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FonMin Leitao da Cunha gave press conference April 28. Consensus varying accounts in today's newspapers is that he and addressed himself to following main topics in following terms:

- (1) On persistent rumors imminent Brazilian break with Cuba, said "Cuban problem continues under study".
- (2) Said there no indication Mexico intends suspend diplomatic relations with Brazil as current press rumors claim. Observed that departing Mexican Ambassador Garcia Robles was designated as his accountry's new Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs prior to recent mank revolution.
- (3) FonMin replied negatively when asked about possible "diplomatic consequences" declarations recently made in France by Guanabara Governor Lacerda. Said Lacerda had spoken briefly to French press at Orly only as Brazilian citizen. Said he thought episode am would have no effect whatsoever upon Franco-Brazilian relations or scheduled visit here of General de Gaulle.

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Added that GOF had not brought up subject Lacerda interview, and denied that he had received, or requested, video tape thereof.

(4) Confirmed that no safe-conducts yet granted political asylees in various foreign embassies here, arrangements being still under study and pending coordination between the several ministries concerned.

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