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Despite press reports that nomination Foreign Minister Evandro to Supreme Court will be presented to Senate next few days, Embassy office gathers from Senate contacts that delay will be longer. Principal reason such delay is difficulty securing approval his nomination now due to (1) current weak state of PSD-PTB coalition as shown by rejection last week Queiroz Filho as Ambassador to Yugoslavia; (2) considerable ill-feeling in Senate against Evandro dating from his tenure as chief civil household during which he bruised stiff senatorial feelings by making them cool heels in President's outer office. Obstacles Evandro approval probably surmountable but will require Presidential space work.

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