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1. GOIAS CRISIS. Federal intervention being carried out in Goias state without resistance, according to all that can be learned. Governor reported to have left government palace with family and plans leave for country estate in next few days. In brief address in Goiania governor stated he would resign self to intervention but hoped Congress would not approve action.

2. Federal Interventor Colonel Meira Mattos named following secretariat (cabinet) November 26: (1) Colonel (Army) Epitacio Cardoso de Brito, Secretary of Government, holding also portfolios of Health, Agriculture, Interior and Justice, (2) Colonel (Aviation) Jaime de Silveira Peixoto, Secretary of Security, holding additionally portfolios of Labor and Transport and (Public) Works, (3) Professor Ibere Gilson, Secretary of Treasury, holding additional portfolios of Planning, Administration and Education, (4) Jose Geronimo Moscardo de Souza, Chief of Civil Cabinet, and (5) Major Dirceu Bittencourt de Sa, Commandant of Military Police.

3. President Castello Branco has replied through Civil Household Chief Luis Viana to request Goias Legislative Assembly request receive case against Mauro Borges. Reply states that any proceedings against Borges will have be instituted by "appropriate organs", not by presidency which has authority

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"only in political sphere".

4. PSD bench in Congress announced after lengthy meeting night November 26 that it renewed its "unqualified solidarity" with Governor Borges and would in this spirit examine request for approval of intervention decree when it formally received in Congress. Presidential message accompanying decree expected in Congress today, will pass to Constitution and Justice Committee for appraisal and recommendation, is scheduled be discussed at special session Saturday November 28 and be voted on Sunday November 29.

5. Extensive soundings in Congress indicate that President's action decreeing intervention will be approved. UDN will probably vote overwhelmingly in favor, majority of PSD will obey law of self-preservation and reluctantly accede and some 15 defections in favor are expected from the PTB. There is air of resignation among congressmen who by and large appear relieved that extreme tension of past two weeks has been broken by decisive federal action.

6. It appears generally held feeling in Congress that in atmosphere of intervention Goias Legislative Assembly will vote to impeach Governor Borges, thereby giving green light for his arrest and trial before Military Tribunal in Juiz de Fora. If such is course of events, no one has doubt that Governor will be found guilty and punished accordingly.

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