

43
INCOMING TELEGRAM Department of State

P04 23-8 BRAZ

86

CONFIDENTIAL

NR P04 13-2 BRAZ

Action
ARA
Info
SS
G
SP
SAH
L
H
P
C
USIA
NSC
INR
CIA
NSA
DD
AID
EC
OPR
RSR

R 272215Z SEP 66
FM AMEMBASSY RIO DE JANEIRO
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC
INFO ZEN/AMEMBASSY BRASILIA
RUESUP/AMCON SAOPAULO
ZEN/AMCON RECIFE
ZEN/AMCON BELEM
ZEN/AMCON BELO HORIZONTE
ZEN/AMCON CURITIBA
ZEN/AMCONSUL PORTO ALEGRE
ZEN/AMCONSUL SALVADOR
STATE GRNC
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L RIO DE JANEIRO 3416

025108

1966 SEP 27 PM 7 57

3414
9/27/66

SEPTEMBER 27

SUBJECT: GOB ATTEMPTS DIALOGUE WITH STUDENTS

1. EXCEPT FOR NORTHEAST (SEE RECIFE 370), WHICH SEEMS TO BE BEHIND STEP BEHIND EVENTS ELSEWHERE, TEMPERATURE STUDENT SITUATION APPEARS TO BE DECLINING. MAJORITY STUDENTS HAVE RETURNED TO CLASSES AND GOVERNMENT HAS MADE EFFORT ESTABLISH DIALOGUE WITH STUDENT LEADERS.

2. MINED ARAGAO CALLED FOR MEETING SEPT 26 WITH HEADS OF DISCIPLINE

PAGE 2 RUESHA 3416 C O N F I D E N T I A L
ACADEMICOS IN RIO, BUT ONLY SEVEN OUT OF 55 SHOWED UP, SAYING OTHERS FEARED ARREST. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS, MINED GAVE APPROPRIATE ASSURANCES AND ASKED THAT ANOTHER MEETING BE SET UP, AND MADE STATEMENTS INDICATING GOB DESIRE REACH ACCOMODATION WITH STUDENTS INCLUDING WILLINGNESS DISCUSS REFORM OF SUPPLY LAW AND TO CONSIDER TUITION QUESTION, ALTHOUGH HE MADE CLEAR COMPLETE ABOLITION OF TUITION WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED. HE REMARKED STUDENTS OFTEN CRITICIZE GOB LAW BUT HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED ANY CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS TO DO ABOUT IT.

3. STUDENTS AT MEETING ASKED ABOUT RECENT ELECTION DEMONSTRATION BY MEDICAL FACULTY. ARAGAO SAID MAXIMUM RESTRAINT POSSIBLE WOULD BE MAINTAINED AND DECLINED DISCUSS FURTHER. STUDENTS ASKED THAT AT FURTHER MEETINGS REPRESENTATIVES OF UNRECOGNIZED STUDENT BODIES BE INCLUDED. MINED SAID "FOR GOVERNMENT THEY DON'T EXIST."

4. PRESS ALSO REPORTED GOB HAS DOCUMENTS LINKING STUDENT ACTIVITIES TO FOURTH LA STUDENT CONGRESS IN HAVANA (CA-1650) AND THAT P. FORTALEZA APPREHENDED STUDENTS DURING DEMONSTRATION WITH LITERATURE.

CONFIDENTIAL

(2)

DECLASSIFIED
Authority NND 959000