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Saw Governor this afternoon pursuant reftel and passed to him orally points contained last three paragraphs.

Adhemar expressed satisfaction with our desire strengthen democratic forces but reverted at once to question of arms which he said is most urgent need. He professed ~~to~~ ~~understand~~ and agree with importance we attach to giving color of legitimacy and constitutionality to anti-Goulart forces, and said much thought has already been given to this problem. He agreed ~~that~~ political coverage by majority of Brazilian Congress would be most effective means ~~in~~ achieving that goal and said President of Senate Moura Andrade, with whom subject already discussed, could be relied upon to use all his influence to that end. He added he was less certain about President of Chamber, since Mazzilli essentially weak and also under heavy pressure from Goulart. If Congress either cannot or will not act, Adhemar said Governors intended declare state of belligerency as only constitutional government of Brazil. He stated however, they not

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