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SUBJECT: Inauguration President Costa e Silva

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1. ~~Marshal~~ Marshal Artur Costa e Silva took oath, reciting from memory, before Senate and Chamber representatives in joint session at 11:15 local today.
2. After brief ceremony involving signature of official record, President of National Congress Moura Andrade declared Costa e Silva in office, drawing heaviest applause with statement this marked return to constitutionality.
3. In subsequent ceremony at Planalto Palace, presidential office, outgoing President Castello Branco, 12:05 local, gave brief speech synthetizing significance of event in terms continuity and legality of 1964 Revolution coupled with ~~authorized~~ ^{orderly} democratic process ~~following~~ ^{involving} normal change of guard.
4. At 12:15 local following transfer Presidential sash Costa e Silva spoke for five minutes complimenting outgoing president on his administration, which he said characterized by public ~~ff~~ spirit, courage and honor.

POL 15-1 Costa e Silva (Branco)

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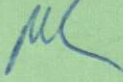
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Describing presidency as more than administrative office involving moral command post for nation, President Costa e Silva indicated full awareness problems facing him and confidence in support of all Brazilians and faith in future of Brazil. In closing he promised ^{to} ~~to~~ best provide what Brazil awaits and deserves.

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