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1. GOIAS CRISIS. GOIAS GOVERNOR MAURO BORGES ISSUED LENGTHY MANIFESTO NOVEMBER 23 (SUMMARIZED BELOW) IN IMMEDIATE WAKE OF SUPREME COURT DECISION GRANTING HIM PREVENTIVE HABEAS CORPUS:

2. ENTITLED TO BRAZILIAN PEOPLE, BORGES NOTES HIS LIFE HAS BEEN DEVOTED TO COUNTRY IN HIS CAPACITY OF ARMY OFFICER, FEDERAL DEPUTY AND GOVERNOR. CLAIMS HE DEFENDED LEGAL ORDER IN 1961 IN CONNECTION WITH COMING OF JOAO GOULART TO PRESIDENCY. RECALLS HE, BRIZOLA AND OTHERS PUT TOGETHER NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT BUT HE SOON PARTED COMPANY WITH OTHERS BECAUSE OF FUNDAMENTAL DIVERGENCIES REGARDING BRAZILS PROBLEMS. POINTS OUT THAT NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT LATER BECAME POPULAR MOBILIZATION FRONT IN WHICH HE NEVER PARTICIPATED.

3. AT THAT POINT, GOVERNOR SAYS HE LARGELY RETIRED FROM NATIONAL SCENE AND DEVOTED HIMSELF TO SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS AT STATE LEVEL WHILE PEOPLE AT NATIONAL LEVEL ONLY TALKED ABOUT THEM. CITES IMPORTATION OF ISRAELI EXPERTS TO ADVISE ON GOIAS AGRICULTURE AND LAUNCHING OF COMBINED AGRICULTURAL - URBAN COMMUNITIES IN STATE WITHOUT FEDERAL HELP. REMINDS THAT IN JUNE 1963 HE CALLED UPON GOULART TO SAVE COUNTRY FROM CHAOS AND BROKE OFF UNDERSTANDING WITH PTB IN GOIAS STATE. PLEADS THAT IN ALL HIS POLITICAL ACTIVITY HE HAS BEEN DEMOCRATIC AND PROGRESSIVE BUT ANTI-COMMUNIST.

4. POINTS TO HIS DECLARATION IN FAVOR OF RECENT REVOLUTION ON NIGHT OF MARCH 31, BEFORE SECOND ARMY HAD DECLARED SELF, AND IN FACE OF THREAT OF TROOPS QUARTERED IN GOIAS AND BRASILIA. SAYS MAJORITY BRAZILIAN PEOPLE GREETED REVOLUTION WITH CHEERS BUT UNHAPPILY SOME PEOPLE DESIRING REVENGE, SPECIAL INTERESTS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF BRAZILIAN MACARTHYISM COULD NOT CONFINE ACTIVITIES WITHIN WIDE LIMITS OF ATO INSTITUCIONAL AND LAUNCHED CAMPAIGN AGAINST THOSE WHOSE CONCEPTS OF DEMOCRACY DIFFERED

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FROM THEIRS.

5. TRACES EVENTS IN GOIAS SINCE REVOLUTION, NOTING THAT SOON AFTER EVENT SPECIAL COMMISSION HEADED BY GENERAL CASTRO E SILVA CAME TO GOIAS TO INVESTIGATE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST MEMBERS OF STATE GOVERNMENT. WHEN THIS ATTEMPT SECURE DEPRIVATION HIS POLITICAL RIGHTS FAILED, HE WAS ACCUSED OF ESPIONAGE WITH EVIDENCE EXTRACTED FROM MENTALLY DEFICIENT PERSON AND FROM OTHERS BY TORTURE. CITES CHARGES MADE THAT SOME MEN IN HIS GOVERNMENT WERE COMMUNISTS ACCORDING TO DEFINITION OF ACCUSERS BECAUSE THEY FAVORED LAND REFORM, VOTE FOR ILLITERATES AND CONTROL OVER PROFIT REMITTANCES BY FOREIGN FIRMS. NOTES HE ALSO ACCUSED OF SPREADING COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA BECAUSE STATE NEWS MEDIA CARRIED ITEMS FROM SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND NOT ONLY FROM USIS AND VOA. DISMISSES CHARGE OF SMUGGLING RADIOACTIVE ORES TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES AS FANTASY, ADDING THAT NOW IT EVEN BEING ALLEGED BY SOME THAT GOIAS ATOMIC ORES MADE POSSIBLE RECENT CHICOM BOMB.

6. ON OTHER HAND, GOVERNOR POINTS OUT IT NEVER MENTIONED THAT SINCE 1962 GOIAS HAS HAD AGREEMENT WITH POINT FOUR AND USAID FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM, THAT STATE HAS LOAN FROM ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS IN THE EDUCATION FIELD, THAT MANY BLAMELESS ARMY OFFICERS HAVE SERVED HIS GOVERNMENT BRILLIANTLY, THAT STATE HAS HAD COOPERATION FROM ISRAELI, FRENCH AND AMERICAN EXPERTS, ETC.

7. FINALLY, BORGES DESCRIBES FILING OF PETITION FOR PREVENTIVE HABEAS CORPUS AND HISTORIC DECISION BY SUPREME COURT GRANTING IT, WHICH HE ALLEGES SHOWS CONTINUED PRIMACY OF LAW IN COUNTRY. WARMS THAT FAILURE TO ABIDE BY DECISION COULD ENTAIL UNTOLD SACRIFICES BY BRAZILIAN PEOPLE AND EXPRESSES HOPE THAT REALLY DISCIPLINED MILITARY WILL PUT ASIDE THEIR PASSIONS AND RESPECT COURTS DECISION.

8. COMMENT: FOREGOING MANIFESTO OBVIOUSLY RELEASED TO PUBLIC AS SOON AS SUPREME COURT DECISION KNOWN AND BEFORE PRESIDENT CASTELO BRANCOS STATEMENT OF NOVEMBER 23 IN CASE RECEIVED IN GOIANIA (RIO TEL 1132).

MANIFESTO ITSELF IS DEFENSE BY GOVERNOR BORGES OF HIS PAST RECORD, ABLY PRESENTED AND IN TEMPERATE TONE. DEEN.

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