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REF: RIO'S 1332 <sup>KC1</sup>

1. ON AUGUST 15 CITY COUNCIL OF NOVA IGUAÇU, STATE OF RIO, VOTED SUSPEND FROM OFFICE MAYOR ARI ACHIAVO. OFFICIAL REASON GIVEN SUSPENSION WAS "ADMINISTRATIVE IRREGULARITIES" BUT MOVE WIDELY HAILED AS RESULT OF

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PRESSURE BROUGHT ON COUNCIL BY ARMY CAPTAIN JOSE RIBAMAR ZAMITH, COMMANDER ARMY POLICE COMPANY OF 1ST INF DIV AT VILA MILITAR. FOUR DAYS LATER IN NEIGHBORING MUNICIPIO OF MILOPOLIS, ZAMITH DETAINED MEMBERS LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTEDLY TO FORCE MAYOR TO FIRE MEMBER OF HIS STAFF WHO IS EX-SERGEANT, "CASSADO". FOLLOWING REVOLUTION OF MARCH 1964. TO DATE GOVERNOR GEREMIAS FONTES AND LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HAVE AVOIDED COMMENTING ON ISSUE ALTHOUGH LATTER HAS APPOINTED A COMMISSION OF THREE STATE DEPUTIES TO INVESTIGATE NOVA IGUAÇU INCIDENT. EXTENSIVE TESTIMONY TAKEN FROM COUNCIL.

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MEN WHO REPORTEDLY TESTIFIED THEY ACTED UNDER MILITARY PRESSURE, BUT COMMISSION HAS NOT YET REACHED CONCLUSION AND APPEARS TO BE SPLIT ON ITS VIEWS.

2. COMMENT: SCHIAVO, WHO WAS IN GERMANY WHEN COUNCIL ACTED AGAINST HIM, HAS RETURNED BRAZIL WITH INTENTION OF FIGHTING FOR RESTORATION TO POST. REPORTED CHANGE OF HEART BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL INDICATES HE HAS

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CHANCE REGAINSEAT. SOME PRESS REPORTS ATTEMPT USE THESE OCCURANCES AS INDICATIONS NATIONAL RESURGENCE "HARD-LINE" MILITARY ACTIVITY BUT IT APPEARS THAT STATE OF RIO INCIDENTS ARE MERELY RESULTS OF OVER-ZEALOUS ACTION BY MINOR ARMY OFFICIAL WHO PROBABLY WILL SUFFER APPROPRIATE DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS. ACTIONS OCCURRED IN BAIKADA ZONE OF RIO WHERE LARGE PROPORTION OF ARMY TROOPS IN STATE ARE CONCENTRATED.  
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