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Re: Embtel 2126, J-2, J-3.

1. At 1740 Rio time radio stated that General Kruel had announced that Second Army (São Paulo) was observing state of alert. Bearing this may have on Kruel's current political alignment is obscure.

2. Radio has broadcast statement by Fourth Military Region Commander Mourao Filho demanding Goulart's resignation in name of Brazilian Army.

3. Rumors that Goulart is to issue statement not yet borne out. Agencia Nacional reports it does not know if any statement planned nor has it been placed on stand-by.

4. Juscelino Kubitschek issued somewhat ambiguous statement to press and radio.

In appeal for discipline in and unity of armed forces, Kubitschek said: "In grave hour in which Brazilian Federation now lives, it is my duty and that of all patriots to address an appeal of peace to GOB and to nation...appeals for p~~h~~peace are imperative... our appeal is for the re-establishment of discipline and chains of command in their total purity...in this moment I have historic responsibility of pointing out where there exists the legality that must be defended with courage and without hatreds...legality

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exists where there exists discipline and hierarchy (chain of command)...there is no legality without the existence of armed forces united and respected in their foundations...legality demands, therefore, that first there be re-established confidence and peace in the barracks, on ships, in aircraft...the Brazilian House would be irretrievably divided if the armed forces were to divide themselves into different and antagonistic legalities... let us save the peace in Brazil, saving the only possible legality... we appeal to all men of good will. It is still time to save the peace and legality by re-establishing discipline and the chain of command for love of country, of Brazilians and of God."

5. PTB Federal Deputy who was planning leave Rio for Brasilia today told Embassy he was called by unnamed "extreme-left" PTB Congressman and told to remain in Rio.

6. Embassy Office Brasilia reports 112 congressmen in Brasilia yesterday, more arriving today. Emboff reports Chamber President Mazzilli in São Paulo, Senate President Moura Andrade now in Brasilia.

7. Number of rumors of cabinet shifts circulating, although no changes believed have yet occurred. 1) Major rumors concern War Minister Jair Dantas Ribeiro. Listings of names of rumored successor to Jair invariably include Vila Militar Commander

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Oromar Osorio; 2) Industry and Commerce Minister Elydio Michaelson reportedly confirmed yesterday in Porto Alegre that he had submitted resignation to Goulart, stating: "Present removal from normality of Brazilian situation is not in accordance with my personal orientation"; 3) Aide of Finance Minister Nei Galvao yesterday denied that Galvao resignation had either been offered or requested.

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