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~~C O N F I D E N T I A L~~ 1015, FM ARMA, OCT 69.  
1. (C) ALUSNA AND I HAD PRIVATE LUNCH TODAY AT OFFICE OF VICE ADM HILTON BERUTTI, DIRECTOR OF PORTS AND COASTS OF THE NAVY. ADM BERUTTI WAS A FEW MINUTES LATE IN ARRIVING AND SAID THAT HE AD BEEN TO NAVY MINISTRY TO LEARN COMPOSITION OF NAVY SUBMISSION TO MILITARY HIGH COMMAND ON MATTER OF PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCES. ADM BERUTTI WAS DISTRESSED BECAUSE THE 3-NAME LIST WAS SENT ON THE BASIS OF RANK RATHER THAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NUMBER OF VOTES RECEIVED. HE CLAIMS THAT 75PERCENT OF ADMIRALS VOTED FOR MAJ GEN AFFONSO DE ALBUQUERQUE LIMA; 10PERCENT VOTED FOR NAVY MINISTER RADEMAKER, AND THE REMAINING 15PERCENT VOTED FOR GEN EMILIO GARRASTAZU MEDICI AND SEVERAL OTHER ARMY GENERALS. DESPITE THAT, HE SAID THAT THE LIST WAS HEADED BY RADEMAKER'S NAME WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY THAT OF MEDICI AND AFFONSO AT THE END. HE ALSO SAID THAT RADEMAKER INITIALLY DID NOT WISH A FORMAL VOTE BUT THAT EACH ADMIRAL HAD INSISTZQZ  
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RADEMAKER DID NOT DESIRE TO REVEAL THE RESULTS BUT, ONCE AGAIN, HIS HAND HAD BEEN FORCED.  
2. (C) ADM BERUTTI ATTRIBUTES RADEMAKER'S *Manipulation* MANIPULATION OF THE VOTE TO THE FACT THAT THE INISTER IS DOING EVERYTHING TO STAY IN OFFICE. MOREOVER, BERUTTI SENSES THAT RADEMAKER'S CLOSE ASSISTANTS ARE EXTREMELY HAPPY-9A

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RECENT SUPERINTENDENT OF SUDENE AND NOW TH ARMY'S CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER, WAS ADVANCED AS A GOOD REPLACEMENT FOR TRANSPORTATION MINISTER ANDREAZZA, AND MAJ GEN RODRIGO OCTAVIO JORDAO RAMOS, COMMANDER OF THE AMAZON MILITARY COMMAND, WAS DISCUSSED AS A LIKELY ARMY MINISTER.

4. (C) THE IRREPRESSIBLE ADM BERUTTI TOOK SOME HEALTHY SWIPES AT A GOOD MANY OTHER AGENCIES AND INDIVIDUALS DURING THE CONVERSATION. HE REFERRED TO MARINE CORPS COMMANDANT ADM HEITOR AS A FENCE-STRADDLER WHOSE HOPES FOR SURVIVAL WERE FADING RAPIDLY. HE ALSO MADE UNFLATTERING REFERENCES TO PRESIDENT COSTA E SILVA'S MENTAL POWERS EVEN BEFORE HIS ILLNESS, AND HE DEPLORED WHAT HE CALLED THE AIR FORCE'S NEGLIGENCE AND LACK OF INTEREST IN BRAZIL'S PRESENT POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES.

COMMENT: (C) ADM BERUTTI IS AN INTELLIGENT AND FORCEFUL OFFICER WHO MAKES NO EFFORT TO CONCEAL HIS EXTRAORDINARY ADMIRATION FOR THE UNITED STATES. #923:34, HE IS SO INTENSELY INVOLVED IN PROMOTING HIS VIEWS AND HIS AMBITIONS THAT HE TENDS TO EXAGGERATE BOTH HIS HOPES AND HIS FRUSTRATIONS. HE OBVIOUSLY HAD HIS SIGHTS SET ON BECOMING NAVY MINISTER UNDER AFFONSO ALBUQUERQUE LIMA AND CANNOT RECONCILE HIMSELF TO ANY OTHER SOLUTION. THUS, HIS FRANTIC EFFORTS TO PROPAGANDIZE AFFONSO INTO THE VICE-PRESIDENCY, AND HIS CAVALIER ELIMINATION FROM CONTENTION FOR THE NAVY MINISTRY OF ALMOST ANY OTHER ADMIRAL SENIOR TO HIM, GP-3

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SIGN THAT THEY ARE CONFIDENT OF JOB TENURE. IN BERUTTI'S VIEW, IT WOULD BE DISASTROUS FOR PRESIDENT MEDICI TO RETAIN ADM RADEMAKER AS NAVY MINISTER. HE CONTENDS THAT RADEMAKER HAS LOST HIS AUTHORITY AND THAT THMOST RECENT ADMIRALTY MEETING RESULTED IN WHAT AMOUNTED TO A NO-CONFIDENCE VOTE BY 29 OF THE ADMIRALS PRESENT (AN ADDITIONAL FOUR REPORTEDLY HAVE NO-CONFIDENCE VOTES IN WRITING AFTER THE MEETING). IN EVALUATING LIKELY SUCCESSORS TO RADEMAKER, BERUTTI FEELS THAT THE NEW PRESIDENT MUST BY-PASS ALL OF THE 4-STAR ADMIRALS AND PICK A VICE ADMIRAL. HE WROTE OFF ALL OF THE 4-STAR IN RATHER CASUAL FASHION ("MURILLO HAS NEVER BEEN AT HOME IN THE NAVY AND HAS HAD MOST OF HIS ASSIGNMENTS IN NON-NAVY BILLETS; CNO ADALBERTO IS WORN DOWN BY THE PRESENT SITUATION; LOBO LACKS SUBSTANCE; THE OTHER THREE ARE DOOMED BECAUSE OF IDENTIFICATION WITH THE SO-CALLED DIONNE GROUP").

3. (C) IT IS OBVIOUS THAT ADM BERUTTI DOES NOT HAVE A HIGH REGARD FOR GEN MEDICI. HE REFERRED TO HIM AS "AN UNKNOWN WHO HAS SPENT MOST OF HIS CAREER IN RIO GRANDE SO SUL". HE ALSO SAID THAT MEDICI IS NOT TOO BRIGHT, HE IS OLD, AND HE CANNOT RESIST THE PRESSURES OF THE TASK HE FACES. ADM BERUTTI SAID THAT HE DID NOT THINK MEDICI WOULD LAST VERY LONG. ON THAT BASIS, BERUTTI WOULD LIKE TO SEE HIS FAVORITE, GEN. AFFONSO, SELECTED AS THE VICE-PRESIDENT. IF HE WERE MEDICI, HE SAID, HE WOULD MARCH OVER TO AFFONSO'S APARTMENT, ACCOMPANIED BY A LARGE PRESS ENTOURAGE, AND A NOUNCE THAT AFFONSO WAS HIS CHOICE FOR THE VICE-PRESIDENCY. IT DID NOT SOUND AS IF ADM BERUTTI EXPECTS THAT TO HAPPEN, EVEN THOUGH HE SAID HE HAD PARTICIPATED IN A MEETING AT AFFONSO'S APARTMENT ON 1 OCTOBER FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THAT POSSIBILITY. THE ADMIRAL SAID THAT MEDICI LIAISON AGENTS ARE IN TOUCH WITH GEN AFFONSO IN AN EFFORT TO WORK OUT A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY WORKING RELATIONSHIP. HE DID NOT THINK IT WOULD BE SIMPLE BEIAUSE "MEDICI DOES NOT REALIZE THE CHANGES THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN THE HIERARCHIAL PROCESS AND THE DEPTH OF THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE YOUNGER OFFICERS". HE WAS PARTICULARLY SKEPTICAL OF THE LIKELIHOOD OF MEDICI VESTABLISHING NAVY CONTACTS T OTHER THAN THE 4-STAR LEVEL. IN DISCUSSING THE 1 OCTOBER MEETING, HE SAID THAT THE NAMES OF SOME AFFONSO FOLLOWERS WERE SUGGESTED FOR THE MEDICI TEAM, THAT OF MAJ GEN EULER BENTES MONTEIRO.

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