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1. ACTING FONMIN PIO CORREA INFORMED DCM AT NOON TODAY THAT AS OF THAT MOMENT NO DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN CANCEL MANDATES MORE MEMBERS CONGRESS. HE DID NOT RULE OUT FURTHER ACTIVITY ON THIS FRONT BUT LEFT DISTINCT IMPRESSION GOB LOOKING FOR WAYS DEFUSE SITUATION.

2. IN CONTRAST TO CONFIDENT, HARD-LINA POSITION REFLECTED PREVIOUS MEETING REPORTED RIO'S 3830, PIO CORREA TODAY WAS FAR LESS SURE OF HIMSELF ABOUT OUTCOME CRISIS. SAID THAT SO FAR AS PRESIDENT CASTELLO BRANCO AND CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES PRESIDENT ADAUTO CARDOSO WERE CONCERNED, NO PROBLEM REALLY EXISTS SINCE PRESIDENT HAS CARRIED OUT CASSATIONS AS PLANNED AND CARDOSO "CUT DOWN TO SIZE." ON OTHER HAND DID NOT KNOW WHAT WOULD BE DONE TO SOLVE PROBLEM OF CASSATED DEPUTIES' CONTINUED POLITICAL ACTIVITY FROM

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WITHIN CHAMBER REFUGE, EXCEPT TO NOTE THAT THEY WERE LAYING SELVES OPEN TO EXECUTIVE ACTION BY REFUSING OBEY LAW.

3. AS INDICATED BRASILIA 219 AND RIO 4000, SITUATION STILL TENSE AND FAR FROM RESOLVED.

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