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In its Sunday edition of November 22, 1964, Jornal do Brasil dedicated a large number of its news and editorial columns to the Mauro Borges case. Lacking the resources to translate these and other reports containing very useful background information on the Borges case, this office transmits them herewith (ten copies each) in the original Portuguese.

Enclosure No. 1 consists of pages 3 and 4 of the Jornal do Brasil. On page 3 is a lengthy article written by Evandro Carlos de Andrade, Jornal do Brasil reporter in Brasilia, on "Who is Mauro Borges and how did he get into the political-military crisis". This relatively objective and well-researched article is not only useful background on the current Mauro Borges case, but also contains much biographic information on Governor Borges himself. Page 4 of this enclosure deals primarily with the case against Governor Borges as released to the press by the investigating committee.

Enclosure No. 2 is the upper portion of page 10 of the Jornal do Brasil which includes a rebuttal from the Goiás State News Agency to the charges presented in the investigating committee's news releases. Several small articles on the same page include a statement to the effect that Mauro Borges continues to harbor and aid elements already purged by the government. Another deals with a statement made by PSD Leader in the Chamber, Martins Rodrigues reiterating his faith in President Castello Branco's guarantee that the case will be handled by the courts in accordance with the law.

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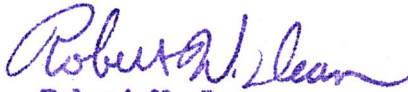
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Enclosure No. 3 is an article which appeared in "O Cruzeiro" (December 5, 1964 issue) written by David Hasser presenting documents alleging that the principal witnesses in the Mauro Borges case were tortured and thus forced to give their testimony.

The 4th enclosure is a "Manchete" (November 28, 1964 issue) on the Mauro Borges case.

Also enclosed are ten copies of the front page of today's (November 25) issue of the Correio Brasiliense which contains details of yesterday's Supreme Court decision granting preventive habeas corpus to Governor Borges, President Castello Branco's press statement and an account of the "victory" celebration in Goiânia and Governor Borges' statement to the crowds gathered in front of the presidential palace there.

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Enclosures as stated.

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