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SUBJECT: STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS

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1. STUDENT MEETING AT FEDERAL UNIVERSITY RIO DE JANEIRO CONTINUED UNTIL AFTER 1900 HOURS JUNE 20 WITH PROFESSORS INCLUDING ACTING RECTOR CLEMENTINO FRAGA FILHO PARTICIPATING ON OCCASIONS. PRESS ESTIMATED 1500 STUDENTS ATTENDED. LEVEL OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL EXPENDITURES TO UNIVERSITIES, PAYMENT OF ANNUAL TUITION, STRUCTURE AND AUTONOMY OF UNIVERSITY AND REFORM PROPOSALS, DISCUSSED ALONG WITH USUAL STUDENT GRIEVANCES. STUDENTS RESOLVED TO GATHER JUNE 21 AT MINISTRY OF EDUCATION TO FORCE MINISTER TO COME DOWN FROM HIS OFFICE AND LISTEN TO THEIR COMPLAINTS. STUDENTS ALSO REPORTEDLY DEMANDED RELEASE OF ARRESTED STUDENTS BY NOON JUNE 21 ON THREAT OF ROUNDING UP POLICEMEN TO EXCHANGE FOR STUDENTS STILL DETAINED. UNE PRESIDENT PALMEIRA, UNE PRESIDENT TRAVASSOS AND CALABOUCAS GROUP PRESIDENT BRITO PLAYED PROMINENT ROLE. COMMITTEE OF FIVE STATE DEPUTIES WITNESSED PORTION OF PROCEEDINGS:

2. VERY HEAVY SECURITY FORCE RINGED UNIVERSITY AREA. THOUGH ACTING RECTOR ANNOUNCED POLICE AGREED WITHDRAW AND PERMIT STUDENTS TO LEAVE CAMPUS IF ORDER MAINTAINED, POLICE BEGAN PURSUE AND ARREST DEPARTING STUDENTS. POLICE EMPLOYED TEAR GAS AND VIOLENCE, JUDGED AS "EXTREME" BY ONE TRAINED OBSERVER. MORE THAN 400 WERE ARRESTED. SOME 100 STUDENTS REMAINED AT UNIVERSITY UNTIL 2300 HOURS WHEN CONFLICTING ORDERS TO SECURITY FORCES RESULTED IN CONFUSION AND PERMITTED THEIR DEPARTURE.

3. STATE SECURITY SECRETARY AGAIN WARNED THAT POLICE WILL REPRESS STUDENT MANIFESTATIONS WITH ENERGY AND THAT IF VIOLENCE TAKES PLACE "IT WILL ONLY MEAN DEFENSE OF SOLDIERS AGAINST STUDENT ATTACKS." COMMANDER OF FIRST ARMY ALSO RENEWED APPEAL

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TO PARENTS AND REITERATED ORDER WILL BE MAINTAINED. ARMY WAS  
PLACED ON ALERT 2000 HOURS JUNE 20.

4. AS OF MIDDAY JUNE 21, SMALL GROUPS OF STUDENTS AGAIN ON LOOSE  
IN CITY CENTER WITH POLICE IN TARDY PURSUIT. ONE GROUP PASSED  
EMBASSY BUILDING 1230 HOURS SMASHING SEVERAL LARGE PLATEGLASS  
EMBASSY WINDOWS. (NO INJURIES OCCURRED AT EMBASSY. ONE WINDSHIELD  
EMBASSY CAR BROKEN.) THIS GROUP HAD BEEN PART OF A LARGER GROUP  
OF APPROXIMATELY 600 WHICH WAS DISPERSED IN ATTEMPT A FEW MINUTES  
EARLIER TO MARCH FROM CLOSED CALABOUCAS RESTAURANT TO MINISTRY  
OF EDUCATION. REPORTEDLY, SOME 23 SHOTS WERE FIRED BY POLICE TO  
BREAK UP THIS GROUP. STUDENTS OBSERVED FROM EMBASSY USING TAXIS  
TO ENSURE MOBILITY. POLICE COORDINATING OPERATIONS IN CITY CENTER  
BY HELICOPTER.

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