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Newspaper says that General Assis Brasil, during visit Sao Paulo, informed Second Army Commander Pery Bevila Qua of impending transfer. Probably reliable source claiming close contact Bevila Qua tells us he not decided whether accept transfer. We accept this report but suspect he will go quietly when chips down. If Pery decides balk, could provoke major military crisis. Sao Paulo public reaction will in any event be unfavorable Goulart, though less violent than if Pery had been removed earlier. Appointment Krueel would attenuate but not eliminate reaction.

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