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POLITICAL REF: BRASILIA'S TEL 34

RD		Goulart arrived in Rio September 13, reportedly conferred with
DK		Ministers and Justice and Labor Ministers among other things
TD		about threatened strikes of railroad, maritime and gas workers.
HW		
RB		Goulart reported to have decided consider illegal and prosecute
ECON		according strikes where conciliation and decision of labor courts
ADMN		has not been sought.
USIS		According Jornal do Brazil Goulart would ask congress decree
AID		state of emergency (Estado de Sitio) only as last resort in
AIR		case of strike movement capable of paralyzing all economic
CF		activities of country.

Sergeant Antonio Presies de Paula said to have been leader of
September 12 Brasilia revolt arrested September 13.

Action Copy: According Jornal do Brasil military police in Natal, whose
For: For strike had apparently turned into sort of rebellion, surrendered
Action taken: September 13 to fourth Army. O Jornal states that (strike
movement) of military police in Santa Catarina was checked
without intervention of federal troops.

Whether or not initially responsible for revolt, Brizola,
Brizolistas and/or left-wing communists ostentatiously
displaying solidarity with rebels. Brizola made speech on
Radio Mayrink Veiga defending those taking part in Brasilia
No action revolt. Said revolt due above all to "doctrine of conciliation
required: of regime itself" (this is critical reference to Goulart Sept
7 speech.) He stated national parliamentary front solidarity
File: with Deputies Neiva Moreira and Max da Costa Santos, thus
presenting latter as civil leaders of revolt.

Date: SGT September 13 issued statement calling on unions to main-
Initials: tain state of readiness for "prompt reply to any attempt

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restrict trade union and Democratic Liberties". Also stated bank workers, maritime and streetcar workers and others could not suspend strike movements of which thinking since such movements are "only alternative for workers to succumbing to bosses impositions caused by economic and juridical structure which no longer corresponds to desires and needs of Brazilian people".

In editorial September 14 Goulart mouthpiece Ultima Hora states: "Several times President warned dominate forces of country indispensable that structural reforms be voted democratically to avoid social tumult. To pretend to isolate seccessive social crises from necessity of reforms is to distort reality".

In Brasilia statement to Ultima Hora Darcy Ribeiro said clear that Brasilia revolt not "just, adequate or democratic" way to struggle for reforms but was "symptom of anxieties of all intelligent citizens of country regarding necessity for reforms". Darcy also emphasized Goulart several times had shown himself to be in favor of constitutional amendment abolishing ineligibility of sergeants to hold electoral office.

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