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At 1100 a.m. situation in Ministry area being restored to normal, AA guns and tanks being withdrawn, army troops also moving out of Air Force and Navy Ministries, automobile traffic no longer halted. Civil airport closed since dawn. Military columns reportedly en route air force and marine bases to eliminate remaining pockets resistance. Congress in session and Cabinet meeting reported. Ministries and Palacio Planalto closed for day. Col. Andre Fernandes de Souxa, Chief Advanced Element (Brasilia) War Ministers Cabinet, told Embassy officer that mutiny air force and navy units Brasilia began at 1:00 a.m. Said about 80-12 navy and marine petty officers and men seized Navy Ministry, others seized telephone central, marine camp area A (on road to Belo Horizonte on edge Distrito Federal). Col. Andre reported that mutineers in Navy and Air Ministries surrendered without fight, those in telephone central fled. Some shots had been fired, however, and one went through Andres office. Two navy men wounded, according to Andre; radio reports one marine dead. Considerable broken glass at Navy Ministry. Embassy officer denied entry on grounds "We're still cleaning up".

Airport apparently still under control AF mutineers: Andre said did not know what they would find there, organizing column to go out. Brasilia Air Commander Brigadeiro Salvador Lizarralde present in War Ministry during Embassy officer's visit.

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visit.

Embassy estimates maximum AF mutineers force at airport at possibly two companies, one of AF guard infantry and other of miscellaneous service personnel. AF lieutenant in Col. Andre's office sought minimize degree of disaffection, maintaining only part of NCOs involved.

However, Embassy officer observed about 40-50 AF prisoners in War Ministry building, 30-40 navy and marine prisoners. Number of loyal navy and marine petty officers and men armed and assisting officers and army in control of Navy Ministry. Commander Leite Velho, CO of Marine Detachment, confessed to Embassy officer that majority his men involved, admitted "we lost complete control of the situation."

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