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SUBJ: FRENT AMPLA FORMALLY ORGANIZED

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1. FRENTE AMPLA FORMALLY ORGANIZED DURING RIO MEETING OF MOVEMENT'S MAIN SUPPORTERS SEPT 4. ATTENDED BY CARLOS LACERDA, FORMER PRESIDENT KUBITSCHKEK, MDB DEPUTIES MARTINS RODRIGUES, MARIO COVAS, RENATO ARCHER, OSWALDO LIMA FILHO, HERMANO ALVES, MDB SENATOR JOSOPHAT MARINHO, ARENA DEPUTIES VEIGA BRITO, JOSE CARLOS GUERRA AND FEW OTHER POLITICAL FIGURES, MOSTLY MDB. MEETING SET UP COORDINATING AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE QQ WHOSE MEMBERS TO BE CHOSEN AT LATER DATE, AND ELECTED ARCHER AS FRENTE'S EXECUTIVE SECRETARY. PRESIDENT OF MOVEMENT NOT CHOSEN, BUT MARINHO MOST LIKELY CHOICE. LACERDA QUOTED SEPT 5 AS SAYING IDEA OF FORMING THIRD PARTY ABANDONED DUE LEGAL OBSTACLES. ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID MOVEMENT WOULD ALLOW FREE DEBATE OVER PRINCIPLES, BUT MAIN OBJECT WAS "FIGHT AGAINST PRESENT POLITICAL SYSTEM." ALTHOUGH PRESS HAS REPORTED THAT EX-PRESIDENTS QUADORS AND GOULART SUPPORT FRENTE, STILL UNCLEAR IF THEY HAVE FORMALLY JOINTED.

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2. AFTER MEETING, FRENTE AMPLA ISSUED NOTE LABELLING, MOVEMENT "POPULIST AND NATIONALIST," AND LISTED SIX POLITICAL OBJECTIVES--(A) UNION FOR PACIFICATION AND NORMALIZATION OF DEMOCRATIC PROCESS; (B) POLICY OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT; (C) "SOVEREIGN" FOREIGN POLICY; (D) DEFENSE OF NATIONAL WEALTH; (E) ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICY WITH PARTICIPATION OF LABORERS; (F) SUPPORT FOR PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS IN "FIGHT FOR AUTONOMY IN NATIONAL EDUCATION."

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3. LACERDA KEPT UP PUBLIC CAMPAIGN WITH ARTICLE, ENTITLED "PEOPLE AND FRENTE AMPLA," PUBLISHED TRIBUNA DA IMPRENSA SEPT 4. ARTICLE CONTAINED LITTLE NEW! SAID FRENTE PROCEEDING BECAUSE PEOPLE "UNDERSTOOD AND DESIRED IT," BUT THAT MOVEMENT'S LEADERS WOULD DECIDE WHEN AND HOW FRENTE WOULD ENTER INTO ACTION AT CONVENIENT TIME. LACERDA AGAIN STRUCK ANTI-US TONE BY IMPLYING JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION SUPPORTED AMERICAN INTEREST GROUPS WHICH CONSIDERED BRAZIL A SATELLITE. STATED THAT DOUBLE TAXATION TREATY HAD BEEN FORCED ON BRAZIL BY US. IN ANOTHER

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ENTITLED "WHO ARE MILITARY MEN" PUBLISHED SEPT 9 EDITION FATOS E FOTOS MAGAZINE, LACERDA PICTURED MILITARY IN SYMPATHETIC MANNER BUT AGAIN URGED ITS WITHDRAWAL FROM POLITICS.

4. PRESS GENERALLY NEGATIVE ON FRENTE'S POSSIBILITIES AS CONSTRUCTIVE POLITICAL FORCE. JORNAL DO BRASIL EDITORIAL SEPT 5 POINTED TO FRENTE'S INHERENT CONTRADICTIONS IN ATTEMPTING BRING TOGETHER SO MANY POLITICALLY DIVERSE FIGURES AND ATTITUDES. CALLED ON FRENTE NOT TO BE ELEMENT OF AGITATION AND SENSATIONALISM, WHICH COULD KILL "CONVALESCENT DEMOCRACY." ULTIMA HORA'S DANTON JOBIM IN SEPT 2 EDITORIAL ATTACKED FRENTE AS NOTHING MORE THAN MOVEMENT FOR LACERDA'S PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY, AND SAID LACERDA HAD LITTLE REAL SUPPORT IN MDB OPPOSITION WHICH HE CURRENTLY COURTING. ESTADO DE SAO PAULO SEPT 5 EDITORIALIZED THAT FRENTE WOULD BE LIMITED SOLELY TO POLITICAL AGITATION AND WAS RESULT OF ARTIFICIOAL TWO-PARTY SYSTEM IMPOSED BY CASTELLO BRANCO.

5. COMMENT: (A) AFTER LENGTHY GESTATION PERIOD OF ELEVEN MONTHS, BEGINNING WITH LACERDA-KUBITSCEK MEETING IN LISBON LAST OCTOBER, FRENTE AMPLA NOW FINALLY FORMAL POLITICAL MOVEMENT. AT THIS POINT, FRENTE ALMOST ALL CHIEFS, NO INDIANS. IN SPITE OF STATED DESIRE SEEK MASS SUPPORT, THIS NOT LIKELY SUCCEED UNLESS COSTA E SILVA GOVERNMENT STUBMLES BADLY. (B) WHILE ATTEMPT IS AND WILL CONTINUE BE MADE PLACE FRENTE ABOVE PARTISAN POLITICS, IT CAN ONLY EXIST AS OPPOSITION MOVEMENT IF IT IS TO HAVE ANY MEANING AND COHESION AT ALL. MDB, ALREADY SPLIT AND WEAKENED BY INTERNAL DIVISION, ALMOST SURELY BOUND DECLINE FURTHER, TO DEGREE THAT FRENTE SURVIVES. ARENA WILL BE LESS AFFECTED. (C) BRIEF FRENTE PROGRAM NOTEWORTHY FOR IMPLICIT ANTI-AMERICAN THEMES("AUTONOMY" IN EDUCATION CLEAR ALLUSION TO MEC/USAID AGREEMENTS; "SOVEREIGN" FOREIGN POLICY; PROTECTION OF "NATIONAL WEALTH"). CLEAR THAT FRENTE LEADERS HOPE CAPITALIZE ON RESURGENT NATIONALISM TO GIVE SUBSTANCE TO THESE POINTS. (D) IN FINAL ANALYSIS FRENTE WILL RISE OR FALL WITH LACERDA'S OWN POLITICAL FORTUNES, AND ITS FUTURE IS MORTGAGED TO ERRATIC QUIRKS OF HIS PERSONALITY. HE STILL FORMIDABLE ANTAGONIST, HOWEVER, AND ADMINISTRATION WILL HAVE TO HANDLE HIM CAREFULLY -- POINT OF WHICH IT SEEMS TO BE AWARE.

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