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The National Security Council list of July 1, 1969 included two State Deputies of Bahia, an ex Mayor and a trade union official whose political rights were suspended for 10 years. Biographic data concerning them follows:

Osório Cardoso Villas Boas - MDB

About 55 years old, he is a self made man with only a primary education. He was a councilman for the Social Democratic Party (PSD) for about 12 years and in 1962 was elected President of the Salvador Municipal Chamber. In August of that year he sponsored a motion to confer honorary citizenship of the city on then Governor Leonel Brizzola. He was an unsuccessful candidate for Mayor of Salvador in October, 1962, then dropped out of politics. In 1966 he was elected State Deputy for MDB and occupied the position of Third Vice President of the Legislative Assembly at the time of his cassation. He is an intelligent opportunist and is said to be ruthless in seeking his goals. His political base is composed almost entirely of the ardent soccer fans of the Esporte Clube Bahia of which he has been president for many years. The Consulate's records indicate that he was refused a visa to the United States in 1964 when the team played in New York City. Our files also indicate that he was severely criticized for making unrestricted appointments to the Salvador Municipal Chamber in 1962. (The local military establishment was on full alert Sunday, July 6 to prevent a pro Villas Boas demonstration during the soc-

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cer game between the Brazilian Selection and the Bahia team. A number of banners were confiscated and a large contingent of policemen were stationed inside the stadium).

Luiz da Silva Sampaio - MDB

Born in 1927, he graduated in journalism from the University of Bahia and was employed by the Diários Associados newspapers and radio station in Salvador. He was elected councilman on the Social Workers Party (PST) ticket in 1962 receiving a heavy vote from the dock workers and street fair workers who primarily formed his constituency. He was a protégé of then Salvador Mayor Virgildásio de Senna who was removed from office by the military authorities following the 1964 revolution (see next section). He was elected State Deputy for MDB in November, 1966. His reputation was that of a hard working, honest politician and his main transgression seems to have been the strong stand he took against the military in 1964 and what he considered their unjust treatment of his friend Virgildásio de Senna.

Virgildásio de Senna - Ex Mayor of Salvador

At the Federal University of Bahia, where he obtained a degree in civil engineering, Virgildásio was an active participant in student politics and supporter of leftist causes. He was appointed by his cousin and then Mayor of Salvador, Heitor Dias (now Secretary of Justice) as Municipal Secretary of Public Works. He was elected Mayor of Salvador in the October, 1962 elections as the PTB/PSB candidate and spent 30 days in the United States before taking office. He fell into the disfavor of the Sixth Military Region due to alleged corruption and his appointment of leftists in the city administration, was placed under arrest and removed from office in April, 1964. The Municipal Chamber simultaneously impeached him by a vote of 15 to 2, Luiz Sampaio (see above) and Luiz Costa Leal (ref. A-5) being the two councilmen who voted against. Our files indicated that former Ambassador Juracy Magalhães tried unsuccessfully to intervene with the military authorities on his behalf. His case came before the Supreme Military Tribunal in late 1968 and the charges against him were dropped. He is now living in Rio de Janeiro and has amassed a considerable fortune in a construction company and banking. As he is not active in politics and because of his absolvment by the STM, observers are perplexed by his cassation at this time.

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