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NAVY-AIR FORCE

1. Minas Gerais Sails into Guanabara Bay with Planes on Deck; Launches Planes Off Copacabana Beach.

On January 22 the aircraft carrier Minas Gerais, in its first such display, sailed into Guanabara Bay and past Santos Dumont Airport and the Air Ministry with five aircraft on the flight deck. Later the same day, while standing off Copacabana beach, the carrier launched four of the aircraft, further exacerbating the frayed sensitivities of the Brazilian Air Force. When the carrier returned to Rio on January 27, however, no aircraft were evident, the planes reportedly having been previously flown to the Naval Air Station of Sao Pedro d'Aldeia. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: A reliable Navy source stated that the Minas Gerais sent off its planes before returning to Rio on January 27 on orders of the Navy Minister, who was responding to a request by the Air Minister. The latter held that further aggravation within the Air Force would accomplish nothing, and forecast a peaceful solution to the embarked aviation problem.

Although this display by the Brazilian Navy promoted increased tension within the BAF, no apparent crisis developed (EmbTel 1535). The issue remains unsettled. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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