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1966 ELECTORAL REPORTING SCHEDULE

This is the reporting schedule which has been worked up in connection with the elections this year. These symbols have been used to distinguish among the three sets of elections: G--gubernatorial, P--presidential, and L--legislative (assemblies and Congress). Parenthetical statements give the deadline or event to which each scheduled report is keyed. Posts are urged to send brief telegrams either just to Rio or to both Rio and the Department on any events of importance that occur during this period. Brasilia should continue to be an information addressee on all messages dealing with congressional and presidential elections. This schedule does not preclude spot reporting on electoral developments, which should be sent as deemed necessary:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>REPORT REQUIRED</u>
Aug. 8	P	Telegram from RIO giving status of the presidential race: candidates, MDB tactics decided on etc. (MDB National Convention Aug. 6-7.)
Aug. 8 on	P	Spot reporting on progress of the Costa e Silva barnstorming tour and any significant statements or acts by Pedro Aleixo.
① <u>Aug. 20</u>	G	Report due in Rio and Department from POSTS (all except Belo) giving background of gubernatorial elections, candidates etc. (Candidates must be registered by Aug. 19.)
② <u>Aug. 24</u>	L	Airgram from POSTS giving numerical dimensions of legislative races, including numbers of seats at stake in local assemblies, Chamber of Deputies, electoral statistics, etc. (Voter registration closes Aug. 7.)
③ <u>Aug. 25-30</u>	G	Telegraphic reports from POSTS due in Rio giving latest pre-election situation.
Sept. 2	G	Wrap-up telegram due out of RIO on pre-electoral picture in 12 states electing governors.
④ <u>Sept. 3-5</u>	G	Telegrams due from POSTS to Rio and Department giving election results and any brief comment deemed necessary.
Sept. 16	G	Wrap-up airgram from RIO giving general appraisal of gubernatorial elections and assessing the whole "state house" front throughout the country, including relations with the federal government.

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Sept. 30	P	Telegram from BRASILIA giving latest ARENA-MDB lineup, mood in Congress, probable outcome of vote, including MDB defections etc.
Oct. 3	P	Telegram from BRASILIA on outcome of election, atmosphere, comment.
(5) <u>Oct. 16 on</u>	L	ASAP after this date (deadline for candidate registration) POSTS should obtain and forward to Rio and Department lists of ARENA and MDB candidates to the Senate, Chamber of Deputies and local assemblies, with any new biographic information available and comment as deemed necessary.
Nov. 1	L	Airgram from RIO on legal framework of Nov. 15 elections.
(6) <u>Nov. 10</u>	L	Brief telegrams from POSTS to Rio and Department giving pre-electoral situation in various states, last comments, predictions etc.
(7) <u>Nov. 16-30</u>	L	Airgrams or telegrams from POSTS as results of the legislative races become available. As soon as all results are known, POSTS should send airgram analyzing the elections and forwarding complete lists of the winners to the Department.
Nov. 30	L	By this date, results of congressional and other races should be known and many congressmen should be back in the capital so that BRASILIA can take soundings from repeaters and lame-ducks on how they assess situation.
Dec. 1	P-L-G	Airgram from RIO tying all the elections together and assessing their meaning with regard to future relations between new president and Congress, new governors and legislative assemblies, direction the formation of new political parties may take etc.

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