INCOMING RIO DE JANEIRO

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REF: SAO PAULO'S 768

SUBJECT: ROBBERY AND BOMBING IN SAO PAULO

1. BANK ROBBERY WAS CARRIED OUT IN GUARATINGUE A LOCATED 100 MILES FROM SAO PAULO ON RIO HIGHWAY AUGUST 5. BCR$20,000 REPORTEDLY STOLEN. ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPERS ONE ROBBER ANNOUNCED GROUP BELONGED TO TERRORIST GROUP MR-8.

2. CONGEM ALSO HAS REPORT OF ROBBERY BUS DEPOT IN SANTOS DURING NIGHT AUGUST 5. THIS HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED IN NEWSPAPERS.

3. AS REPORTED REFTEL FLY SHEETS ATTRIBUTED TO CARLOS MAREGUARIA WERE FOUND AT CARDINAL ARCHBISHOP'S PALACE AFTER BOMBING AUGUST 5.

4. NEWSPAPERS HAVE GIVEN EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO ROBBERIES AND BOMBINGS AS WELL AS THE MR-8 GROUP THIS WEEK. CONGEM POLITICAL SOURCE INFORMED US TODAY THAT MANY POLITICIANS FEAR "TERRORIST" ATTACKS WILL CAUSE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO INCLUDE "TOUGHER MEASURES IN CONSTITUTION". SOME LOCAL OBSERVERS HAVE ALSO EXPRESSED SKEPTICISM THAT BOMBING OF CARDINAL ARCHBISHOP'S RESIDENCE WAS PART OF ACT DESIGNED CREATE POPULAR REACTION AGAINST LEFTISTS AND CLIMATE FAVORABLE FOR TOUGHENING OF FEDERAL REGIME.

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