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A Presidential Household Asst.

() Rumors that the President has been having "spats" with members of the High Command, especially Minister of the Army PROTA and II Army Commander, MG D'AVILA MELLO have been passed around Brasilia. Source states that these rumors are not true, are easily explained, or may be another attempt by the MDB to drive a wedge between the President and his military commanders before the upcoming elections.

1. (e) Background: There has recently been some speculation that President GEISEL was unhappy with the actions of II Army Commander, General Ednardo D'AVILA MELLO. Further that GEISEL had arranged to intentionally put General D'AVILA MELLO into a secondary position by calling General D'AVILA MELLO to the home of Governor PAULO EGIDIO Martins for a personal meeting after first having consulted with the Governor. Another possible contributing factor to the reported unhappiness was the HERZOG suicide and II Army's handling of the situation.

2. (e) The Trip to São Paulo: RO was told by the officer serving in the President's Military Household and who arranged the trip to São Paulo for the President, that the visit had been arranged 30 days in advance. HERZOG was

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SUBJECT TO GENERAL DECLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 11652 AUTOMATICALLY DOWNGRADED AT TWO YEAR INTERVALS.
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1 Enclosure
1. (U) Itinerary for President GEISEL, Oct 7
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reportedly found hanged in his cell on 25 October 1975 and the President was scheduled to go to Sao Paulo on 30 October 1975. Since the President was scheduled to visit the University as part of that visit, the SNI (Serviço Nacional de Informações) recommended the President not go for security reasons and possible public response or student agitation. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who convinced the President that he should go regardless of the HERZOG announcement.

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[REDACTED] "You will remember there was no problem with the students."

3. (C) The Alleged Snub. Then source was questioned regarding the rumor being passed by Brazilians that the President was trying to bring General D'AVILA MELLO in line by only seeing him after the Governor, PAULO EGIDIO.

[REDACTED] using the Palacio in Sao Paulo for all official business as (1) there was a transportation problem if the President went to the authorities he wanted to talk to (2) there was the security problem (3) he usually uses the Palacio in other places e.g. Porto Alegre and (4) staying in the Palacio facilitated the overall itinerary (enclosure). The President did not want to use the Palacio because the Governor was using it as his personal residence but finally agreed. [REDACTED]

COMMENT: (C)

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VISITA DO PRESIDENTE ERNESTO GEISEL A SAO PAULO

October 30:

Manhã: Visita e inauguração do Centro Campestre do SESC

Churrasco

14:00 Visita ao Palácio Bandeirantes

Audiência com o Governador

Comandos ~~Militares~~ Militares da Região

Lideranças Sindicais

Secretariado Estadual

Prefeito de São Paulo

Executiva da ARENA

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Oct. 31:

manhã- Visita a Faculdade Paulista de Medicina

Visita à Bienal

Palácio Bandeirantes

Almoço

14:30- Visita à Faculdade de Saúde Pública

16:00 -Retorno a Brasília

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