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REFS: Recife's A-98, Embassy Rio's A-904, A-1044, and  
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Reference communications indicate possibility that effort being made, for both political and economic reasons, to curtail economic strength and political influence wielded by several of Brazil's most powerful family groups. Information already available demonstrates that Simonsen and Jafet groups are presently ~~under~~ under attack and Recife's A-98 indicates Mattarazzo and Votorantim groups may soon come under similar attack.

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Power of these groups is of such magnitude that their destruction could be expected have important repercussions on Brazilian economy and body politic. Accordingly, would appreciate Embassy's evaluation of extent, nature, motivations and likely repercussions this phenomenon. Also suggest that Embassy consider updating its excellent dispatch no. 758 of December 13, 1955, which is still the ~~definitive~~ definitive work on this subject.

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