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The Minister of War, Gen. LOTT, in answering question put to him by Deputy Armando FALCAO (PSD-Ceara) as to the reaction to candidacy of PTB Chairman Joao Goulart in military circles, replied that it was well known that many Army officers mistrusted GOULART when he was Minister of Labor, and that this had had much to do with his resignation. Gen. LOTT said that this point of view probably still existed within Army, and that candidacy of GOULART would make it more difficult for him to carry out his mission as Minister of War, namely, to keep Army out of politics and within limits of Constitution. In press release April 19 Gen. LOTT explained his statement and went on to attack journalists who "distort remarks of public officials". (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Although Gen. LOTT criticized press distortion of facts, it is felt that much of his criticism was aimed at deliberate distortion exercised in article of Manchete magazine recently regarding his military and political position. It cannot be denied that Gen. LOTT did state, in effect, that candidacy of Joao GOULART for Vice Presidency would make it more difficult for him to control Army. (CONFIDENTIAL)

According to press reports, Brig. Gen. Amaury KRUEL, Cg, 1st Cavalry Division, appeared at PTB Convention in Sao Berja, where he informed Joao GOULART that Colonels' Manifeste of 1954 was not directed at GOULART personally, but was concerned with Army internal matters, and that he urged GOULART to maintain his candidacy, claiming to speak in name of officers of Rio Grande de Sul. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Reference Joint WEEKA No. 13, 1 April 1955, Gen. KRUEL's actions appear to be linked with those of Gen. PIMENTEL, CG, 2d Cavalry Division, who was also defending Joao GOULART. It is felt that neither Gen. KRUEL nor Gen. PIMENTEL expresses true opinion of officers of Rio Grande de Sul, since organizations they command represent only a fraction of troops in that State. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Maj. Gen. Arthur HESKET-HALL assigned as CG, 7th Military Region; Maj. Gen. Fernando de Saboia Bandeira de MELLO assigned as CG, 6th Infantry Division; Maj. Gen. Eudere Barcelles de MORAIS relieved as Commander, 5th Infantry Division, and assigned as Director General of Remount; Brig. Gen. Pery Constant (BEVILAQUA) assigned as CG, Division Artillery, 4th Infantry Division. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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