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Situation
~~Sitreq~~ as of 1200 hours April 4; New developments as follows:

GOULART: Brazilian military leaders believe Goulart to be in
Sao ~~Rua~~ Borja.

CABINET APPOINTMENTS: After conferring with military leaders in
Rio Mazzilli announced Friday night following first civilian
appointments to Cabinet:

FINANCE - Octavio Gouvias de Bulhoes

FOREIGN AFFAIRS: Ambassador Vasco Leitao da Cunha

EDUCATION: Luis Antonio da Gama e Silva

LABOR: Arnaldo Sussekind

Also announced appointment Arnaldo Blank for Bank of Brazil and
General Ademar de Queiroz for Petrobras. Appointments obviously
made on basis professional competence and acceptability to
military. At very least military appears to have been able to
exercise veto, reportedly having rejected some "unacceptable"
personages. Reported that four appointments to ~~next~~ Cabinet
will stay over into next administration and in interim will dis-
charge responsibilities of all ten civilian ministries.
(Evaluation of individuals in separate telegram.)

GENERAL POLITICAL: Officer corps noticeably upset over somewhat
brazen attempt of Kubitschek to recompose PTB-PSD alliance for
own benefit. Concrete evidence this attitude seen in Moura
Filho's refusal to accept ~~future~~ Petrobras presidency (EMETEL 2172).

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Military's concern stems from evident intention on part of revolutionaries to combine anti-Communist theme of Goulart overthrow with General clean-up of corruption in Government. Along with Lacerda, Adhemar de Barros and their respective parties, military evidently wary lest PTB-PSD power combination bring back somewhat tarnished and corrupt "old foxes" of Kubitschek days.

Kubitschek obviously playing from strong hand which based on absolute majority of PSD-PTB in Congress. Opponents taking dual action to ward off election of President by this group: (1) Effort being made in Congress to change election rules from absolute majority to two-thirds majority (Brasilia TEL 244) thus giving opposition UDN-PSD small parties group at least veto power over PSD-PTB; (2) During evening April 3, top revolutionary military met once again with Mazzilli in Rio and made it clear to him that they would not accept Kubitschek solution and insisted on quick election of military figure.

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Under this solution, it expected that Castello Branco would be "Grey Eminence" behind Dutra, while operating from military function--thus avoiding some of direct political hazards.

According to press, Moura Andrade announced that elections for President and Vice President will be held next week, probably on Wednesday.

MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS: probably
At least three, instances of insubordination by non-commissioned officers in Guanabara military installations on April 3. Army, which is attempting to keep matter quiet, was easily able to control the disturbances. Meanwhile, it reported that Generals Assis Brasil and Ladario Telles now under ~~house~~ house arrest in Rio. Ex-CONTEL President, Colonel Adhemar Scaffa under arrest.

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"OPERATION CLEAN-UP": Rounding up of known Communists or open collaborators continues throughout country. Action has not had terrorist aspects, with large number of detainees apparently released after questioning. One aspect of this phase of operation is apparent confiscation of considerable volume of records. Likely intention is to use such documents for dual purpose of possible legal action against individuals under provisions of national security law, etc. and also as evidence of dishonesty and corruption.

In connection with arrests, April 4 papers announced arrest of eight Chinese, members of Communist Chinese Trade Mission and NCNA.

In April 3 radio address, Rio's Cardinal Dom Jaime Camara endorsed "Operation Clean-up". Stated that victory achieved will be of no value if battle remains incomplete, only suspended... lessons of history should teach us...no persecution should take place...but...without punishment of guilty, we risk loss of final battle, that is salvation of Fatherland...to punish those who were (guilty) is act of mercy also...within law, carry out justice. Within law, however...

MISCELLANEOUS: Situation throughout rest of country reported to be generally calm. There are reports of some pro-Goulart/Brizola agitation being carried on in Porto Alegre. Reports, however, indicate that military has situation well under control. Guanabara Vice-Governor Eloi Dutra has taken refuge in Uruguayan Embassy in Rio and reportedly requesting political asylum in that country.

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