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Luis Alberio Bahia Denial

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(Summary) Rio de Janeiro--A high Guanabara State government official, Luis Alberto Bahia, has revealed the contents of an official communication which answers accusations made against him by Col. Ferdinando de Carvalho, who is in charge of the police and military investigation into Communist Party activities.

The note describes De Carvalho as a "slanderer serving under the frustrated Lacerdista faction." It continues: "Not one single word of what he said is true. I have never been a member of the Communist Party, nor have I participated in communist activities."

Bahia, a former journalist, concludes that the opposition CORREIO DA MANHA never followed a leftist line, either before or after he joined the editorial staff. The administrative secretary of Guanabara State, Alvaro Americano, who is also involved in the charges, said that "only an infamous person is capable of such slander."

57 ARMY COLONELS ARE PROMOTED TO GENERAL

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(Text) Rio de Janeiro--A total of 57 Brazilian army colonels have been promoted to the rank of general and transferred to the reserve by President Humberto Castelo Branco.

Generals Decio Palmeiro and Valdemir Levi Cardos were promoted to the rank of marshal and also transferred to the reserve. The two promotions increase the number of Brazilian marshals to 96.

Finally, 217 officers, ranging from lieutenant to commander, were promoted to the next highest rank and transferred to the reserve.

These officers availed themselves of the old military retirement law which called for an automatic promotion when transferred to the reserve. The law was rescinded and replaced by a new law yesterday.

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UAR EMBASSY INVESTIGATION--Brazilian Acting Foreign Minister Manuel Pio Correia has said the ministry will investigate reports that the UAR embassy in that city has formed a "Committee for the Boycotting of Israel." He said the ministry would never permit official organizations or their representatives to conduct political activities in Brazil detrimental to other nations. (Buenos Aires ANSA Spanish 2346 GMT 15 October 1966--P) (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

APPOINTMENT CANCELLATION--All appointments made by former Gov. Adhemar de Barros to the Sao Paulo State services--2,800 in all--will be cancelled by Gov. Laudo Nadel. (Manaus Radio Rio Mar Portuguese 1555 GMT 14 October 1966--C)

STUDENT STRIKE END--On 14 October, Brazilian Law and Philosophy School students at Rio de Janeiro's Federal University ended their strikes protesting the sanctions against fellow students who took part in the September incidents. (Lima AFP Spanish 0624 GMT 14 October 1966--P) (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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