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We understand desire of Brazilian revolutionaries to eliminate bona fide communist and subversive elements from positions of influence and power in the armed forces and in government. We also understand aim of prosecuting corrupt officials who used their office for personal financial gain. But we are increasingly concerned about extent of action which has been taken under Article 10 of the Institutional Act, especially since procedures do not afford accused the opportunity to know the precise charges against him and to make his defense. Moreover, as we understand it, there is presently no provision for appeal from decision of President Castello Branco in Article 10 cases.

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Believe you should express to President and other Government officials in position of influencing Brazilian policy, in manner you deem most appropriate and effective,

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