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DAILY NEWS SUMMARY

1. MAJOR STORY ALL MEDIA: KIDNAPPING OF SWISS
AMBASSADOR TO BRAZIL; GOB DECIDES TO
WITHHOLD COMMENT AWAITING CLARIFICATION OF SITUATION.
2. RADIO, TELEVISION AND PRESS COMMENT AGREE
THAT KIDNAPPING IN BLOW DIRECTED AGAINST ECONOMIC AND
POLITICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF GOB. TELEVISION COVERAGE
OF KIDNAPPING DOMINATED OTHER TV NEWS STORIES. DAILY TV
NEWS COMMENTATOR HERON DOMINGUES (TV TUPI - EMOSSORAS
ASSOCIADAS) SAYS KIDNAPPING COULD HAVE BEEN MOTIVATED
BY RECENT EXPULSION FROM SWITZERLAND OF BRAZILIAN
TERRORISTS RELEASED IN KIDNAPPING OF WEST GERMAN
AMBASSADOR IN BRAZIL. RADIO TUPI, IN RARE EDITORIAL,
CONDEMNED KIDNAPPING SAYING "THE ENTIRE BRAZILIAN NATION
IS REPELLED BY THESE SENSELESS ACTS AGAINST INNOCENT
VICTIMS".
3. INDEPENDENT JORNAL DO BRASIL AND PRO GOB,
LIBERAL CORREIO DA MANHA ARE ONLY TWO RIO MORNING PAPERS
EXPRESSING EDITORIAL OPINIONS ON KIDNAPPING. BOTH PAPERS
EXPRESS STRONG SUPPORT FOR GOB WITHOUT PLEADING FOR,
AS BRAZILIAN PRESS HAS IN PAST, EXCHANGE OF POLITICAL
PRISONERS FOR KIDNAP VICTIM (TOO EARLY TO JUDGE POSSIBLE
SIGNIFICANCE OF OMISSION). JORNAL DO BRASIL SAYS GOB CAN
COUNT ON PUBLIC SUPPORT IN KIDNAPPING CASE, SAYING:
"THIS PUBLIC SUPPORT, ON A NATIONAL SCALE, WILL
IMMEDIATELY MAKE LEGITIMATE ANY DECISION THAT THE
BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT TAKES, IN THE CERTAINTY
THAT THE DECISION WILL HAVE AS A BASIC FOUNDATION THE
BEST INTERESTS OF THE NATION, SAFEGUARDING, NATURALLY,
THE INDISPENSABLE NEED FOR PUBLIC ORDER FOR A GOOD
INTERNAL IMAGE AND ITS PROJECTION IN REALISTIC TERMS".
4. PARAGRAPH 3 IN PORTUGUESE: "ESSE APOIO
PUBLICO EM DIMENSAO NACIONAL LEGITIMA, DESDE JA, QUALQUER
DECISAO QUE O GOVERNO BRASILEIRO VENHA A TOMAR, NA
CERTEZA DE QUE ELA TERA SEMPRE COMO FUNDAMENTO BASICO
OS MELHORES INTERESSES DO PAIS, RESSALVADOS, NATURALMENTE,
OS OBJETIVOS DE GARANTIR A ORDEM INDISPENSAVEL AO ESBOCO
DEFINITIVO DE UMA BOA IMAGEM E A SUA PROJECAO
EM TERMOS REALISTAS".

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