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SUBJECT: COSTA E SILVA SPEAKS

1. PRESIDENT MONDAY DELIVERED ADDRESS AT GRADUATION CEREMONY OF SUPERIOR COMMAND SCHOOL IN RIO. HE MADE VIGOROUS DEFENSE OF RECENT ACTIONS. AT SOME LENGTH ANSWERED CHARGES OF CORRUPTION AND DEMANDS PROOF. ALSO ADDRESSED CHARGE OF FAILURE OF THE REVOLUTION AND EXPLOITATION MADE OF THE POVERTY ISSUE.
2. PRESIDENT WARNED THAT THOSE DEFEATED IN MARCH 1964 WILL TRY TO RETAKE LOST POSITIONS AND WILL USE ALL RESOURCES TO CONFUSE AND DEMORALIZE MILITARY. HE STATED THAT MILITARY WILL REMAIN ALERT TO ANY ATTEMPTS TO DEFEAT DEMOCRACY, AND WILL MAKE "NEW REVOLUTIONS WITHIN THE REVOLUTION". (THIS HIGHLY APPLAUDED.)
3. IN DISCUSSING RECESSING OF CONGRESS COSTA E SILVA EXPLAINED THAT MANY MAJORITY DEPUTIES PREFERRED PRESTIGE TO DOING WHAT WAS "JUST", THUS THE GOVERNMENT TOOK STRONG STEPS TO REACTIVATE REVOLUTION.
4. PRESIDENT MENTIONED AT VARIOUS POINTS ATTACKS ON MILITARY WHO BLAMED FOR ALL OF COUNTRY'S TROUBLES. SPEECH CONTAINED LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF INTERNAL MILITARY PROBLEMS AND STEPS TAKEN TO

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REMEDY SUCH, AND OF ROLE OF SCHOOL IN MAKING REVOLUTION.  
REFERRED TO HIMSELF AS "YOUR OLD COMPANION IN ARMS".

5. HAVING THUS ESTABLISHED HIS IDENTIFICATION WITH THOSE PRESENT,  
COSTA E SILVA REASSERTED HIS AUTHORITY AS "YOUR CHIEF IN FACT  
AND LAW". HE DECLARED THAT HE WOULD NOT GIVE AWAY ANY OF THIS  
PREROGATIVES. THIS ALSO GREETED WITH APPLAUSE.

6. EMBASSY WILL REPORT MORE FULLY ON SPEECH LATER IN DAY.  
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