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Goulart Administration currently faced with several problems which have long-range political implications. Among most pressing are 1) Congressional recalcitrance on agrarian reform issue which increasingly reveals basic weakness Administration coalition; 2) Senate rejection recent Goulart nominations with implications this has for nomination Evandro Lins to Supreme Court should Goulart carry through this intended action; 3) Continued attacks on Federal Government coming especially from Lacerda. While Senate rejection Queiros Filho and Brito nominations basically reaction Administration tactics in handling issue, there is evidence genuine concern possible Evandro Lins nomination especially in light courts close (5-4) "habeas corpus" decision Helio Fernandes case (EmbTel 237). In this respect Senators reportedly particularly concerned over Hermes Lima, (who, according Correio da Manha, "voted without any species juridical foundation and in extremely personal manner,") keeping Evandro Lins appointment as adding another basically political vote on close court decision.

2. Various political sectors exploiting situation bring additional pressure on Goulart. Leftist tactics indicate possible belief that they can force Goulart into making major concessions. Extremist PTB elements led by Temperani Pereira have thus far blocked efforts at PSD-PTB compromise agrarian reform issue. Maneuvering has resulted some disagreement within PTB Chamber ranks; Embassy regards this as technical rather than indicative lasting intraparty split. Another area leftist pressure indicated several press references past week stating that populus mobilization front (FMP) "breaking" with Goulart to pursue line "absolute independence." FMP reportedly dissatisfied three major recent events; 1) CGT antagonism re; Goulart sponsorship rival UST; 2) retirement Marshal Osvaldo Ferreira Alves over FMP protests; 3) formation of recent cabinet; FMP calling for Goulart "abandon dangerous policy of conciliation....designation of Evandro Lins as FonMin was not concession leftist elements, but

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elements, but recognition of irreversible situation." FMP and other leftist groups have threatened "break" with Goulart in past. Embassy feels that current action not likely materialize in any formal declaration by organization, although such pressure on President might well result (as in past) in concessions to these groups.

Less vocal (and probably less effective) pressure being exerted more conservative groups such as Senate PSD, UDN Congressional body) which taking advantage Government difficulties on order show up Administration ineffectuality those areas in which much of Governments demagogic propaganda appeal is made---e.g. agrarian reform. Sharpest form of pressure in this sector continues to be defiant resistance and counter-attack by Lacerda. One effect this opposition (and probably his goal) is political polarization and noncomitant stiffening center and right opposition to Goulart under Lacerda leadership.

3. Maneuvering within restricted area, Goulart seems to be making effort placate left without taking measures that would be too provocative opposition elements. We see his Recife performance (EmbTel 225) in this light. He also met August 1 with group PSD Senators in obvious attempt mollify that element. He is also giving support to majority leader Tancredo Neves attempts to arrive at compromise compromise solution PSD-PTB agrarian reform deadlock.

4. In this situation there may be some leftward slide in view concessions Goulart appears to be making to left. Embassy notes following disturbing signs this regard; 1) Army promotions, with effect of which in long run sense at least is to strengthen leftist "dispositivo" (EmbTel 204) reported planning on part War Minister Jair and Justice Minister Jurema aimed at permitting federalization some of military police within Guanabara, results evidently being place substantial elements Rio police force under direct federal control. (Press August 2 reports that such units might be incorporated in army.) 3) persistent rumors that Brizola associate Cibilas Viana to be named Secretary General Presidents planning coordination council. (EmbTel 83). 4) August 1 installation reportedly sadistic Teixeira-associate Colonel Ademar Scaffa de Azevedo Falcão to head national telecommunications council--organ which designed to enforce

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