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FURTHER CONTACTS WITH CONGRESSMEN AND JOURNALISTS INCLUDING CASTELLO BRANCO JORNAL DO BRASIL, BENEDITO COUTINHO O CRUZEIRO, FLAVIO TAVERES ULTIMA HORA, INDICATE "REVOLT" IN MINAS HAS NOT YET GONE BEYOND FORMATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT BY MAGALHAES PINTO FROM AMONG PREVIOUSLY OPPOSING PARTIES AND ISSUANCE OF MANIFESTO PROCLAIMING INTENTION TO RESIST ANY GOLPE. MILITARY ACTION IS THEREFORE PUT MORE IN THE CONDITIONAL SENSE THAN AT FIRST SEEMED CASE. NONETHELESS, ALL CONTACTS HERE BELIEVE SITUATION IS CRITICAL. SOURCE FOR PREVIOUS REPORT WAS PSD CHAMBER LEADER MARTINS RODRIGUES WHO TOLD REPORTERS AND FELLOW CONGRESMEN "PRESENT GOVERNMENT IS IN ITS DYING HOURS". UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT MAZZILLI WENT TO RIO FOR CONFERENCE WITH GOULART. CONGRESS STILL IN SESSION AMID AURA OF CONSIDERABLE TENSION BUT NO MENTION YET MADE ON FLOOR OF THESE REPORTS. DEAN

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