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P R GEWTZ APR 68
FM AMEMBASSY RIO DE JANEIRO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 971
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SUBJECT: GUANABARA SITREP: STUDENT SITUATION

REFERENCE: RIO TELEGRAM 6885

1. CITY CALM THIS MORNING. OUTLINE OF INCIDENTS
REPORTED EMBTEL GENERALLY SUPPORTED BY PRESS ACCOUNTS.
DISAGREEMENTS BETWEEN OFFICIAL AND PRESS VERSIONS
CENTER ON MOTIVATION OF PRIESTS, LED BY RIO VICAR
GENERAL BISHOP CASTRO PINTO, IN ESCORTING STUDENTS FROM
EVENING MASS AT CANDELARIA AND ON WHETHER SUFFICIENT

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REASON EXISTED FOR FORCEFUL POLICE ACTIONS TO DISPERSE
CROWDS. PRESS TODAY CLAIMS VESTED CLERGY FORMED HUMAN
CORRIDOR TO PRESERVE CONGREGATION FROM ANOTHER CAVALRY
ASSAULT WITH NO INTENTION LEAD SILENT MARCH. NEWSPAPER
STORIES CLAIM POLICE INITIATIVES AGAINST CROWD IN
AFTERNOON AND EVENING UNPROVOKED.

2. ALLEGEDLY ARRESTS YESTERDAY NUMBER BETWEEN
600 AND 700. WITH WEATHER INCLEMENT TODAY AND
ENERGIES SPENT TO FURTHER STUDENT MANIFESTATIONS

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OSTENTATIOUSLY CLUSTERED AT DOWNTOWN NERVE CENTERS.
SCHOOLS CONTINUED CLOSED. TUTHILL

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