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1. HERewith HIGHLIGHTS MY LUNCHEON CONVERSATION THURSDAY WITH ADAUTO LUCIO CARDOSO, LEADING UDN FEDERAL DEPUTY FROM GUANABARA AND LEADER PARLIAMENTARY BLOC SUPPORTING CASTELLO BRANCO ADMINISTRATION.
2. CARDOSO BELIEVES NO CLEAR-CUT LONG-TERM STRATEGY PRESENTLY EXISTS REGARDING CONTINUITY OF REVOLUTION AND PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION IN 1966. HE SEES PROCESS RATHER IN TERMS SUCCESSIVE SHORT RUN TACTICAL MANEUVERS, CONSTANTS ARE CASTELLO BRANCO'S DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE DEMOCRATIC AND CONSTITUTIONAL NORMALIZATION, TO REFUSE TO BE HIS OWN SUCCESSOR, AND TO FIND MEANS OF AVOIDING RETURN TO POWER OF OUTRIGHT COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY OR OTHER EXTREMIST FORCES. NEXT SERIES TACTICAL STEPS WILL BE HEAVILY DEPENDENT ON OUTCOME SUNDAY'S ELECTIONS. IF CIA ADARA GIVES SUBSTANTIAL VICTORY TO FLEXA RIBEIRO, POLITICAL FORCES WILL POLARIZE AROUND LACERDA AS MAN TO ELECT OR BEAT, BUT CARDOSA'S PRESENT IMPRESSION IS THAT NEGRAO DE LIMA WILL WIN GUANABARA GOVERNORSHIP, PERHAPS EVEN BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY.
3. IF PSD WINS IN SEVERAL STATES, CARDOSO EXPECTS NEW ACCOMMODATION BETWEEN CASTELLO BRANCO AND PSD, LEADING DURING NEXT FEW MONTHS TO DEVELOPMENT MODERATE CANDIDACY WHICH PSD COULD EASILY ENDORSE. HE MENTIONED AS POSSIBLE NAMES SLZIA LIMA OF SAO PAULO (WHOSE QUADROS LINKS DO NOT PREOCCUPY CARDOSO), COREIRO DE FARIAS, OR CARVALHO PINTO. HE BELIEVES ANY OF THESE MORE LIKELY THAN STRAIGHT MILITARY CANDIDATE SUCH AS COSTA E SILVA OR KRUEL.
4. CARDOSO CONSIDERS SHIFT IN REGIME OR ADOPTION IN-DIRECT ELI TION AMENDMENT AS UNLIKELY UNLESS COUNTRY IS FACED WITH MAJOR CRISIS. SINCE CASTELLO BRANCO'S THRUST IS TO AVOID

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