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PEOPLE OF IMPORTANCE ENTERTAIN THE ILLUSION THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL RETURN, HE SAID THAT LYRA TAVARES IS ANXIOUS TO HAVE THE PRESIDENT RETURN BECAUSE THAT WOULD ENHANCE LYRA'S LONG-TERM POLITICAL PLANS; GEN PORTELLA IS ANXIOUS BECAUSE HE KNOWS THAT HE IS OUT OF A JOB OTHERWISE; TRANSPORTATION MINISTER ANDREAZZA WANTS COSTA E SILVA BACK BECAUSE HE REPRESENTS HIS ONLY CHANCE FOR SURVIVAL; HEALTH MINISTER MIRANDA WANTS TO SEE THE PRESIDENT REVERT BECAUSE HE FACES DISMISSAL AND POSSIBLE INVESTIGATION FOR CORRUPTION UNDER ANYONE ELSE; THE MINISTERS OF THE NAVY AND AIR FORCE PRESUMABLY ARE EQUALLY CERTAIN OF LOSS OF POWER UNDER ANYONE ELSE.

3. (C/NF) FALCAO SAID THAT HE HAD SPENT AN HOUR WITH GEN AFFONSO YESTERDAY AND THAT HE FOUND HIM DEEPLY RESENTFUL BECAUSE LYRA TAVARES HAD NOT CONSULTED HIM ON THE TRIUMVIRAGE CONCEPT, AFFONSO CONTENDS THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT SHOULD HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO TAKE OFFICE, DURING THEIR CONVERSATION, FALCAO TOLD AFFONSO THAT HE SHOULD NOT PERMIT HIS PERSONAL AMBITIONS TO THREATEN MILITARY UNITY AND THAT HE SHOULD ESTABLISH CLOSE LIAISON WITH ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF GEN MURICY, AFFONSO IS SAID TO HAVE REPLIED THAT HE WAS ANXIOUS FOR AN UNDERSTANDING WITH MURICY, AND THAT HE WOULD NEVER ALLOW ANY ACTION OF HIS TO JEOPARDIZE MILITARY UNITY, AFFONSO PRESUMABLY SAID THAT HE MIGHT, AT SOME FUTURE DATE BECOME PRESIDENT OF BRAZIL, BUT THAT HE WAS NOT NOW PUSHING FOR THAT OFFICE.

4. (C/NF) IN DISCUSSING THE UNACCEPTABILITY OF VICE PRESIDENT PEDRO ALEIXO DURING LAST WEEKEND'S TURBULENCE, FALCAO INTRODUCED SOME NEW ELEMENTS INTO THE RATIONALE OF THOSE (PRESUMABLY INCLUDING HIMSELF) WHO OPPOSED THE VICE PRESIDENT. HE SAID THAT PEDRO ALEIXO HAD EARNED MILITARY WRATH BY URGING CONGRESSMEN TO VOTE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT IN THE MARCIO MOREIRA ALVES CASE THAT TRIGGERED INSTITUTIONAL ACT NO. 5. MOREOVER, PEDRO ALEIXO'S RECORD DURING NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL SESSIONS TO CONSIDER CASSATION LISTS, ALLEGEDLY REVEALED A CONSISTENT TENDENCY TO SUPPORT CASSATIONS ON THE BASIS OF CORRUPTION, BUT TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST THOSE PROPOSED ON THE BASIS OF SUBVERSION. THE VICE PRESIDENT ALSO IS ACCUSED OF EXPOUNDING THAT THE INSTITUTIONAL ACTS BECAME TOTALLY VOID WITH THE PROMULGATION OF THE 1967 CONSTITUTION. FINALLY, IN HIS RECENT ROLE AS MANAGER OF THE NEW CONSTITUTION, HE HAD SOUGHT TO INTRODUCE SUCH "ANTI-

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C O N F I D E N T I A L /NOFORN 899 FM ARMA SEPT 69 SECTION 1 OF 2
1. (C/NF) DURING VISIT TO MY OFFICE TODAY, CONGRESSMAN
AND FORMER JUSTICE MINISTER (KUBITSCHEK ADMINISTRATION)
ARMANDO FALCAO ANALYZED CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION,
FALCAO IS WIRED IN TO MANY IMPORTANT MILITARY FIGURES
(MURICY, AFFONSO, MEIRA MATTOS) AND ENJOYS FREE-WHEELING
TRANSIT IN POLITICAL CIRCLES. HIS FREQUENT REPORTING HAS
BEEN ACCURATE AND HIS ALMOST DAILY SESSIONS
WITH MILITARY MEN (HE WAS OBSERVED IN GEN MURICY'S
OFFICE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON) RENDER HIM IN EXTREMELY
RELIABLE GAUGE OF THE POLITICAL ANXIETIES OF MEN IN
UNIFORM.
2. (C/NF) ACCORDING TO FALCAO, A CHANGE IN THE CURRENT
TRIUMVERATE ARRANGEMENT IS NEVITABLE. HE PREDICTS THAT
IT WILL OCCUR SHORTLY AFTER 7 SEPTEMBER. A VIEW UTTERED
TO ME YESTERDAY BY ADM MURILLO, PRESIDENT OF THE JOINT
BRAZIL-US MILITARY COMMISSION. FALCAO IS CONVINCED THAT
COSTA E SILVA IS IN NO CONDITION TO EVER AGAIN BE
PRESIDENT. MOREOVER, FALCAO IS USING HIS BACKGROUND AS
AN ATTORNEY TO POINT OUT TO MILITARY MEN THAT ANY LEGAL
ACTION TO WHICH COSTA E SILVA NOW BECAME A PARTY WOULD
BE INVALIDATED ON THE BASIS OF PHYSICAL INCOMPETENCE.
FALCAO IS CONFIDENT THAT COSTA E SILVA'S SENSE OF PRO-
FOUND CONCERN FOR THE NATIONAL WELFARE WILL LEAD HIM TO
RESIGN AS SOON AS SOMEONE HAS THE COURAGE TO POINT OUT
TO HIM THE MEDICAL FACTS OF LIFE. SOURCE SAID THAT FEW

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