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DISSENTING COLONEL RELEASED FROM CUSTODY

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[Excerpt] Rio de Janeiro--Col Ruy Castro, who wrote to three members of the army high command suggesting that the military return to quarters, was released yesterday at 0900 after completing his 15-day sentence at the 30th Coastal Artillery Group, in the Barreto district of Niteroi. On arriving at his apartment accompanied by his son, who went to pick him up, Colonel Castro said, slowly and with a relaxed expression, that he was not sorry for what he had done because he believes that "he has rendered a great service to the nation and to the Brazilian people."

Commenting on the punishment he suffered under the army's disciplinary rules, Colonel Castro stated that "as a soldier, I must obey my superiors and I cannot question military orders, but as a citizen I feel I have the right and obligation to question the political leadership." Castro said that the letter he sent to his comrades was above all "an act of honesty and of love for the army and for the nation; an act of loyalty to the people, who, for me, represent the fatherland."

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"possibly reflecting the thinking of a group within ARENA itself which opposes dialog." He said that the MDB can only believe in dialog if there are facts which can substantiate it, such as the draft of a democratic constitution. If this draft were released before 13 September, the MDB could discuss it in its convention; otherwise, it will have to call another convention to discuss this draft.

#### 1-YEAR STOCKPILE OF NUCLEAR ORES ESTABLISHED

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[Text] A decree signed today establishes a reserve of nuclear minerals, their concentrates and chemical components, and nuclear elements, and it provides for the stockpiling of (?highly fissionable) material. These minerals will primarily be obtained from the deposits of Pocos de Caldas, Sigueira, (Amerinopolis) and any other deposits that may be discovered in other regions of the nation.

The decree states that the stocks necessary for the national nuclear program will be determined annually, and that they cannot be less than the demand for (?highly fissionable) material for the following year, plus a 10-percent security margin to cover possible losses in the conversion process.