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SUBJECT: CONSERVATIVE VIEW FORCED RETIREMENTS
         IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

REF: RIO 3250, 3268, 3278

1. AS ANTICIPATED, CONSERVATIVE MEMBERS SCIENTIFIC
AND TECHNOLOGICAL COMMUNITY SQUARELY BEHIND RECENT
SERIES FORCED RETIREMENTS. PREDOMINANT VIEW APPEARS
TO BE THAT PURGED PROFESSORS DESERVED WHAT THEY GOT
BECAUSE OF THEIR QUOTE DISRUPTIVE INFLUENCE UNQUOTE
ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND
UNIVERSITY EDUCATION IN BRAZIL. CONSERVATIVES' VIEW
IS THAT ONCE EFFECTS OF PURGES RECOGNIZED AND QUOTE
THE REST OF THE SUBVERSIVES ARE WEEDED OUT UNQUOTE
THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY WILL EMERGE QUOTE
REVITALIZED UNQUOTE AND PREPARED QUOTE MAKE
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF BRAZIL
WHICH HAVE BEEN DELAYED SINCE 1964 BECAUSE OF
PRESENCE THESE SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS UNQUOTE.

2. CONSERVATIES CONTACTED RELUCTANCLY ADMIT
RECENT QUOTE AND FUTURE NECESSARY RETIREMENTS
UNQUOTE WILL PROBABLY ADVERSELY AFFECT BRAIN
DRAIN PROBLEM.

3. SEVERAL HERETOFORE WHOLE-HEARTED SUPPORTERS

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GOB SCIENCE POLICY AMONG GOB OFFICIAL FAMILY
SINGULARLY SILENT CONCERNING RECENT EVENTS AND
THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE.

4. COMMENT: QUICK SAMPLING AVAILABLE UNFLUENTIAL
CONSERVATIVE WOULD SEEM SUPPORT VIEW THAT MORE
RETIREMENTS IN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL
COMMUNITY MAY BE COMING. THERE SEEMS BE NO
INDICATION THAT CONSERVATIVES VIEW RECENT
RETIREMENTS AS BEING PRODUCTIVE OF ANYTHING
BUT UNMITIGATED GOOD. BELTON