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~~SECRET~~ FLASH ACTION (DEPT 2159) INFO PRIORITY BRASILIA 247
SAOPAULO 115 RECIFE 199 BELO HORIZONTE 103 CINCLANT 29
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APRIL 2, 3 PM

SETREP AS OF 1400:

1. SITUATION IN RIO GRANDE DO SUL STILL CONFUSED. DURING LAST FEW HOURS, REPEATED BROADCASTS MADE APPEALING TO POPULATION TO TURN OUT IN DEFENSE GOULART REGIME. AS OF NOW, MOST PORTO ALEGRE RADIO STATIONS OFF AIR. INTERCEPT OF RIO GUIABA REPORT STATED THAT RESISTANCE HAD FALLEN AND THAT MENEGHETTI TROOPS MARCHING ON CITY FROM SANTA MARIA. THIS STATION OFF CFN 2159 247 115 199 103 29 13 245 13 13 13 1400

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AIR AT PRESENT TIME. NO DEFINITE WORD ON GOULART OR BRIZOLA. SOME RADIO REPORTS THAT GOULART NOW IN ASUNCION; WE HAVE NOTHING TO INDICATE HE HAS LEFT PORTO ALEGRE AREA.

LATE RADIO GLOBO REPORT (RIO) STATED THAT THIRD ARMY HAS DECLARED FOR KRUEL; LOCARDIO TELLES REPORTED TO HAVE LEFT THIRD ARMY COMMAND. AIR MINISTER MELO PUT AIRCRAFT AT KRUEL DISPOSAL.

2. MILITARY:

GENERAL CASTELO BRANCO TOLD ARMA FOLLOWING AT NOON: COUNTRY

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QUIET INCLUDING BRASILIA WHERE GENERAL FICO HAD GIVEN UP. TROOPS FROM SANTA CATARINA AND PARANA GARRISONS MOVING SOUTH AND PLANS BEING MADE FOR AIRBORNE ATTACK IF NECESSARY. NAVAL UNITS ORDERED TO ENTER LAGOA DOS PATOS AND GUAIBA ESTUARY TO THREATEN PORTO ALEGRE. CASTELLO BRONCO CONFIDENT RESOLUTION WILL COME QUICKLY. SOME ARRESTS BEING MADE. GENERAL STRIKE NOT COMPLETELY OVER, ESPECIALY IN RAILROADS.

GENERAL ANDRE FERNANDES DE SOUZE NAMED HEAD OF PRESIDENTS MILITARY HOUSEHOLD.

NAVY CONFIRMS THAT THREE DESTROYERS DEPARTED RIO THIS MORNING TO BLOCKADE PORTO ALEGRE. FORMER MARINE COMMANDANT ARAGAO TURNED OVER TO NAVY MINISTRY. ALL NAVY OFFICERS NOW HOLDING TOP SLOTS ARE PRO-USM

NAVAL ATTACHE CONFIRMS THAT NAVY MINISTRY PUTTING OUT RUMOR CFN 2

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THAT ENTRANCE TO PORTO ALEGRE MINED--IN ATTEMPT TO DISCOURAGE ANY SHIPS FROM ENTERING. NAVY TUG, HYDROGRAPHIC VESSEL BLOCKADING ENTRENCES TO PORTO ALEGRE.

IN AIR FORCE, THIRD AIR ZONE COMMANDER TEIXEIRA HAS RELINQUISHED COMMAND TO BRIGADIER DARIO AZAMBUJA. TEIXEIRA NOW RELIABLY REPORTED TO BE AT HOME. FAB REPORTS SOME FIGHTING IN RGS.

3. POL SITUATION:

REPORTS CONFIRMED THAT OSVINO ALVES IMPRISONED. CUTABAO REFINERY OPERATING UNDER ARMY CONTROL. REPORT THAT ARRESTS OF OTHER TOP PETROBRAS OFFICIALS NOW UNDERWAY.

4. RADIO REPORT STATES THAT RIO STATE GOVERNOR BADGER SILVEIRA NOW BACK IN OFFICE. ALSO REPORTED THAT EX-JUSTICE MINISTER ABELARDO JUREMA RELEASED ON GROUNDS CONGRESSIONAL IMMUNITY AND PLANS TO RESUME SEAT IN CHAMBER OD DEPUTIES.

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5. IN STATEMENT ~~AND~~ BROADCAST FROM BRASILIA LAST NIGHT AND REBROADCAST FROM PORTO ALEGRE ABOUT NOON TODAY, GOULART PLEDGED HIMSELF TO "INTRENSIGEAENTLY DEFEND PEOPLE IN FIGHT WITHOUT TRUCE AGAINST POLITICAL DESPOTISM AND OPPRESSION OF ECONOMIC POWER...I WILL NOT RETREAT...I WILL NOT BE INTIMIDATED".

USIS RERUN OF TAPE OF GUIBA REPORT STRENGTHENS OUR OPINION THAT IT BASICALLY DEFEATIST BROADCAST. PORTO ALEGRE MAYOR STATED THAT THREE "NOTHING MORE TO DO" AND THAT RESISTANCE NETWORK GOING OFF AIR. GP-1 GORDON

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