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FOR AFCIN, ACSI AND DNI.

ARMA saw War Minister Costa E Silva last night with Ambassador. Costa E Silva took tough line on punishment of Communists and friends and said it might be necessary to resort to "state of exception" for short repeat short period in order to expatriate Communists and friends. He indicated neither niceties of law nor foreign opinion would prevent necessary action. Brazilian Army won great victory not for self alone but for freedom everywhere and was going to make sure fruits of victory were not snatched away. During talk General Amaury Kruel called to protest Costa E Silva's support for Castello Branco's candidacy. Costa E Silva said Army neither for nor to candidacy and finally mollified Kruel. (Comment: Costa E Silva is really for Castello candidacy.) Costa E Silva said guilty officers would be sentenced to more than two years thus permitting their expulsion from army. Four Generals were currently under arrest. They were Generals Assis Brasil, Cunha Mello, Zerbini, and Chrsanto De Figueiredo. ARMA saw General Castello Branco today on instructions from Ambassador to stress our concern that maximum parliamentary and constitutional coverage be achieved in purge and consideration given to removal of censorship on US press. Castello Branco promised to take note. Said he felt question of unseating Communist Deputies would be settled this evening and added cryptically that his candidacy for presidency not definite yet. Some elements of PSD and PTB including Kubitschek working hard to get General Kruel elected using his known dislike for Castello Branco and alleged constitutional impediment to Castello Branco's election. Castello candidacy however seems to be gaining strength in civilian circles. All Army Officers on Goulart Military Cabinet relieved as were all Officers of Jair's cabinet. Communist Colonel Kardec Leme under arrest and being held incommunicado. So is Airborne Col Abelardo Mafra who was involved in attempt on Gov Lacerda.

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