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(U) Upon receiving the letter, the Minister of War, General Espirito Santo Cardoso, reported the facts to President Vargas and resigned. President Vargas then appointed General Zenobio da Costa as War Minister. The letter, incidentally, was handed to the War Minister by Colonel Amaury Kruel, then Commanding Officer of the 1st Cavalry Regiment.

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(U) This letter said many other things: "Dangerous repercussions are to be feared in military circles from the laws and governmental decisions which benefit certain classes or groups and which will entail a rise in the cost of living which is already almost unendurable. The raising of the minimum wage in the major cities of the country will place this minimum wage almost at the level of the maximum pay of a non-commissioned officer." The letter went on to denounce the graft and crooked dealings which it alleged were taking place daily and condemned the outrageous mis-handling of public monies.

(U) This document was signed by the following colonels, and 39 lieutenant colonels not listed below (current rank, status and function given, if known):

Antonio Henrique de Almeida de MORAES (Brig Gen, CO, Coast Artillery, 1st Mil Reg)
 DARIO Coelho (Brig Gen, CG, Divisional Infantry, 5th Infantry Division)
 Orlando Comes RAMAGEM (Brig Gen, Chief, War Minister's Cabinet)
 SYZENO Sarmiento (Brig Gen, CO, II Mixed Brigade and Corumbá Garrison)
 Alfredo Souto Malan (Brig Gen, Sub-Chief, Armed Forces General Staff)
 Antonio Mendonca Molina (Colonel, assignment unknown)
 Jurandyr de Bizarria MANEDE (Brig Gen, CO, Command and General Staff School)
 Amaury KRUEL (Maj Gen, Minister of War)
 Landry Sales Goncalves (Maj Gen, 1st class reserves)
 ALMERIO de Castro Neves (Brig Gen, CO 10th Military Region)
 OLIMPIO de Sa Tavares (Colonel, assignment unknown)
 SILVINO Castor da Nobrega (Brig Gen, CO 1st Armored Division)
 Paulo Eneas Ferreira da Silva (Colonel, assignment unknown)
 Luis Carneiro de Castro e Silva (rank and assignment unknown)
 Antonio NEGREIROS de Andrade Pinto (Colonel, Chief, General Staff, 1st Army)
 Felix Toja Martinez (Maj Gen, 1st class reserves)
 Anibal de Andrade (rank and assignment unknown)
 Aristoteles Munhoz Moreira (Colonel, assignment unknown)
 Ramiro Gorreta Junior (Brig Gen, CO, Divisional Artillery, 2d Infantry Division)
 Murat Guimaraes (Brig Gen, 1st Class Reserves)
 Antonio Moreira Coimbra (Colonel, assignment unknown)
 Antero de Mattos Filho (Brig Gen, unassigned)
 Joao Franco Pontes (Maj Gen, 1st Class Reserves)
 Joao Punaro Bley (Brig Gen, 1st Class Reserves)
 ADALBERTO Pereira dos Santos (Brig Gen, unassigned)
 Milton Pio Borges da Cunha (Maj Gen, 1st Class Reserves)
 JOAO ARMINDO Correa da Costa (Brig Gen, unassigned)
 Aristobulo Codevilla Rocha (rank and assignment unknown)
 Elysio Carlos Dale Coutinho (Colonel, Deodora Military Prefect functions)
 Paulo Leite de Resende (Brig Gen, unassigned)
 Mirabeau Pontes (Brig Gen, 1st Class Reserves)
 Luiz Tavares da Cunha Mello (Brig Gen, unassigned)
 Edison Pires Condeixa (Colonel, assignment unknown)
 Pedro Eugenio Pies (rank and assignment unknown)
 Mario Ferreira Barbosa Pinto (Brig Gen, Director of Communications)
 Humberto Moraes Barbosa de Amorim (Colonel, assignment unknown)
 Joaquim Jose Gomes da Silva Junior (Brig Gen, 1st Class Reserves)
 Jose Luis Bettamio Guimaraes (Maj Gen, 1st Class Reserves)
 Antonio Carlos da Silva Muricy (Brig Gen, CO, Divisional Infantry, 7th Inf Div)
 Antonio Ribeiro Paz (Brig Gen, CO, 7th Military Region and 7th Inf Div)
 Alfredo AMERICO da Silva (Brig Gen, 1st Sub-Chief, Cabinet of Dept of Production and Works)

(U) Following the publication, both the Minister of War and Minister of Labor Joao Coulart resigned. The crisis thus went into abeyance until the following August, which resulted in the suicide of President Vargas.

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