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SUBJECT: Future State Governors Elected

REF: Sao Paulo 392, 491, 664, 583, 711 NOTAL; Brasilia A-23,
5/22/70; Sao Paulo A-17, 2/7/69; Sao Paulo A-312, 6/15/66

1. Performing preordained ritual, Sao Paulo Legislative Assembly Oct 3

~~officially~~ elected President Medici's choice of Laudo NATEL

(Sao Paulo 392) and Antonio RODRIGUES Filho (Sao Paulo 491) as
next governor and vice governor respectively.

2. Sixty nine votes cast in favor of Natel and Rodrigues Filho,

including that of one MDB member, Heitor BOTTURA, who
disobeyed MDB leadership's call for MDB to vote in blank.

Fifteen MDB members voted in blank as protest against indirect
electoral system, but appeared at election to show high regard
for person of Laudo Natel. Bottura is MDB alternate who

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filling vacancy. He close friend of Natel and in conflict with MDB for not having chosen him as candidate in forthcoming elections. We understand MDB will let incident ride.

3. In Parana, Haroldo Leon PEREZ (Sao Paulo 392) and Pedro Viriato PARIGOT (Sao Paulo 664) likewise officially elected by State Legislative Assembly.

4. Same process repeated in Mato Grosso, where Jose FRAGELLI (Sao Paulo 583) elected governor and Jose Moneiro de FIGUEIREDO vice governor (Sao Paulo 711). Press reports one MDB member broke ranks to vote for ARENA candidates while others abstained.

5. For bio info on Natel, see Sao Paulo A-312 and subsequent material pertaining his selection as leader grantee. Sao Paulo A-17 contains bio Rodrigues Filho. See Brasilia A-23 for bio info on Leon Peres, leader grantee designate. Bio info on others will be forthcoming.

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