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BRAZ NAV QUIET AND UNDER CONTROL AS INAUGURATION DAY OF NEGRAO DE LIMA, GOVERNOR-ELECT OF GUANABARA APPROACHES.

1. CONVERSATIONS WITH SEVERAL BRAZ NAV OFFICERS INCLUDING ONE ADMIRAL YESTERDAY INDICATED THAT THE OFFICERS OF THE NAVY WITH NO SIGNIFICANT EXCEPTIONS ARE LOYAL AND OBEDIENT TO NAVY MINISTER AND CONSEQUENTLY TO THE PRESIDENT.

2. CURRENT SITUATION OF UNTEST OF ARMY IN VILA MILITAR (SEE DAO MESSAGE C-187 NOV 65) IS FINDING SUPPORT AMONG ONLY A HANDFUL OF NAVAL OFFICERS (AT LEAST FOUR) NONE OF WHOM ARE OF FLAG RANK. ONE SOURCE STATED HAT THE MEETING WHICH CULMINATED IN COLONEL BOAVENTURA'S LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT THAT THE ATTENDANCE INCLUDED 30 ACTIVE DUTY ARMY OFFICERS, 4 ACTIVE DUTY NAVY AND 1 ACTIVE DUTY AIR FORCE. ONE OF THE FOUR NAVAL OFFICERS WAS CAPTAIN

JOSE DA SILVA SA EARP, BELIEVED TO BE MEMBER OF LIDER. NAVY MINISTER, OBVIOUSLY AWARE OF SA EARP'S ACTIVITIES, SUMMARILY REMOVED SA EARP FROM HIS COMMAND OF NAVY'S CENTER OF ARMANENT IN NITEROI. SA EARP STATED THAT THE NAVY MINISTER CONSIDERED HIM (SA EARP) TO BE DANGEROUS AND THAT HE WAS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING RETIREMENT.

4. RADM ALCANTARA, DIRECTOR OF NAVAL WAR COLLEGE STATED YESTERDAY THAT HE HAD SPOKEN TO NAVAL MINISTER CONCERNING CANCELLATION OF PLANNED INDUSTRIAL ORIENTATION TRIP LATER THIS WEEK OF NAV WAR COLLEGE STUDENTS TO SAO PAULO AND NAVAL MINISTER STATED THAT

THERE WAS NO REASON TO CANCEL THE TRIP.

5. ON OTHER HAND, NAVAL OFFICERS IN COMMAND POSITIONS ARE EXPECTING AN ALERT TO BE CALLED OVER THIS WEEKEND COMMENCING FRIDAY.

5. COMMENT: ALHUSNA FORMING NO ACTIVITY ON PART OF NAVAL OFFICERS AGAINST PRESIDENT'S OFFICE NOR ACTIVITY DIRECTED AT ATTACKING OR WEAKENING PRESIDENTIAL AUTHORITY. GP-3

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