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ACTION DEPARTMENT 625; INFORMATION PRIORITY BRASILIA 71, POLAD
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REFERENCE: DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM 417

1. DETAILED REPORT ON BRASILIA EVENTS THEMSELVES (BRASILIA'S
A-17) BEING SENT DEPARTMENT IN POUCH LEAVING HERE SEPTEMBER 21.

2. WE WOULD PREFER AVOID GOING BEYOND TENTATIVE CONCLUSIONS
ADVANCED IN EMBASSY TELEGRAM 588 RE LIKELIHOOD BRASILIA REVOLT
WAS ABORTIVE EXECUTION PART OF LARGER PLAN UNTIL WE HAVE FULLER
IDEA OF INFORMATION BEING DEVELOPED IN ARMED FORCES INQUIRY.
INDICATIONS, HOWEVER, WHICH LED US TO THESE CONCLUSIONS ARE AS
FOLLOWS.

3. THERE CLEARLY HAD BEEN AT LEAST SOME PRIOR PLANNING IN
BRASILIA BY REBELS. FOR EXAMPLE, NUMBER OF OFFICERS WERE
MADE PRISONERS THROUGH PICK-UP AT HOMES. MOLOTOV COCKTAILS
WERE FOUND READY-MADE.
TOLD EMBASSY OFFICERS IN BRASILIA SEPTEMBER 9 THAT HE HAD HEARD
FROM BRIZOLISTA CONTACTS THAT BRIZOLA AND GARCIA FILHO HAD BEEN
SEEKING TO ORGANIZE SERGEANTS THROUGHOUT BRAZIL TO SUPPORT
GARCIA FILHO SHOULD SUPREME COURT DECISION GO AGAINST HIM.
MENEZES SAID THAT BRIZOLA ARRIVED IN BRASILIA ON SEPTEMBER 6 AND
INITIATED WEEKEND OF ACTIVITY WITH GARCIA FILHO AND OTHER
LEFTIST LEADERS. ON SEPTEMBER 6
JAIR HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT BRIZOLA AND FORCES LINKED TO

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AND CONTROLLED BY HIM WERE PLANNING COUP DESIGNED TO UNSEAT GOULART.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT HEADLINED "ELIGIBILITY OF SERGEANTS" APPEARED SEPTEMBER 12 IN JORNAL DO BRASIL STATING THAT "CONVENTION FOR FINANCING CAMPAIGN FOR ELIGIBILITY OF SERGEANTS AND SOVEREIGNTY OF 'POPULAR VOTE' HAD POSTPONED ITS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 14 TO NOVEMBER 11 "BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTY IN RENDERING ACCOUNTS TO COLLABORATORS IN INTERIOR." THIS SUGGESTED TO OBSERVERS THAT EXECUTION OF SOME SORT OF PLAN WAS BEING POSTPONED.

5. SOME KIND OF NATION-WIDE EFFORT TO STIMULATE DISSENTION AMONG STATE MILITARY POLICE FORCES SEEM PROBABLY TO HAVE BEEN MADE AND INITIATION OF STRIKE BY MILITARY POLICE IN NATAL CLOSELY COINCIDED IN TIMING WITH BRASILIA REVOLT. RGS GOVERNOR ALUISIO ALVES WAS REPORTED ON SEPTEMBER 13 TO HAVE SAID THAT AIR FORCE AND MARINE SERGEANTS WERE SUPPORTING MILITARY POLICE DEMANDS. DEPARTMENT SHOULD NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT CONNECTION BETWEEN MILITARY POLICE SITUATION AND BRASILIA EVENTS HAS NOT YET BEEN ESTABLISHED AND THAT THEY MAY WELL HAVE NOT BEEN DIRECTLY CONNECTED.

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7. RIO NEWSPAPERS SEPTEMBER 20 QUOTE WAR MINISTER AS SAYING GOVERNMENT DOES NOT PROPOSE TO AMNESTY LEADERS OF BRASILIA REVOLT BECAUSE THIS WOULD TEND TO ENCOURAGE OTHER SUCH MOVEMENTS AND

BECAUSE GOVERNMENT

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BECAUSE GOVERNMENT IS IN POSSESSION OF DOCUMENTS PROVING REBELLION
HAD PURPOSE OF SUBVERTING REGIME AND USED ELIGIBILITY OF SERGEANTS
MERELY AS PRETEXT.

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