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SUBJECT: Assembly Elects New Officers

REF :

On April 5, 1965, the Legislative Assembly of Bahia elected officers for the new Legislative period. With rare exceptions officers were determined by previous negotiations between local political parties and were unopposed. Party strength was the basis for allocation of posts, although negotiations between parties resulted in adjusted assignments.

Since 1958, at least, selection of the President of the Assembly has been based on negotiations between the principal pro-administration parties. About three years ago there was an understanding between state representatives of the UDN, PTB and PR that the position of President would be rotated. Last year this "protocol" was breached by the re-election of Orlando Spinola, UDN. This year the UDN again put up a candidate, Deputy Jutahy Magalhães, son of Ambassador Juracy Magalhães, who drew support from most parties. Jutahy Magalhães was first proposed by the PSD in an attempt by that party to divide the UDN-PR-PTB bloc. The PR representation, which was to have the honor of nominating the President this year, agreed to accept Jutahy under pressure of that party's strong man, Manoel Novais (PTB Federal Deputy) who wishes to remain on friendly terms with Juracy Magalhães because of future ambitions. The PTB remained opposed until an appeal from Governor Lomanto Junior changed the attitude of a few holdouts.

Following is a list of the new officers with an indication of the vote each received:

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Office	Name and Party	Votes In Favor	Votes Against	Blank Votes
President	Jutahy Magalhães, UDN	52	--	4
1st Vice President	Cristovão Ferreira, PDC	49	--	9
2nd Vice President	Antonio Cruz, PST	48	2	8
3rd Vice President	Ana Oliveira, PL	48	--	10
First Secretary	Humberto Guedes, PR	45	7§	6
2nd Secretary	Edvaldo Brandão Correia, PSD	48	--	10
3rd Secretary	Durval Gama, PSD	31	21§§	6
4th Secretary	Valter Ribeiro, PTN	48	--	10

Notes: §In favor of Cunha Regis, PR
§§In favor of Edvaldo Valois, PSD

1st Alt.Secy.	Durval Barbosa, PRP	42	--	16
2nd Alt.Secy.	Egidio Tavares, MTR	42	--	16
3rd Alt.Secy.	Wilton Valença, PSB	43	--	15

Note: There were four members absent during the vote for President, and two absent during the rest of the vote.

Governor Lomanto enjoys the support of the UDN, PTB, PR, PDC, PL and PTN in the Legislative Assembly. The PSD, PST and PSP form the core of his opposition block. By and large, the Governor has a favorable position in the Legislative Assembly at present and relations between him and that body are friendly.

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