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SUBJECT: Army Day Brings Expressions of Unity

1. Army Minister Lyra Tavares, on occasion of ~~Army~~ ^{Soldier's} Day August 25, issued regular Order of Day which emphasized unity of all Armed Forces in support of "Revolution which saved Brazil." After summarizing Army's role in 1964 Revolt, Tavares warned that forces which tried "suffocate" Brazil's democratic aspirations were now "undertaking to regroup and assail victories of Revolution." Said Army was above "political passions" and alert and cohesive in facing these threats. Army depicted as "powerful instrument" at administration's disposal in order preserve "tranquility and work of nation." In ~~Army~~ ^{Soldier's} Day speech, Navy Minister Rademaker also stressed unity theme, saying Armed Forces united against "internal and external enemies."

2. In separate but related development, Armed Forces Joint Chiefs of staff met for first time Aug 24. According press, discussed Amazon Region problems and foreign policy. FonMin Magalhães Pinto gave presentation

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of foreign policy goals. Official note issued after meeting stated Joint Chiefs and FonMin had "identity of views regarding guiding principles (diretrizes) and current problems of foreign policy."

3. Comment: Joint Chiefs created by new 1967 Constitution and this was first meeting. Army Day and Joint Chiefs meeting were good opportunities stress unity and national security role of Armed Forces--normal themes on occasions this type. Reference to "regrouping" indicates however, Army--and probably administration as well--still concerned about subversive threats, although talk of subject has died down somewhat in recent days.

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