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1. ~~Goias~~ Crisis. Embassy today learned from usually reliable source that Governor Borges Chief of Civil Cabinet, Ari Demosthenes de Almeida has been arrested and is in jail. Army is apparently arresting everyone to be found who figures on list of 101 persons named by military prosecutor in Juiz de Fora as indicted by findings of IPM's in ~~Goias~~. Informant says many have not been arrested because they in hiding or on run.

2. Large new contingents of federal troops moved into Goiana last night and city has air of military occupation, with much of ordinary life of community in state of virtual suspended animation.

3. PSD Deputies Geraldo de Pina and Jose Freire who talked to Governor November 24 apparently had no luck with whatever proposals they went with. New PSD group was sent to Goiana this afternoon to have another try at it with new but undisclosed proposals. Governor told de Pina he would not resign under any circumstances and that only way he could be removed from palace would be feet first.

4. Finally, informant stated there was general air of expectancy that some big move by federal government within next 24 hours would resolve crisis, though no one seemed have definite idea what move would be.

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