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1. AS REPORTED YESTERDAY'S PRESS SUMMARY (RIO 12004) RIO PRESS JUNE 24 PUBLISHED STORY ON LEGIAO BRASILEIRA DE ASSISTENCIA (OF WHICH MRS. COSTA EL SILVA IS PRESIDENT) CIRCULAR DEFINING ITS POSITION ON BIRTH CONTROL PROGRAMS. TEXT OF CIRCULAR WHICH WAS PLAYED IN PRESS AS POSITION OF MRS. COSTA E SILVA, REPORTEDLY STATES IN PART THAT LIMITATIONS ON POPULATION ARE RECOMMENDED BY FOREIGNERS "DISINTERESTED IN OUR FUTURE AND WHO SHRUG OFF PROBLEM OF HUNGER IN LATIN AMERICA AS A PROCESS OF DEMOGRAPHIC EXPLOSION." CIRCULAR REPORTEDLY CONDEMNS BIRTH CONTROL PROGRAMS AND DENOUNCES "PREOCCUPATION WITH LIMITING POPULATION, WHICH ONLY COUNSELED BY FOREIGN TECHNICIANS."

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2. SATURDAY'S ULTIMA HORA FRONTPAGES THAT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING "STERILIZATION OF BRAZILIAN WOMEN" HAS INVITED DONA IOLANDA TO TESTIFY BEFORE COMMITTEE NEXT WEEK. ULTIMA HORA REPORTS THAT MDB CONGRESSMAN JOSE FREIRE OF COMMITTEE WAS IMPRESSED BY CIRCULAR ON BIRTH CONTROL THAT "DONA IOLANDA AS PRESIDENT OF LBA HAD PUBLISHED". THE SAME STORY SAYS THAT MDB OCNGRESSMAN JOSE MARIA MAGALHAES SAID IN CHAMER "FIRST LADY DID VERY WELL IN AFFIRMING THAT BRAZIL HAS LARGE AREAS THAT ARE UNDERPOPULATED IN WHICH DEMOGRAPHIC CONCENTRATION IS VERY REMOTE PROBLEM." TUTHILL
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