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1. BRAZIL
2. (C) GEN BANDEIRA PREDICTS KNOCKOUT OF GUERRILLA BAND
3. N/A
4. 30 AUG 73
5. BRASILIA, 30 AUG 73
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7. BG ANTONIO BANDEIRA, CHIEF OF THE FEDERAL POLICE DEPT
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9. 31 AUG 73
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13. ARTHUR S. MOURA, BG, USA, DATT
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15. 1. (C) DESPITE HIS INDIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN COUNTER-INSURGENCY MATTERS, GEN ANTONIO BANDEIRA STILL MAINTAINS CLOSE TIES WITH HIS BELOVED 3RD MOTORIZED INFANTRY BRIGADE WHICH IS CHARGED WITH CARRYING OUT ACTION AGAINST THE INSURGENT BAND ROAMING IN THE "BICO DE PAPAGAIO" AREA

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(JUNCTION OF THE NORTHERN TIP OF THE STATE OF GOIAS WITH THE STATES OF PARA AND MARANHAO.) DURING A CONVERSATION ON 30 AUGUST, BANDEIRA SAID THAT THE ARMY INTELLIGENCE CENTER IS MANAGING OPERATIONS IN THE AREA, WITH LTC CARLOS SERGIO TORRES OF THE CENTER'S BRASILIA HEADQUARTERS AS OVERALL COORDINATOR. ACCORDING TO BANDEIRA, THE 3RD BRIGADE HAS HAD ABOUT FORTY OF ITS TOUGHEST NCO'S AND SUB-LIEUTENANTS INFILTRATED INTO THE DIFFICULT JUNGLE TERRAIN OVER THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS. HE SAID THAT THESE MILITARY MEN (WHOM HE CALLS "BIRD DOGS"--PERDIGUEIROS--), ARE ORIGINALLY FROM THE AMAZON REGION AND BLEND WELL INTO THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT. THEY ARE DRESSED IN THE SIMPLE ATTIRE OF THE INHABITANTS AND PLAY THE ROLES OF WOODSMEN.

2. (C) IT IS BANDEIRA'S JUDGEMENT THAT THERE ARE ABOUT 50 GUERRILLAS INVOLVED. HE SAID THAT THE 3RD BRIGADE MEN HAVE PINPOINTED ALL OF THEM AND THAT THE SITUATION IS NOW RIPE FOR A STRIKE. HE ESTIMATES THAT ACTION WILL TAKE PLACE SOMETIME FROM MID-SEPTEMBER ON AND THAT IT WILL BE QUICK, EFFICIENT, AND UNPUBLICIZED. BANDEIRA FEELS THAT THE AMAZON MILITARY COMMAND IN MANAUS AND THE 8TH MILITARY REGION IN BELEM MAY PROVIDE SOME LIMITED SUPPORT IN WEAPONS, EQUIPMENT, AND PERSONNEL, BUT THAT THE ULTIMATE DECISIVE CONTACT WILL BE EXECUTED BY 3RD BRIGADE PERSONNEL. IN HIS OPINION, THE GUERRILLAS DO NOT POSSESS MILITARY TYPE WEAPONS AND THEY HAVE NO SUBSTANTIAL LOGISTICS BASE OR CAPABILITY FOR SUPPORT FROM MORE DISTANT POINTS IN MARANHAO STATE. HE SAID THAT A RECENT RAID IN THE RECIFE AREA HAD ELIMINATED AT LEAST TWO IMPORTANT TERRORISTS WHO MIGHT POSSIBLY HAVE A CONNECTION WITH THE GUERRILLAS. ONE OF THE TERRORISTS, HE SAID, WAS A NAMESAKE OF MINE (MOURA) WHO WAS THE LAST OF THREE INDIVIDUALS SOUGHT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE GUARARAPES (RECIFE) AIRPORT BOMB EXPLOSION AIMED AT THE LATE PRESIDENT COSTA E SILVA.

COMMENT : (C) BANDEIRA WAS SUPREMELY CONFIDENT AND BELIEVES THAT THE LOCAL POPULACE WILL JUMP ON THE BANDWAGON OF SECURITY FORCES AS SOON AS THEY SEE THAT THE CASUE OF THE GUERRILLAS IS HELPLESS. HE IS CONVINCED THAT THE BACKWARDNESS OF THE PEOPLE IS SUCH THAT THEY SHIFT THEIR LOYALTIES RAPIDLY DEPENDING ON THEIR ASSESSMENT OF THE ADVANTAGE THEY CAN GAIN. IN SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS WITH LTC TORRES (WHO WAS IN MANAUS LAST WEEK TO FINALIZE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE OFFENSIVE), HE HAS REFLECTED THE SAME OPTIMISM DISPLAYED BY BANDEIRA.

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THIS MATTER AND WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO MINIMIZE THE
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