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No significant repercussions expected locally in connection Red Chinese call for protests re imprisonment 8 CHICOMS by Brazilian authorities. NPNZ press of April 22 alleged their imprisonment and torture result of coup "master-minded" by USG and called for public protests to "Secretary-in-Charge of Brazilian Consular Affairs" in Canberra (no Brazilian representation in New Zealand). In unlikely event Embassy comment sought it proposed decline comment on grounds this Brazilian affair on which Embassy has no information.

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Auckland newspaper just received states six Auckland firms received apparently identical cable from Peking re imprisoned CHICOMS in Brazil. Report states none of firms had any commercial dealings with any of twelve Chinese trading agencies signing cable.

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