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USIA SITUATION REPORT AS OF 2400 MARCH 31 FOLLOWS:

NSC SAO PAULO: NO ACTION YET. ADHEMAR PREPARED STATEMENT SUPPOSED  
 INR TO BE READ OVER AIR THIS EVENING. NO INFORMATION AS TO  
 NSA POSITION OF KRUEL WHO, WE SPECULATE, MAY BE CAUSE OF DELAY.  
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OC GUANABARA: CGT HAS CALLED GENERAL STRIKE IN PROTEST TO LACERDA  
 OCP ARREST OF LEADER OF STEVEDORES UNION. LEOPOLDINA RAILROAD  
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ALREADY STOPPED AND DOMESTIC AIRLINES ARE GRADUALLY SHUTTING  
 DOWN SERVICE. SOME CGT LEADERS INCLUDING DANTE PELACANI  
 REPORTEDLY ARRESTED. GROUP OF MARINES ATTACKED JORNAL DO BRASIL  
 BUILDING, CLOSED DOWN RADIO STATION FOR HOUR BUT NOW BACK  
 ON AIR. RIO RADIO STATIONS CARRYING ONLY PRO-REGIME "NEWS".  
 BANK HOLIDAY HAS BEEN DECLARED FOR REST OF THIS WEEK.

WAR MINISTRY: CASTELLO BRANCO REPORTEDLY UNDER ARREST WITHIN  
 WAR MINISTRY BUILDING. RADIO CARRIED ANNOUNCEMENT THAT JAIR  
 HAD RESUMED CHARGE OF MINISTRY (PROBABLY FALSE).

FIRST ARMY: THERE HAVE REPORTEDLY BEEN SOME DEFECTIONS TO REBEL  
 SIDE WITHIN THE KEY VILA MILITAR, INCLUDING SAMPAIO REGIMENT  
 (ALLEGEDLY ON WAY TO JOIN REBELS IN MINAS GERAIS) AND SCHOOL  
 INFANTRY REGIMENT (ALSO SUPPOSED TO BE MOVING UP BELO ROAD),  
 COAST ARTILLERY FORTS IN RIO AREA ALSO REPORTEDLY JOINED REBEL

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SIDE. WE HAVE, HOWEVER, NO CONFIRMATION OF THESE REPORTS. FIRST ARMY HEADQUARTERS REPORTEDLY HAS NO COMMUNICATIONS WITH REBEL FOURTH MILITARY DISTRICT IN MINAS.

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MINAS GERAIS: REBELS APPEAR TO BE IN MORE OR LESS COMPLETE CONTROL. REBEL RADIO STATION HAS OPENED UP IN JUIZ DE FORA (AND SOME OF ITS MATERIAL IS BEING REBROADCAST BY SAO PAULO STATION). MOURAO FILHO STATEMENT HAS CALLED FOR GOULART RESIGNATION. MAGALHAES PINTO STATEMENT HAS CONDEMNED GOULART AND GOB.

PARANA: NEI BRAGA HAS REPORTEDLY DECLARED FOR REBEL SIDE.

CONGRESS: VERY STRONG STATEMENT CONDEMNING GOULART HAS BEEN MADE BY SENATE PRESIDENT MOURA ANDRADE OFFERING CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT TO ARMED FORCES.

LATE INFORMATION: [REDACTED] THREE GENERALS (CLADARIO TELLES, SERVINO NOBREGA, CRYSANTO DE FIGUEREIDO) ARE BEING SENT TO PORTO ALEGRE TO SHORE UP GOB SIDE THERE AND ONE OF THEM TO REPLACE GENERAL GALHARDO WHO IS SLATED TO REPLACE EITHER KRUEL OR CASTELLO BRANCO. ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT, KRUEL IS RESISTING GIVING UP COMMAND OF SECOND ARMY BUT SEEMS TO BE YIELDING A LITTLE GROUND IN THAT HE HAS BEEN NEGOTIATING WITH FIRST ARMY COMMANDER ANCORA.

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GOULART: STATEMENT HAS BEEN ISSUED SAYING HE HAS ORDERED JAIR TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTION SUPPRESS REBELLION AND THAT FIRST ARMY UNITS HAVE BEEN SENT TO MINAS. GORDON  
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