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SUBJ: ALBUQUERQUE LIMA MAKES STRONG STATEMENT TO PRESS

1. MINISTER INTERIOR GENERAL ALBUQUERQUE LIMA, IN STATEMENT PUBLISHED IN O GLOBO TODAY, STRESSED THAT STRUCTURAL REFORMS MUST BE UNDERTAKEN IN DEPTH EVEN THOUGH HARMFUL TO "POWERFUL INTERESTS, INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL"; REVOLUTION DOES NOT FEAR EXTERNAL CRITICISM, FOR BRAZIL WILL DECIDE OWN FUTURE AND "NOT EVEN REPORTS OF SUSPENSION OF ECONOMIC AID WILL SERVE TO TURN REVOLUTION FROM ITS DESTINIES"; IF FOREIGN ECONOMIC AID SUSPENDED, "WE WILL SURVIVE"; THERE VARIOUS EXAMPLES IN RECENT HISTORY (DEGAULLIST FRANCE, PERU) SHOWING RIGHTNESS OF EACH COUNTRY SPEAKING FOR ITSELF.

2. STATEMENT, WHICH CONTAINS SEEDS NASSERISM, REPORTED EXTENSIVELY IN SEPTEL. IT APPEARS CONSTITUTE PRESSURE ON PRESIDENT COSTA E SILVA FOR FORCEFUL IMPLEMENTATION INSTITUTIONAL ACT 5 (SEE ALSO CAS REPORTS HBR-6410 AND 6411 SECRET NOFOREIGN DISSEM CONTROLLED DISSEM NO DISSEM ABROAD), AND RENEWED BID FOR SUPPORT HARD-LINE YOUNGER-OFFICER SECTOR WHERE HE ALREADY VIEWED SYMPATHETICALLY AND WHERE HE MAY WISH REINFORCE "REVOLUTIONARY" CREDENTIALS EITHER FOR FUTURE (1970 ELECTION) OR FOR ANY EARLY CONTINGENCY WHICH MIGHT CREATE LEADERSHIP VACUUM HE COULD FILL.

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