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SUBJ: Médici's Cabinet

1. In conversation with ConGen Political Officer on Oct. 8, ARENA federal deputy and Ceará ex-Governor Virgilio Tavora confided that he had solid hope of being named Minister of Mines and Energy in Médici cabinet. Tavora is long time friend of General Médici and may have spoken with Médici during past two weeks (although he did not admit to having done so). He is one of first rank politicians in Northeast with credentials for national office. In 1960 he served as manager of Quadros' campaign (his association with Quadros apparently did not result in serious taint). In 1961 he served as Minister of Transportation in parliamentary government.

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2. Tavora briefly outlined to Political Officer his "plans" for ministry which feature national program for intensive development nuclear resources (Brazilian thorium) and energy. In response to question he expressed indifference toward nuclear non-proliferation treaty.

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