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Airgram number 1302 on agrarian reform pouched May 15. Since airgram was drafted following related developments have occurred: (1) Special Committee rejected PTB draft constitutional amendment by vote of seven to four taken May 13; (2) PSD issued declaration May 14 supporting agrarian reform constitutional amendment in principle but exempting from party discipline those party members holding different point of view; (3) Paulo de Tarso (PDC, Sao Paulo) reported to be enlisting deputies in scheme to block all legislation except Federal wage bill until Chamber approves amendment; (4) CGT, FMP, Brizola and like-minded deputies planning new and intensified campaign to muster popular support for amendment; (5) Goulart reiterated commitment to agrarian reform via amendment and in effect gave blessing to pressure campaign by stating May 15 that for achievement of reforms "it will suffice for people to organize."

PTB amendment and committee's negative decision on it will be debated in Chamber plenary next week. SCP-3

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