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1. (C) In a talk with Col Confucio PAMPLONA, Asst G-2 Brazilian Army, on 6 Feb 1966, in Sao Paulo, he said that the two most politically active officers among retired Communists of the Brazilian Army, are Joaquim Ignacio Cardoso and KARDEC Leme. Both officers, after forcible retirement, engaged in business; KARDEC is in the salt business, but active politically. Edilia, KARDEC's wife, is secretary to Edna Lott, (RTB Deputy in the Guanabara State Assembly), and keeps in touch with General Olympio MOURAO Filho, and General Perry Constant BEVILAQUA and writes many of Edna's speeches. She wrote Edna's speech at a session of the Guanabara State Assembly for Soldiers Day with the War Minister COSTA E SILVA present. The big pitch of the far left now is to secure an amnesty, and Edilia has gotten Generals MOURAO and BEVILAQUA to come out in favor of such an amnesty. Lt Col Paulo Eugenio PINTO (CUEDES) and Lt Col Carlos Gomes VILLELA are in the cellulose business. Lt Col DONATO Ferreira Machado is married and has one daughter; apparently he has broken with his former political colleagues and may well have abandoned his Communist views.

2. (C) Col. PAMPLONA says there was no point in arresting Luiz Carlos Prestes. The Brazilian Army generally knows where he is, in the interior of Sao Paulo State. The Party has not forgotten his carelessness in keeping diaries which contained names - results of negotiations and memos of conversation, but he is still an important facade for the Party, a figure with national and international prestige.

3. (C) Col PAMPLONA said that the big mystery is the total disappearance of Hercules Correia, a former deputy and a Communist agitator who was both tough and resourceful. They had had no word of him since 31 March 1965. He is not active outside of Brazil, and they do not know whether he is dead or alive. He has not surfaced anywhere. Col PAMPLONA stated that there had actually been a total of 14 dead during the Revolution. He also stated that 1966 will be a tough year for politics, but that the Army understood that whatever the problem of leadership is, the big thing is not to divide the armed forces.

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