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1. PRESIDENT CASTELLO BRANCO FLEW FROM BRASILIA TO RIO FRIDAY MORNING TO ATTEND CEMETERY CEREMONY FOR VICTIMS 1935 COMMUNIST UPRISING AND RETURNED AT ONCE TO BRASILIA. WHILE AT CEMETERY HE INQUIRED ANXIOUSLY OF CAMPOS CONCERNING PROGRESS INF TALKS IN WASHINGTON. HE ALSO ASKED CAMPOS, WHOM HE KNEW TO BE LUNCHING WITH ME, TO PASS ON POINTS IN NEXT PARA RE GOIAS CRISIS, WHOSE POSSIBLE FOREIGN REPERCUSSIONS ARE WORRYING THE PRESIDENT.
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2. PRESIDENT HAD LONG HAD SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT MAURO BORGES IMPLICATION IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES AND IN FAR LEFT-WING VIEWS AND CONNECTIONS OF MANY GOIAS STATE CABINET MEMBERS AND OTHER STATE OFFICIALS. CANCELLATION GOVERNOR'S MANDATE UNDER ARTICLE 10 INSTITUTIONAL ACT HAD BEEN RECOMMENDED BEFORE THAT ARTICLE EXPIRED JUNE 15, BUT PRESIDENT HAD FELT EVIDENCE INSUFFICIENT TO JUSTIFY THAT DRASTIC MEASURE. SUBSEQUENTLY BORGES HAD DROPPED A NUMBER OF MORE EXTREMIST ADVISERS. IN RECENT WEEKS, HOWEVER, EVIDENCE HAD MOUNTED NOT ONLY OF CONTINUING DE FACTO POWER BY THESE MEN BUT ALSO OF EXTREMELY ACTIVE LINKAGE BETWEEN BORGES GROUP AND MONTEVIDEO EXILES, WITH A VIEW TO BASING COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY NUCLEI IN VARIOUS PARTS OF STATE WITH GOVERNOR'S ACQUIESCENCE IF NOT ACTIVE COMPLICITY. PRESIDENT FELT DRASTIC ACTION ESSENTIAL TO NIP THIS MOVEMENT IN BUD BEFORE GUERRILLA VIOLENCE BEGAN TO ERUPT. HE HAD LEANED OVER BACKWARD TO KEEP NECESSARY ACTION WITHIN LEGAL BOUNDS, HOPING THAT SUPREME COURT WOULD PERMIT PROPER JUDICIAL TRIAL OF CHARGES AGAINST BORGES WITHOUT REQUIRING PRIOR ASSENT OF STATE LEGISLATURE OR THAT BORGES HIMSELF WOULD TAKE LEAVE FROM GOVERNORSHIP AND FACE TRIAL.
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