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Re Brazil
/The state of continuing political crises which arose after the resignation of the Neves cabinet in June only temporarily abated with the acceptance of the Brochado da Rocha cabinet. It reached a new crescendo during the intensive working session of the Congress September 10-15. This session was to have implemented a compromise reached between the Goulart forces and the congressional leaders on August 17, under which limited constituent powers (to facilitate economic and social reforms) were to be voted the next congress along with an arrangement for the next congress to provide a plebiscite on the question of ~~return~~ returning to a full presidential system. However, Goulart once again mobilized his leftist nationalist supporters together with his newly appointed military ministers to pressure the Congress into greater concessions in an atmosphere rife with rumors of coups by ~~extremists~~ extremists on both sides. The proposal for ~~constituent~~ constituent powers for the next congress was a casualty as was the Brochado da Rocha cabinet which staked its existence on a demand for a plebiscite on October 7. The outcome was another compromise fixing January 6 as the date for the

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plebiscite, thus clearing away the main political obstacle to carrying out ~~the~~ October 7 congressional and state elections on schedule.

An assessment of the political situation following the resolution of the latest crisis is contained in Rio's 634 to the Department being repeated USRO. The composition of the caretaker cabinet created in Rio's 642 also being repeated USRO. END

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