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INT	LAB	TAR	SUBJECT : Professors Lattes, Schemberg and Sala resign from Physics Department of University of São Paulo			
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29	10	3	1. The Brazilian press reports that Professor Jaime Tiomno, Professor of Advanced Physics and Director of the Nuclear Emulsions Laboratory of the University of São Paulo, has requested that an investigating commission (CI) be created by the University for the purpose of examining the veracity of accusations made against him by the Professor of Celestial Mechanics, Professor Mario Schemberg. JORNAL DO BRASIL of August 11, 1968 reported that Professors Cesar Lattes and Mario Schemberg had resigned from their positions because they did not agree with Professor Tiomno "who took away the Nuclear Emulsions Laboratory from Professor Lattes." O GLOBO of August 13 reported that Professor Oscar Sala, "who is responsible for the installation and direction of the biggest theoretical-experimental complex of studies and research in Nuclear Physics in South America," has also resigned in view of accusations made against him by Professor Schemberg.			
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of this he was surprised to hear later the accusations of Prof. Schemberg that the examination had not been conducted within legal procedures.

3. JORNAL DO BRASIL of August 11, 1968 says that Professor Schemberg denounced in his letter of resignation the failure of the cooperative program between the laboratory and Japanese scientists. He is reported to have accused Professor Tiomno of using sabotage to undermine the program which "would be of great importance to scientists all over the world."

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Comment: Medically qualified Brazilian scientists who have known Lattes for many years have expressed personal concern for his health and indicated that he has for some years shown classic symptoms of manic depression. They are of the opinion that Schemberg is using Lattes to generate confusion and trouble within the faculty at the University of Sao Paulo for the express purpose of discrediting or actually forcing out of the University competent professors who are not prepared to support conservative, leftist, and ultra-nationalistic elements in the faculty. To the extent that the Embassy can determine the facts independently, they certainly appear to support this opinion.

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