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SUBJECT: "Disappearance" of Governor Mauro Borges of Goiás

REF : Embassy's A-1287 of May 9, 1963

Visitors to Goiania during the past few days, including German Embassy sources, have reported that Governor Borges, supposedly visiting Israel, has "disappeared", according to the acting Governor, State Deputy Almir Tarisco and other officials. Officials say that they have lost all contact with the Governor and don't know where he is.

Comment: In view of recurrent rumors of Soviet Bloc aid to Goias, including the probably apocryphial one that Borges has been given 100 million cruzeiros by the U.S.S.R., it is possible that he has gone to Moscow, or other points behind the curtain in search of financial aid for Goias.

One official close to Borges told an Embassy officer that Borges had planned to visit Italy, France and one or two other European countries after leaving Israel, and it may well be that he is only enjoying a few days secluded rest.

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