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Following are opinions on current situation from two opposition deputies, as of possible interest:

Federal Deputy Geraldo de Barros (PSP, São Paulo), son of Governor Ademar de Barros, told Embassy officer Sept. 26 that he believed situation drifting toward impeachment Goulart, although he admitted atmosphere not yet ripe. Indicated that UDN and PSP, as well as elements PSD, awaiting movement public opinion to support such action.

Another possibility, he believes, is center-right golpe from military. Impeachment might be necessary to preempt golpe legally. Does not believe Goulart will last until 1965. Maintained São Paulo state police loyal to de Barros, uncontaminated by mutineers' views.

Federal Deputy Dirceu Cardoso (PSD/ADP, Espirito Santo) told Emb off Sept. 25 that he believed Goulart has only few days left, predicted govt would not last out month. Questioned as to whether UDN and conservative elements of PSD could muster sufficient majority for impeachment, replied affirmatively but with air of uncertainty.

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COMMENT: Other observers maintain atmosphere has been deliberately agitated in psy-war rumour campaign, express doubt as to whether obviously impeachment-hungry opposition elements could muster sufficient majority to carry off impeachment.

Embassy office notes that since August 21 sizeable proportion of PSD has opposed Goulart, but not sufficiently to support <sup>m</sup> measure as extreme as impeachment. Feeling was, before Sept. 12 mutiny, that Goulart should be kept until '65 on theory that Brazil has had enough extraordinary changes of president. PSD leaders, such as Kubitschek, Tancredo Neves, etc., heavily committed to cooperation with Goulart and PTB, and have been seeking keep rank and file blood-lust in check. Key question in our eyes at this point is to what extent PSD leadership's control of situation may have weakened under impact of events since Sept. 12. We plan explore this point with available PSD leadership further and will keep you posted.

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