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1. RECIFE PRESS AND GOVERNNING CIRCLES AGITATED OVER REPORTED SIGNATURE AND PUBLICATION PRESIDENTIAL DECREEE 157 PURPORTING PERMIT DIVERSION 20 PER CENT OF CURRENT AND FUTURE ARTICLE 34/18 DEPOSITS (CORPORATION TAX CREDIT) TO SHARE CAPITAL ANYWHERE IN COUNTRY INSTEAD OF ONLY FOR APPROVED INVESTMENTS IN NORTHEAST. NEWS BROKE FIFTEENTH WITH CASTELLO BRANCO PROMISE TO RUBENS COSTA TO CLARIFY MATTER WHEN OVERNIGHTS IN RECIFE SATURDAY.

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2. SUDENE DELIBERATIVE COUNCIL MET AT LENGHT WEDNESDAY WITHOUT FORMAL DISCUSSIONS OF DECREEE BUT WITH EXTENSIVE UNFAVORABLE COMMENT. FORMER GOVERNOR AND NEW FEDERAL DEPUTY CID Sampaio Blamed Decree on groups within government which had often TRIED "DESTROY SUDENE BY WITHDRAWING RESOURCES FROM IT". ALTERATION STATUS OF SUGAR AND ALCOHOL INSTITUTE SIMILAR EXAMPLE OF DECREE NOW REPORTEDLY SUSPENDED BY PRESIDENTE PENDING CONSULTATION WITH GERAN DIRECTOR MARIO LACERDA.

CONCERN OF NORDESTINOS NOW FREQUENTLY HEARD IS OVER APPOINTEES OF NEW ADMINISTRATION , ESPECIALLY APPARENT LACK OF CABINET MINISTERS (OTHER THAN COSTA CAVALCANTI) FROM NORTHEAST AND HOPE FOR CONTINUITY IN SUDENE BY CONTINUATION RUBENS VOSTA AS SUPERINTENDENT. HILLIKER

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