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1. ALMOST IDENTICAL STORIES IN JORNAL DO BRASIL AND ESTADO DE SAO PAULO INDICATE COSTA E SILVA GOING SLOW ON SELECTING SECOND ECHELON ADMINISTRATION APPOINTMENTS. STORY SEEMS SUBSTANTIATED BY FACT NO NEW NAMES FOR SUB-CABINET POSITIONS HAVE APPEARED IN PRESS OVER PAST SEVERAL DAYS.
2. ACCORDING TO STORY, COSTA E SILVA FEELS SO-CALLED SECOND ECHELON POSITIONS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE, BEING IN EFFECT LEVERS THROUGH WHICH MINISTERS GET POLICIES EXECUTED. SINCE MINISTERS THUS NO BETTER THAN QUALITY OF LEVERS TO BE MANIPULATED, INNER CIRCLE OF COMING ADMINISTRATION GIVING CLOSEST ATTENTION TO CHOICE OF OCCUPANTS THESE POSITIONS.
3. IN CONNECTION WITH FOREGOING, RELATED STORY CLAIMS COSTA E SILVA CARRYING ON DRESS REHEARSALS BY HAVING DAILY POW-WOWS WITH SEVERAL OF FUTURE MINISTERS ON TOPICS WHICH CUT ACROSS THEIR LINES OF RESPONSIBILITY. OBJECT THIS EXERCISE SUPPOSEDLY TO DRILL TEAMWORK SPIRIT INTO BUDDING CABINET MEMBERS IN HOPE WILL BECOME HABIT DURING ACTUAL OPERATIONS OF FORTHCOMING REGIME. TUTHILL
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