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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAO PAULO 941

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION

1. CONGEN SOURCE SAID DECISION WAS MADE YESTERDAY IN RIO THAT GENERAL GARRASTAZU MEDICI WOULD BE PRESIDENT AND NAVY MINISTER ADMIRAL RADEMACHER VICE PRESIDENT. SOURCE RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM RETIRED AIR FORCE BRIGADEIRO ROBERTO BRANDINI WHO SAID HE HAD BEEN INFORMED OF DECISION LAST NIGHT AND HIS REACTION SOLICITED.

2. SOURCE COMMENT WAS THAT HE IS CONVINCED THAT MEDICI AND RADEMACHER ARE CHOSEN PAIR UNLESS SOUNDINGS BEING MADE LAST NIGHT REVEALED STRONG OPPOSITION IN OFFICER RANKS.

3. COMMENT: THIS INFORMATION CONTRADICTS TODAY'S NEWSPAPER REPORTS THAT NO PROGRESS WAS MADE YESTERDAY IN HIGH COMMAND MEETING AND THAT DECISION WAS POSTPONED UNTIL FRIDAY SEPT. 26 AFTER MEDICAL REPORT ON PRESIDENT COSTA E SILVA'S HEALTH IS ISSUED. ALSO IS COULD BE TRIAL BALLOON DESIGNED GENERATE OPPOSITION TO MEDICI. ACCORDING REPORTS WE RECEIVE LOWER-LEVEL OFFICERS REMAIN SOLIDLY BEHIND GENERAL ALBUQUERQUE LIMA'S CANDIDACY. MANY SOURCES IN SAO PAULO INCLUDING MEMBERS BUSINESS COMMUNITY CONTINUE TO REPORT THAT SOUNDINGS OVER WEEKEND SHOWED ALBUQUERQUE LIMA ENJOYING STRONG SUPPORT AND THAT HE IS STILL IN THE RUNNING. GP\*4.  
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