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(C) LT COL ALCIO COSTA E SILVA, SON OF WAR MINISTER, TOLD ARMA LYNCH, ON 17 APR 66, THAT HIS FATHER WAS QUITE TIRED AS A RESULT OF HIS BUSY SCHEDULE IN SEEKING POLITICAL SUPPORT. HE SAID THAT HIS FATHER STILL CONVINCED THAT PRES CASTELLO BRANCO WAS TREATING HIM FAIRLY AND WAS NOT WORKING AGAINST HIS CANDIDACY. COL. ALCIO FEELS OTHERWISE. HE SAID THAT PRES HAD BEEN SURPRISED BY THE MINISTERS ABILITY TO WIN POLITICAL SUPPORT, HE (THE PRESIDENT) HAD ANTICIPATED COSTA E SILVA WOULD HAVE STRONG MILITARY BACKING BUT NEVER DREAMED THAT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO WIN OVER THE POLITICIANS. COL ALCIO BELIEVES THAT PRES MAY STILL ATTEMPT TO STOP

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MINISTER IN SOME WAY.

COMMENT (C): COL ALCIO HAS FINALLY JOINED HIS MOTHER IN HER
DISTRUST OF THE PRESIDENT. IT NOW APPEARS THAT THE ONLY PERSON
IN THE COSTA E SILVA CAMP WHO TRUSTS CASTELLO BRANNO IS THE
MINISTER HIMSELF.

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