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15. SUMMARY: (C) National Intelligence Service Chief, General João Baptista de Oliveira FIGUEIREDO is quietly, but actively campaigning for the Presidency. His chief proponents are José COSTA CAVALCANTE and General Octavio Aguiar de MEDEIROS.

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1. (C) National Intelligence Service Chief, General João Baptista de Oliveira FIGUEIREDO is quietly, but actively on the presidential campaign trail. His principal civilian proponent, José COSTA CAVALCANTE, who currently heads the Itaipu hydroelectric project, has been given the green light to make probes to determine the degree of support for FIGUEIREDO in his presidential bid. Classmate COSTA CAVALCANTE is the principal organizer for the campaign, and would likely be named Chief of the Civilian Household should FIGUEIREDO get the nomination.

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