRUSTRATED AMBITION BECOME SAO PAULO GOVERNOR THIS YEAR AND ADMINISTRATION'S REPORTED PLANS REMOVE HIM FROM COMMAND TO DESK GJO THIS MONTH.

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KRUEL KNOWN TO HAVE FELT HE SHOULD HAVE CHANCE BECOME GOVT CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNORSHIP IN SEPT 3 INDIRECT ELECTIONS, WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN TANTAMOUNT TO ELECTION. THIS EVENTUALITY PRECLUDED HOWEVER BY REGIME INSISTENCE ON HOLDING TO TWO YEAR ELECTORAL RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT THAT HE COULD NOT MEET. KRUEL USED EVERY AVENUE OPEN TO HIM, INCLUDING MARSHAL COSTA E SILVA AS INTERMEDIARY, TO SECURE CHANGE IN THIS REQUIREMENT BUT WITHOUT SUCCESS. EMOTIONALLY SUPERCHARGED LEAVETAKING IN SAO PAULO INDICATIVE DEPTH HIS FEELINGS ABOUT HIS RELATION TO STATE AND ITS PEOPLE.

3. KRUEL'S MANIFESTO IS PASSIONATE DOCUMENT WHICH ALTHOUGH ALMOST CERTAINLY NOT WRITTEN BY KRUEL CLEARLY SHOWS HIS MAIN PREOCCUPATION WITH GOVERNORSHIP PROBLEM, BRINGING IN NUMBER OTHER POINTS ALONG WAY. RIGHT IN BEGINNING, MANIFESTO COMPLAINS ABOUT CASSATIONS IN RIO GRANDE DO SUL BEING CARRIED OUT JUST TO MAKE SURE GOVT CANDIDATE COULD WIN IN STATE ASSEMBLY. THEN ACCUSES CASTELLO BRANCO OF HYPOCRISY IN STYLING SELF "SLAVE TO LAW" WHEN INTERFERES IN STATE ELECTIONS. SIMILARLY, KRUEL LAMENTS INTRODUCTION OF INDIRECT ELECTIONS, CLAIMING WAS "STEP BACKWARD" AND POINT AT WHICH EVERYTHING BEGAN SLIDE IRRETRIEVABLY DOWNHILL. THEME HIT AGAIN WHERE "CHIEF EXECUTIVE" CENSURED FOR "AUTOCRATIC IMPOSITION" IN STATE

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ELECTION OF "CANDIDATE PERSONALLY PLEASING" TO HIM. KRUEL PRTTY OBVIOUSLY HAS CASE OF SAO PAULO IN MIND IN THIS PASSAGE.

4. AMONG OTHER TOPICS COVERED, MANIFESTO DENOUNCES CONSTANTLY WORSENING ECONOMIC CRISIS, THOUGH CURIOUSLY ASSERTS FOREIGN CAPITAL AFRAID TO ENTER BRAZIL BECAUSE COUNTRY "UNSTABLE POLITICALLY." THIS INTERESTING SWITCH FROM OPPOSITION LINE THAT FOREIGN CAPITAL (MAINLY AMERICAN) FLOODING COUNTRY TO GOBBLE UP NATIONAL INDUSTRIES. KRUEL CLAIMS LEADING ROLE FOR SEL FIN MARCH 31 COUP AND IN PROCESS SNIPES AT WOULD-BE CONSPIRATORS WHO SAT "DRINKING WHISKEY" IN COMFORTABLE APARTMENTS UNTIL WAS SAFE TO EMERGE (I.E. COSTA E SILVA). HE DWELLS LONG ON NOTE REVOLUTION BETRAYED AND THAT "NO DEMOCRACY WITHOUT ELECTIONS", SEEMINGLY FORGETTING THAT HE WAS WILLING ACCEPT SAO PAULO STATEHOUSE IN ONE-SIDED INDIRECT ELECTION.

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5. QUESTION IS WHERE DOES KRUEL GO FROM HERE. MANIFESTO IS BILL OF INDICTMENT AGAINST GOVT, NOT CALL TO REBELLION. BOTH INDEPENDENT AND OPPOSITION PRESS GENERALLY AGREE WITH MUCH OF HIS INDICTMENT BUT LAMENTATIONS DO NOT CONSTITUTE POLITICAL FORCES AND PRESS RECOGNIZES KRUEL WITHOUT MORAL AUTHORITY CRITICIZE GOVT. KRUEL ACCORDING PRESS MIGHT RUN FOR SENATE FROM GUANABARA, WHERE HE HAS ELECTORAL RESIDENCE, BUT THIS POSSIBILITY GENERALLY DISCOUNTED.

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ALSO DENIED CATEGORICALLY BY EMBASY SOURCE WHO ALLEGEDLY PRIVY TO KRUEL CONVERSATIONS WITH JANIO QUADROS CONCERNING INTENDED RESIGNATION. THEORETICALLY, OPPOSITION MDB COULD MAKE HIM ITS PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, SINCE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS AUGUST 15, BUT NO ONE SEEMS HAVE THOUGHT SERIOUSLY ABOUT THIS. KRUEL PROBABLY IN FOR SOME DISCIPLINARY ACTION THAT MIGHT INCREASE HIS PUBLIC IMAGE IF PUNISHMENT BADLY HANDLED BY GOVT.

WHILE KRUEL EXPECTED COME FORTH WITH FOLLOW-UP MANIFESTOS AND OPPOSITION BASED SAO PAULO SAD TO BE PLANNING PACED PRONOUNCEMENTS FROM OTHER PROMINENT INDIVIDUALS WHICH WILL KEEP POT BOILING AND CLIMATE UNCERTAIN, NEVERTHELESS NO THREAT TO GOB STABILITY PRESENTLY DISCERNIBLE  
AS ARMED FORCES REMAIN UNTIED AND NO POLITICAL OPPOSITION LEADERSHIP STRONG ENOUGH MAKE REAL TROUBLE YET VISIBLE.

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