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ACTION: AMEMBASSY RIO DE JANEIRO 315

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SUBJ: Political Prisoners

REF : Rio de Janeiro 7115

1. Difficult for Emboffice give helpful reply since local military sources

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advise that all IPM's have been referred to Auditoria Militar in Juiz de Fora (Minas Gerais). Within that limitation, replies to questions are:

A. Last prisoners held for Chinese-line Communist Party IPM released recently at end 50-day detention limit or transferred other jurisdiction. Total number was less than twenty.

B. None known, but would depend upon whose definition of due process used.

C. None underway here and no estimate available of total number under Revolution.

D. Only example of which we aware that reported in local press Jan. 12 and 13 of reporter on Anapolis, Goias

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daily who apparently was "invited" to police station to discuss "omission" in his reporting and then jailed incommunicado without charges. Local journalists' association quickly met, got habeas corpus, so detention only matter of hours. Seems to have been merely caprice of police officer but fits description high-handed or arbitrary.

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