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1P FEDERAL DEPUTY AND ASSOCIADOS DIRECTOR JOAO CALMON, EDMUNDO MONTEIRO, NASSER AND OTHERS OF ASSOCIADOS HIGH COMMAND WERE IN SALVADOR OVER WEEKEND FOR ANS ASSOCIADOS BUSINESS MEETING. IN LONG TELEVISION INTERVIEW SATURDAY NIGHT APRIL 29, CALMON CAME VERY CLOSE TO IMPUTING TO USG A CONSPIRACY AGAINST GOB. SUNDAY NEWSPAPERS FRONTPAGED SAME WITH ASSOCIADOS PAPER DIARIO DE NOTICIAS GIVING FULL INTERVIEW UNDER HEAD QUOTE JOAO CALMON SEES CONSPIRACY AGAINST GOVERNMENT UNQUOTE. CALMONS THESIS WAS THAT RECENT CRITICISM OF PRESENT GOB BY FORMER CASTELLO BRANCO MINISTERS ARE PART OF A FOREIGN CONSPIRACY USING BRAZILIAN SPOKESMEN TO DEPOSE COSTA E SILVA. (SC) AND RETURN COUNTRY TO CONDITIONS AND POLICIES OF CASTELLO BRANCO.

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2) CALMON CITED AS EVIDENCE THIS CONSPIRACY THREE ITMES; FIRST, STRONG PRESSURE BROUGHT UPON CS IN LOS ANGELES BY DEPT STATE REPRESENTATIVE TO PLACE BRAZILIAN PARTICIPATION VIET NAM ON AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT JOHNSON. SECOND, A CONVERSATION BETWEEN CS AND LINCOLN GORDON IN WASHINGTON IN WHICH GORDON URGENTLY PRESSED CS CONTINUE ROBERTO CAMPOS AND GOUVEIA BULHOES PROGRAM TO COMBAT INFLATION. DIARIO DE NOTICIAS QUOTES CALMON QUOTE PRESIDENT COSTA E SILVA STATED THAT IN HIS GOVERNMENT PRIORITY GOAL WOULD BE RESTARTING DEVELOPMENT AND THE FIGHT AGAINST INFLATION WOULD TAKE SECOND PLACE. AT THIS POINT AMBASSADOR LICOLN GORDON MUST HAVE HAD A MENTAL LAPSE, BECAUSE HE CRECKED A TASTELESS JOKE. THE NORTH-AMERICAN EX-AMBASSADOR TO OUR COUNTRY DECLARED: "MARSHALL COSTA E SILVA, ONE OF YOUR PREDECESSORS WHO SPOKE A LOT ABOUT DEVELOPMENT WOUND UP EXILED

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IN PARIS. BE CAREFUL, THEREFORE. DONT TALK SO MUCH ABOUT DEVELOPMENT. " WELL, IN FACE OF THIS UNHAPPY TIRADE, PRESIDENT SIC COSTA E SILVA HAD TO REACT , DECLARING THAT HIS CASE WAS DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF EX-PRESIDENT JUSCELINO KUBITCHEK. ". THIRD ITEM CALMON CITED WAS A NEW YORK TIMES COMMENTARY FIVE DAYS LATER THAT CS WOULD BE DEPOSED WITHIN SIX MONTHS IF HE STUCK TO THE THESIS HE DEFENDED DURING HIS US TRIP. THE TIMES INFORMATION, CALMON ADDED , COULD ONLY HAVE BEEN BASED ON SOURCES WORTHY OF CREDENCE. CALMON WENT ON TO DENOUNCE CAMPOS RECENT PRONOUNCEMENTS, AND RECALLED THAT CASTELLO BRANCO IN BELO HORIZONTE SAID THAT HE WAS IN RECESS. CALMON SAID QUOTE WELL LOOK HERE, WHO IS IN RECESS ISNT RETIRED. WHO IS IN RECESS INTENDS TO RETURN TO THE SCENE. UNQUOTE.

3) CALMON SUMS UP HIS ARGUMENT " WE PUT TOGETHER, THUS, THE EPISODE IN LOS ANGELES , PARTICIPATION OF BRASIL IN THE VIET NAM WAR, THE WASHINGTON EPISODE WITH EX-AMBASSADOR LINCOLN GORDON'S PREDICTION ABOUT THE PROBABLE EXILE OF PRESIDENT COSTA E SILVA IF HE CONTINUES TO TALK A LOT ABOUT DEVELOPMENT, THE NEW YORK TIMES PIECE FORESEEING THE DEPOSITION OF THE CHIEF OF STATE IN SIX MONTHS OR LESS, THE DECLARATION OF ROBERTO CAMPOS (ABOUT USELESSNESS OF INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY ), EX-PRESIDENT CASTELLO BRANCOS AFRIMATION THAT HE IS ONLY IN RECESS, AND THE CONSTANT DEFENSE OF MR. ROBERTO CAMPOS, SR. CASTELLO BRANCO OF " O GLOBO", A PAPER MOTORIOUSLY LINKED TO AMERICAN GROUPS. WELL, WHAT APPEARS CLEAR IS THAT THE GROUP THAT LEFT POWER IS NOSTALGIC FOR POWER, SOUNDING OFF IN SUCCESSIVE MEETINGS IN ORDER TO CREATE A POSITION. ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE ARE NORTH AMERICAN GROUPS UNSATISFIED WITH THE COUNTRIES TOTALLY INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY. NOR ARE THEY SATISFIED WITH THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE FORMER GOVERNMENTS ECONOMIC- FINANCIAL POLICY. ".

4) JORNAL DA BAHIA'S FRONT PAGE STORY ON CALMONS SPEECH ENTITLED " JOAO CALMON BELIEVEBCNSRVERACY AGAINST CS IS CONTROLLED FROM ABROAD ". STORY SUMMARIZES SPEECH AND SAYS CS POSITION ON VIET NAM AND DEVELOPMENT PRIORITY ABOVE INFLATION CONTROL" HAD IRRITATED THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT TO THE POINT OF GENERATING THE CONSPIRACY ".

5) POST INTERPRETS CALMON'S IMPASSIONED PERFORMANCE AS CLEARLY BWD ATTEMPT POLARIZE ITS CONFLICT WITH TIME-LEFT - GLODO. THUS GOOD GUYS ASSOCIADOS BATTILING BESIDE GOB AGAINST BAD GUYS GANG OF CASTELLO BRANCO PEOPLE, TIME-LIFE-GLOBO AND EVIL AMERICANS. DRAFTED BY USIS WHICH MONITORED TV INTERVIEW. BIRD  
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