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SUBJECT: ATTEMPTED HIJACKING BRAZILIAN PLANE: GOB ALERTS DIPLOMATS TO ADDITIONAL SECURITY RISK; HIJACKERS REPORTED APPEHENDED

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1. EMBASSY THIS AFTERNOON RECEIVED FROM CHIEF OF OPERATIONS OF RIO DE JANEIRO POLITICAL/SOCIAL POLICE AND FROM AMBASSADOR RIO BRANCO, CHIEF OF FON OFFICE'S GUANABARA DELEGATION, RECOMMENDATIONS THAT SPECIAL SECURITY MEASURES BE TAKEN IN VIEW ATTEMPTED HIGH-JACKING CRUZIERTO DO SUL AIRCRAFT THIS MORNING AND PLANE'S PRESENCE AT GALEO AIRPORT WITH PASSENGERS AND HIJACKERS ALL ABOARD.

2. AMBASSADOR RIO BRANCO SAID THAT GOB GREATLY CONCERNED THAT TERRORISTS MIGHT SEEK KIDNAP FOREIGN DIPLOMAT AS MEANS PRESSURING GOVERNMENT INTO PERMITTING DEPARTURE OF PLANE WITH HIJACKERS. ALL CHIEFS OF MISSION BEING ALERTED TO THIS DANGER, RIO BRANCO SAID.

3. EMBASSY TAKING SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS IN LIGHT THIS INFORMATION.

4. INFORMATION RECEIVED 16:15 FROM EYEWITNESS AT GALEO IS THAT BRAZILIAN MILITARY HAD MANAGED INTRODUCE GAS OR SMOKE INTO PLANE, THAT TWO SOLDIERS HAD THEN ENTERED IT, AND THAT ALL OCCUPANTS HAD DEBARKED AND WERE STANDING NEAR PLANE UNDER GUARD.

5. SITUATION STILL CONFUSED BUT AUTHORITIES DEFINITELY HAVE AT LEAST THREE HIJACKERS.

6. THIS DEVELOPMENT DOES NOT NECESSARILY DIMINISH IMMEDIATELY SECURITY RISK AND EMBASSY MAINTAINING ITS SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS.

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