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HAD NOTED NONE. TWO YOUNGER MAJORS WITH WHOM I TALKED EARLIER IN DAY EXPRESSED BELIEF ARMY GENERALS TOO OLD AND OUT OF TOUCH, BUT FELT CASTELLO SHOULD SERVE OUT TERM OR PRESIDENCY WOULD BE OPEN FOR "GRABS" BY ANY AMBITIOUS OFFICER. THESE YOUNGER OFFICERS ALSO APPEARED CONCERNED AT PRIMARY IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING ARMY'S UNITY EVEN IF THIS MEANT CONCESSIONS TO OLD GENERALS. SEVERAL NAMES ARE MENTIONED BY VARIOUS SOURCES AS CHIEF LEADERS OF YOUNGER HARD LINE LEADERS. AMONG THEM ARE BRIG GENERALS JOAO DUTRA DE CASTILHOS, CG AIRBORNE NUCLEUS, AND AFFONSO DE ALBUQUERQUE LIMA, C/S FIRST ARMY. COLONELS FRANCISCO BOAVENTURA CAVALCANTI-

HELIO LEMOS, AMERINDO RAPOSO, MOST OF THESE NAMES ARE SPECULATION AND WILL BEAR WATCHING. GP-4

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C O N F I D E N T I A L C-163 NOV 65. FROM GEN WALTERS.
FOR DIAAQ. ON EVENING 4 NOV I TALKED BRIEFLY WITH CG OF ARMY
GEN STAFF SCHOOL, BRIG GEN JOAO BINA MACHADO, AND ARMED FORCES
CHIEF OF STAFF ADM MARTINI. BOTH WERE QUITE LUKEWARM ABOUT
ISSUANCE OF SECOND INSTITUTIONAL ACT. BOTH COMMENTED PRES CASTELLO
HAD SIGNED IT WITH REGRET. BOTH FELT IN PRESENT SITUATION THERE
WAS NOT MUCH CHOICE IF INDISPENSABLE UNITY OF ARMED FORCES WAS TO
BE MAINTAINED. BOTH FELT CONTINUANCE OF PRES CASTELLO AT HELM MORE
NECESSARY NOW THAN BEFORE ACT AS SUCH POWERS WERE SAFE ONLY IN
HANDS OF MAN LIKE HIM. MARTINI SAID PRESIDENT DETERMINED TO CALL
IMMEDIATE ELECTIONS FOR HIS SUCCESSOR AND HAD BEEN DISSUADED ONLY
BY INSISTENCE OF LEADERS OF ALL ARMED FORCES THAT THIS WOULD BE
MISTAKE NOW AND WHAT COUNTRY NEEDED WAS PERIOD OF CALM AND TRAN-
QUILLITY. BOTH REAFFIRMED FAITH IN CASTELLO'S LEADERSHIP AND DID
NOT MENTION POSSIBLE SUCCESSORS. GEN BINA MACHADO SAID THAT AS
CG OF ARMY GEN STAFF SCHOOL HE HAD HEARD MUCH POLITICAL DISCUSSION
BY YOUNGER OFFICERS BUT DID NOT BELIEVE THERE WAS ANY SORT OF
ORGANIZED ACTION BY THEM, MOST OF RECENT VOCAL EXPRESSIONS OF
FEELINGS BY YOUNGER OFFICERS HAD BEEN SPONTANEOUS AND DID NOT BEAR
EARMARKS OF ORGANIZATION. HE SAID AT GEN STAFF SCHOOL HE WAS IN
PARTICULARLY GOOD POSITION TO WATCH FOR ANY SUCH DEVELOPMENT AND

ACT.....DIA-15

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