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1. ANNOUNCEMENT RESIGNATION MINJUSTICE CAMPOS AT THIS TIME HAS ADDED GRIST TO SPECULATION MILL, ALTHOUGH HIS INTENTION TO RESIGN HAS BEEN DISCUSSED PUBLICLY FOR MONTHS. HE IS TIRED, OLD, SICK AND HAS LET IT BE KNOWN HE FELT HIS MISSION AND COMMITMENT TO REVOLUTION WOULD BE FULFILLED WITH PRESENTATION AND ENACTMENT OF MAJOR INSTITUTIONAL REFORMS INVOLVING POLITICAL PARTY STATUTE, ELECTORAL CODE, ADMINISTRATIVE AND JUDICIAL REORGANIZATION, ALL OF WHICH EITHER ALREADY IN FORCE OR IN ADVANCED STAGE OF PREPARATION. ALL OF FOREGOING REFLECTED

IN EARLIER PUBLIC SPECULATION THAT JURACY MAGALHAES WOULD REPLACE HIM SHORTLY AFTER ELECTIONS. AT SAME TIME HE ENJOYS WIDESPREAD RESPECT AS DEFENDER OF "LEGALITY," AND PROBABLY THOUGHT REVOLUTION APPROACHED LIMIT OF ACCEPTABLE "STRETCHING" OF CONSTITUTIONAL NORMS WITH PASSAGE OF FAIRLY DISCRIMINATORY ELECTORAL INELIGIBILITIES LAW LAST JUNE, AND WOULD NOW BE UNEASY OVER BEING IDENTIFIED WITH NEW RESTRICTIVE MEASURES CASTELLO BRANCO FEELS OBLIGED TO PROPOSE TO CONGRESS IN ORDER APPEASE STRONG MILITARY DISCONTENT OVER OUTCOME GUBERNAORIAL ELECTIONS. HE IS ALSO LUKEWARM ON POLITICAL GROUNDS TO IDEA OF INDIRECT ELECTION OF PRESIDENT, WHICH AGAIN BEING MENTIONED AS AMONG POSSIBLE ADMINISTRATION PROPOSALS (CAMPOS WAS RATHER POINTEDLY BYPASSED IN EARLIER ADMINISTRATION ARTICULATION THIS IDEA).

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