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SUBJECT: RETIREMENT OF PROFESSORS: NEW ACTING RECTOR AND PROTESTS

REF: SAO PAULO'S 373

1. ALFREDO BUZAID, DIRECTOR LAW SCHOOL UNIVERSITY SAO PAULO, HAS BEEN APPOINTED ACTING USP RECTOR REPLACING HELIO LOURENCO OLIVEIRA WHO WAS FORCEFULLY RETIRED. BUZAID IS ARCH-CONSERVATIVE KNOWN AS HARD-LINER AND CLOSELY LINKED TO JUSTICE MINISTER GAMA E SILVA. HE HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN ORGANIZING RIGHT-WING STUDENTS.

2. ACCORDING RELIABLE SOURCE GOVERNOR SODRE'S STAFF, STATE SECRETARIES PUBLIC HEALTH AND EDUCATION, PROFESSORS WALTER LEFER AND ANTONIO BARROS DE ULHOA CINTRA, SUBMITTED RESIGNATIONS AS PROTEST AGAINST FORCED RETIREMENT OF PROFESSORS. SODRE PLEADED WITH THEM SUCH ACTION WOULD FURTHER WEAKEN HIS POSITION VIS-A-VIS FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THEY WITHDREW RESIGNATIONS.

3. FORCED RETIREMENT PROFESSORS HAVING NEGATIVE IMPACT EXCEPT AMONG EXTREME CONSERVATIVE GROUPS. FOR EXAMPLE ENGEN UNDERSTANDS DIRECTOR AND PROFESSORS USP INSTITUTE ECONOMICS AND SOCIAL RESEARCH WERE VERY UNHAPPY OVER EVENTS FEARING UNIVERSITY REFORMS WOULD BE DELAYED AS RESULT.

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4. UNIVERSITY CLASSES SUSPENDED THIS WEEK DUE DISRUPTIONS CAUSED BY LOSS PROFESSORS. FORÇA PUBLICA SOLDIERS PATROLLING USP AND OCCUPYING RESIDENTIAL CENTER. SOME STUDENTS WHO WERE DETAINED AND RELEASED NIGHT APRIL 29 RELUCTANT RETURN TO CLASSES WHILE SOLDIERS THERE.

5. USP PROFESSOR TOLD CONGEN THAT WILLINGNESS EX-RECTOR OLIVEIRA TO CONSIDER STUDENT REQUESTS AND DISCUSS STUDENT AS WELL AS FACULTY PROBLEMS HAD BEEN FACTOR IN MAINTAINING RELATIVE PEACE AT UNIVERSITY DURING RECENT MONTHS. MODERATE STUDENTS WERE LOATHE DEMONSTRATE AGAINST RECTOR THEY CONSIDERED REASONABLE. SAME SOURCE PREDICTS THAT PRESENCE HARDLINER BUZAID WILL HELP RAIDCAL STUDENT LEADERS TO GAIN SUPPORT MODERATE STUDENTS.

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