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C O N F I D E N T I A L RIO DE JANEIRO 3762

1. VICENTE BARRETO, HEAD OF CULTURAL DIVISION OF GUANABARA STATE SECRETARIATE OF EDUCATION, TOLD EMBOFF HE WAS INFORMED LATE MAY 15 THAT MINISTRY OF EDUCATION HAS ANOTHER LIST OF SUMMARY RETIREMENTS OF UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS READY FOR RELEASE. ACCORDING TO BARRETO, LIST WAS PREPARED BY "CRAZY" JORGE BOAVENTURA, HEAD OF HIGHER EDUCATION DIVISION OF MINISTRY, AND WOULD AFFECT GUANABARA UNIVERSITIES. HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER LIST INCLUDED PROFESSORS ELSEWHERE. BARRETO SAID HE AND STATE EDUCATION AUTHORITIES WERE ATTEMPTING TO INTERCEDE TO PREVENT LIST'S PUBLICATION BECAUSE THEY ARE WORRED THAT STATE UNIVERSITY OF GUANABARA WOULD BE BADLY HIT. FOR FURTHER DETAILS ON GOVERNMENT PROCEDURES AND PLANS ON FORCED RETIREMENT IN EDUCATION FIELD SEE HBR 6567 SECRET/NOFORN.

2. COMMENT: BARRETO LAMENTED GOVERNMENT COMPULSORY RETIREMENTS IN STRONGEST TERMS, PREDICTING THAT HIGHER EDUCATION IN BRAZIL WOULD FALL INTO SHAMBLES SHOULD EDUCATION MINISTRY WITCH-HUNTERS BE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE PURGES. HE REMARKED THAT BY COMPULSORY RETIREMENT LISTS GOB IS FORCING "BRAIN DRAIN" WHICH BRAZIL COULD NOT AFFORD.

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