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SUGGESTED DISTRIBUTION				Continued support of Institutional Act 5 within the ranks of the military was evidenced on December 13 by Minister of Aviation Márcio de Sousa e Melo in a speech commemorating Navy Day. December 13 also marked the first anniversary of IA-5, and Sousa e Melo used the occasion to praise the decision of President Costa e Silva to promulgate the Act. In the face of recent statements by President Medici expressing hope for a return to democracy and calls by the press and MDB spokesmen for an end to IA-5, Sousa e Melo emphasized in his speech the "duty of the military and of civilians to combat relentlessly all of the masked and sly enemies of Brazil's tranquility and development, which permits when necessary the adoption of a structure superior to democracy to look after the real interests of the people...It is unacceptable," he continued, "that those who raise arms to stab the country and kill indiscriminately should be protected by privileges and individual considerations when they have divorced themselves from law and justice..." In our game of truth, rights are the counterparts of duties." Comment: Although the military has been relatively softspoken in its public pronouncements since the accession of President Medici, the growing boldness of major newspapers and the political opposition to call for IA-5's repeal appears to be provoking a to-be-expected counterreaction. The anniversary of IA-5 was an appropriate enough occasion for extolling the Act's virtues; however, the Air Minister's speech should be taken also as a warning to the critics in general and possibly to President Medici in particular of the military's feelings on the matter.							
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