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GUBERNATORIAL ELECTIONS:

1. WITH CESSATION OF OFFICIAL CAMPAIGN PERIOD ON SEPTEMBER 30, GUANABARA HAS AGAIN TAKEN ON CALM AND ORDERLY ATMOSPHERE. ACCORDCPG TO PRESS THIS SAME ATMOSPHERE PREVAILS IN OTHER STATES WHERE ELECTIONS SCHEDULED. SOME MINOR DISTURBANCES MAY TAKE PLACE DURING VOTING PERIOD OCTOBER 3 BUT FEDERAL TROOPS AVAILABLE TO PREVENT ANY MAJOR INCIDENTS.

2. BOTH FLEXA RIBEIRO AND NEGRAO DE LIMA CAMPS MAKING LAST MINUTE APPEAL FOR VOTES THROUGH PRESS (E.G., LACERDA ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCED COST OF LIVING SALARY INCREASE FOR STATE EMPLOYEES

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1). NEVERTHELESS GENERAL EXPECTATION IS THAT NEITHER CANDIDATE WILL WIN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY AND THAT STATE ASSEMBLY WILL THUS BE GIVEN OPTION OF APPROVING PLURALITY WINNER OR CALLING NEW ELECTION.

3. COL. FERDINANDO DE CARVALHO, HEAD OF MILITARY-POLICE INQUIRY ON COMMUNIST PARTY, CALLED OFF PRESS CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 1. ACCORDING TO PRO-LACERDA PRESS, CARVALHO HAD INTENDED TO PROVE LINKS BETWEEN NEGRAO DE LIMA AND PCB AND ORDER TO CANCEL PRESS CONFERENCE CAME DIRECTLY FROM PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC. NEGRAO DE LIMA PRESS, WHILE CONFIRMING THAT CONFERENCE CALLED OFF "AT REQUEST OF SUPERIOR AUTHORITY" REPORTED THAT CARVALHO INDICATED CONFERENCE IN NO WAY RELATED TO CURRENT ELECTION.

4. ON OCCASION CELEBRATION HIS BIRTHDAY OCTOBER 1, WAR MINISTER COSTA E SILVA ASSURED RIO AREA ARMY COMMANDERS THAT FORCES OF

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CORRUPTION AND SUBVERSION WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO RETURN TO POWER AND THAT GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT ALLOW CONTINUITY OF REVOLUTION TO BE COMPROMISED. COSTA E SILVA'S SPEECH OBVIOUSLY INTENDED TO COMPLEMENT PRESIDENT CASTELLO BRANCO'S T-V ADDRESS OF SEPTEMBER 30 AND TO CALM ARMY OFFICERS WHO MAY HAVE BEEN SENSITIZED BY LACERDA'S EMPHASIS ON NEGRAO DE LIMA'S PCB SUPPORT DURING LAST WEEK OF CAMPAIGN.

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5. RIO PRESS TODAY REPORTS THAT JUSCELINO KUBITSCHEK TOLD PRESS IN PARIS ON OCTOBER 1 THAT HE PLANS RETURN TO BRAZIL ON OCTOBER 4. ACCORDING TO REPORTS JUSCELINO REASONED THAT HE COULD NOT RETURN BEFORE ELECTIONS LEST HIS PRESENCE BE USED AS PRETEXT FOR PERTURBATION OF ELECTORAL PROCESS, AND RETURNING BEFORE VOTES COUNTED TO AVOID CRITICISM HE RETURNING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE POSSIBLE VICTORIES PSD CANDIDATES.

6. VOTING IN GUANABARA ON OCTOBER 3 WILL BEGIN AT 0800, BALLOTS WILL BE GIVEN TO ALL PERSONS WHO APPEAR AT POLLS BEFORE 1700, AND MOST VOTING SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY 1900. BALLOTS WILL BE COUNTED AT MARACANA FOOTBALL STADIUM BEGINNING 0800 OCTOBER 4. WHILE COMPLETE TALLY WILL PROBABLY TAKE UNTIL OCTOBER 8, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT LIKELY OUTCOME WILL BE EVIDENT BY EVENING OCTOBER 6.

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