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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION RIO DE JANEIRO BRASILIA SEPTEMBER 17  
REPEATED FOR YOU

QUOTE  
PORTO ALEGRE 241

SUBJ: FEDERAL DEP RESIGNS

1. ON SEPT 14 DEP BRITO VELHO (RGS) RESIGNED CONGRESS SEAT.  
HE FIRST CONGRESSMAN TO DO SO. SAID HE WAITED NINE MONTHS  
SINCE IA-5 SPEAK HIS MIND AND NOW LOOKS AS IF HE WILL NEVER  
BE ABLE DO SO.

2. BRITO VELHO IS ARENA FORMERLY PARTIDO LIBERTAD OR,  
SURVIVOR REGIONAL PARTIES ONCE DOMINATED BRAS POLITICS. HE  
UPSTANDING MAN REPUTATION PERSONAL INTEGRITY. HOWEVER DOES NOT  
HAVE PERSONAL FOLLOWING AMONG OTHER POLITICIANS.

3. REASONS RESIGNATION PROBABLY THOSE STATED; PROTEST  
CONTINUED CLOSURE CONGRESS. HOWEVER HE ALSO PROFFURGS  
(AS RECEIVED) AND PRESUMABLY SHOCKED RECENT CASSATIONS  
THERE INCLUDING DEAN PHILOSOPHY FACULTY. ANY EVENT HIS MOTIVES  
PROBABLY MATTER PERSONAL CONSCIENCE RATHER THAN POLITICAL  
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