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LEITAO STATEMENTS PRIOR TO TRANSFER

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(Summary) Rio de Janeiro--Ambassador Vasco Leitao da Cunha on 9 December will transfer the post of foreign minister to Antonio Castelo Branco, to be acting minister. The Brazilian Senate on 8 December approved the appointment of Vasco Leitao da Cunha as Brazilian Ambassador to Washington.

Speaking to newsmen on 8 December, Ambassador Leitao da Cunha said that "communist infiltration in Brazil has ended with the revolution, but we must help fight it in Latin America." Regarding the recent meeting of the Organization of American States, he said that "with the passage of time the measures adopted there will have favorable repercussions," adding that the meeting was called to reorganize the OAS, not to solve bilateral problems, and that economic problems of the Americas were discussed there.

The statements of Senator Robert Kennedy regarding the Brazilian domestic policies were considered by Ambassador Vasco Leitao da Cunha as the "personal opinion of a private citizen visiting Brazil." He added that the domestic affairs of Brazil are of interest only to Brazilians. He went on to say that the government policies "are benefitting the nation because of the increase of large foreign investments."

OPPOSITION PARTY FORMATION MEETS DIFFICULTIES

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(Summary) Brasilia--An impasse is threatening the organization of the new opposition party, the Brazilian Democratic Movement (MDB), because some of the Senators are opposed to the proposed formula for the organization of its leadership.

On the other hand, the list of Senators who will join the government party, the National Renovation Alliance (ARN), already has 35 signatures.

Politicians who are trying to form the MDB have admitted that it will be difficult for them to secure the needed number of members of the Congress to form the opposition party. According to well informed sources, the government plans to call a press conference with foreign correspondents and to officially announce that a revision of Complementary Act No. 4 will be made to insure the possibility of the formation of an opposition party.

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BONAVENTURA CAVALCANTI RELEASED--Col. Bonaventura Cavalcanti, who has been under disciplinary arrests, was released 8 December. A spokesman for the War Ministry said that Colonel Bonaventura will be transferred to the general headquarters of the Cavalry Corps, located in Mato Grosso. (Goiania Radio Brasil Central Portuguese 2230 GMT 8 December 1965--E)

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CASTELO MENTIONS PERSONS SUITABLE FOR HIS POST

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✓ (Text) Rio de Janeiro--According to news published today by the Brazilian daily JORNAL DO BRASIL, Marshal Castelo Branco, in talks with persons close to him politically, talked about the conduct the government must adopt to strengthen the political mechanism and guarantee the election of his successor. He mentioned eight persons whom he considers suitable for the post.

The persons mentioned by Castelo Branco are Senators Daniel Krieger and Joao Agripino, Deputy Bilac Pinto, Generals Arturo da Costa e Silva and Jurandir de Bizarria Mamede, former Governor Ney Braga, Justice Minister Juracy Magalhaes, and Marshal Cordeiro de Farias.

Senator Daniel Krieger is leader of the Senate's official group; Joao Agripino is the new governor of Paraiba state, one of the few states where the official candidate won the elections; former Governor Ney Braga is considered by President Castelo Branco to be one of the worthiest representatives of the new political generation; and Justice Minister Juracy Magalhaes is a true statesman of unequal ability and capacity.

In regard to the military candidates, Castelo Branco would consider Gen. Arturo da Costa e Silva's loyalty to the government during difficult times; and, in General Jurandir Bizarria Mamede, his high intellectual qualities and the capacity to carry out a pacification policy on all national levels.

Congressional circles are insistently talking of a request to have Congress meet in January for advancing the election of a new chief of state.

ADMIRAL PLAYS DOWN ANTI-NEGRO PLOT CHARGES

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(Text) Rio de Janeiro--In statements to the press, Admiral Arnaldo Toscano, chief of staff of the navy, has denied that the military police investigation into the possibility of a conspiracy has found anything positive. "If this were so," he added "prisons would be full, which is not the case."

When asked to make statements regarding the existence of a conspiracy against Mr. Negrao de Lima and against the President of the republic, the admiral revealed that the incident began "through a joking conversation" between Commanders Jose Otavio da Mota Veiga and Murilo Habenna. He explained that Commander Mota invited Commander Habenna to participate in a movement. This was done in a joking tone, but was not taken this way by Habenna, who took the matter to Admiral Toscano.

ACCORD WITH PARAGUAY ON SUBVERSION CITED

Lima AFP in Spanish 1640 GMT 8 December 1965--P (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

(Summary) Sao Paulo--"The governments of Paraguay and Brazil have entered into an accord to combat international subversion that may threaten their institutions, it was announced today by the Conservative daily O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO. The

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