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GOIAS. 1. Final solution simmering aftermath Goiás crisis expected today with votes by State Legislative Assembly to declare Governor Mauro Borges "impeded" from reassuming governorship on termination intervention period on January 25 and to elect Marshal Emilio Rodrigues Ribas as governor to fill out Borges' term ending October 1966. (See reference telegram) Borges' "impedement" to be voted on basis amendment Goiás State Constitution approved by State Legislature and sanctioned by interim Governor Meira Matos November 2 providing for declaration of vacancy of governor's chair on basis "state of necessity" making it impossible for governor to govern or on basis absence of governor from seat of government for more than 15 days without "previous knowledge" by State Legislature. Terms this amendment were hammered out by Colonel Meira Matos and State PSD over protracted period negotiations.

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2. In meetings over past weekend between members National PSD and Federal Information Service Chief General Golbery, acting in name of President Castello Branco, PSD agreed to Ribas solution and withdrawal candidacy PSD Federal Deputy Benedito Vaz. Deal also included withdrawal candidacies Colonel Epitacio Cardoso de Brito and Colonel Silveira Peixoto, both considered by PSD too closely associated with UDN opposition in Goiás.

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3. The bill expected to be voted today officially withdrawing Mauro Borges' rights to the governorship also prohibits Borges' holding any public office for period of 5 years. At same time it refuses permission for trial of Mauro Borges by either civil or military court on basis of military police investigation against him and recommends "archiving" of charges which "are considered superseded" by this legislative action.

4. The wording of this bill was determined largely by the Goiás PSD ~~XXXXXX~~ itself. PSD's purpose is to salvage party influence in Goiás and to free Borges of charges against him in exchange for his "impedement", which considered inevitable in any case. In its turn Federal Government obviously wishes to avoid dragging through courts and press charges against Borges and his inevitable counter-charges regarding Federal intervention.

5. One reliable but PSD-linked source informs that ~~xxxxxx~~ Golbery PSD agreement also provides that State Secretariats and other key positions in Marshal Ribas' government are to be distributed among parties in proportion to their representation in Legislative Assembly thus preserving PSD majority position Goiás government. (Party breakdown roughly: PSD-21; PTB-6; UDN-6, others-5.) Source also states agreement provides for election PSD man as Vice Governor, with Almir Turisco, former President of State Legislative Assembly, ~~indicated~~ PSD indicated by ~~PSD~~ <sup>PSD</sup> as its candidate.

6. Question Vice Governorship is fly in ointment causing partial breakdown negotiations. Present Vice Governor Resende Monteiro must also

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~~xxxxxxx~~ be dropped as part of solution. If he refuses to resign, he must also be "impeded" by vote of State Legislature. Although a PTB party member, Monteiro said to be working closely with ~~the~~ UDN in Goiás. UDN has reportedly refused to accept Turisco or any PSD element as Vice Governor and has persuaded ~~xxxx~~ Monteiro to refuse to resign in support of its position. Accordingly PSD has called upon ~~Golbery~~ Golbery to maintain his part of bargain and has temporarily refused to vote "impedement" Borges without assurance of PSD Vice Governor. There situation stands with Goiás State Legislature meeting again this morning to consider various questions involved.

7. Comment: Final agreement should soon be reached with "impedement" Borges and election Ribas to fill out remainder term. This should ~~not~~ end at least ~~the~~ surface manifestations of simmering aftermath of November crisis and Federal intervention in Goiás. By accepting compromise agreement, PSD at both State and National levels will finally abandon Mauro Borges' cause and any claim party ~~has~~ had of opposition to Federal intervention on moral and legal grounds. However, more will be heard from the loquacious Mauro ~~Borges~~ Borges who still harbors presidential ambitions and from his father, Senator Pedro Ludovico, who by remaining aloof from agreement reserves right to ~~express~~ criticism of it. Others, particularly left wing elements, will not soon forget Goiás intervention, which will be cited periodically as evidence of hard line military influence in ~~the~~ Castello Branco government. In State of Goiás

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itself further reflections of crisis can be expected as minority UDN  
opposition elements attempt control State patronage against majority PSD  
~~PARCY~~ party machine and as new State Governor attempts organize legislative  
support for his program under these circumstances.

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