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INT	LAB	TAR	Enclosed is a free translation of the statement issued by Pernambuco Governor Miguel Arraes on January 21, 1964, described and commented upon in RefTel and Week 4.			
7			The statement was issued upon Arraes' return to Recife from Rio. He came to Rio on January 13, at the invitation of President Goulart, to discuss with Goulart (among other things) the draft program drawn up by San Tiago Dantas as the basis for the latter's efforts to obtain broad political support for Goulart on a "minimum program" of reforms (Embassy's A-896, January 24). Arraes saw Goulart on January 13, 14 and twice on January 21, when he returned to Recife. During his visit, he met and reportedly discussed the Dantas plan with what he claimed to have been "all elements of the popular forces", and his statement implies that it represents a position agreed upon between himself and these elements.			
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Pernambuco Governor Miguel Arraes on January 21, 1964

(Quotations are Arraes')

I was called by the President of the Republic to take notice of the activities being undertaken by Deputy San Tiago Dantas towards the "formation of a Popular or Progressive Front," with the "objective of giving support and cooperation to President João Goulart in order to carry forward basic reforms"; I ought, in consequence, to express my opinion of the viability of the "front", and, also, of the "programmatic points" which would be a sort of common denominator for it. From the beginning of our conversations I made two points very clear: a) my position of support for and cooperation with the President of the Republic, for the execution of a political-administrative program of basic reforms, was publicly known, as a result of various pronouncements and of the note that I distributed to the press at the beginning of the second half of last December, concerning the necessity of agreement between the President of the Republic and "popular forces", having in view a proper approach to solution of the Brazilian problem; b) although various sectors of the "popular forces" had already been consulted, my position in relation to the problems that were put to me would result from understandings I myself would make with all sectors of the "popular forces," without a single exception, as I continue every day more convinced that our unity must be preserved and strengthened, as a guarantee of our struggle for national emancipation and in defense of democratic liberties.

This explains the note distributed by the Popular Mobilization Front, which has all my support.

Having thus defined our position of unity, I return to my own State, where there await me serious and urgent social, political, administrative, economic, and financial problems, for whose solution I am striving without relaxation and without significant aid from the organs of the Federal Government; sometimes having even to confront their indifference, ill-will, or hostility, and of this I have now

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