

CONSPIRAÇÃO AMERICANA CONTRA O GOVERNO GOULART

A participação dos Estados Unidos na conspiração contra o governo constitucional do Brasil nunca foi alvo de dúvidas. O embaixador dos estados Unidos no país, Lincoln Gordon, agia com tamanha desenvoltura que circulou a piada: “Chega de intermediários, Lincoln Gordon para presidente! ”. Contudo, somente nos últimos meses a abertura de arquivos, incluindo os arquivos sonoras do Governo Kennedy, nos permitem avaliar a extensão do envolvimento americano. Não se tratava tão somente de verbas e material de propaganda. Mas, a Casa Branca envolveu-se diretamente (conforme vemos no documento abaixo) no envio de agentes, na condução de negociações com militares e políticos brasileiros e no posicionamento da Frota do Atlântico para uma possível intervenção direta numa guerra civil.

Fonte: <http://www2.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB118/bz03.pdf>

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Personal from Ambassador Gordon. Please pass immediately to Secretary of State Rusk, Assistant Secretary Mann, Ralph Burton, Secretary Defense McNamara, Assistant Secretary Defense McNaughton, General Maxwell Taylor, CIA Director John McCone, Colonel J. C. King, Desmond Fitzgerald, White House for Bundy and Dungan, pass to Canal Zone for General O Meara. Other distribution only by approval above named.

1. Since my message on Friday, effects of Navy crisis have substantially worsened the overall situation and possibly shortened the time factors. The replacement of Navy Minister Silvio Mota by a super-annuated left-wing Admiral, Paulo Mario Cunha Rodrigues, reliably reported to have been proposed by Communist leaders and the CGT, the retention of Arago as Marine Commandant, and the total amnesty for the rebellious sailors and Marines, are all body blows to the morale of the officer corps of all three services and are apparently frightening many congressmen. (We expect more light on latter point from Brasilia Monday). The worst feature of the episode is that the tactical moves by the palace Friday afternoon were directed hour by hour by a close-knit group composed mainly of Communists. Left-wing group now talking openly about new advances beginning with "cleaning out the Army". Resistance forces, both military and civilian, seeking recover from unexpected setback and consulting feverishly on future courses of action.

2. Re para 2 of reference, will transmit bill of goods as soon as available. I have had no direct contact with military plotters. My definite judgement is that ARMA must continue intelligence contacts for which he uniquely qualified, but that any operational contacts will become responsibility of [redacted]

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3. Re para 3 of Saturday's message purpose of unidentified arms made available soonest and if possible pre-positioned prior any outbreak of violence could be manifold, depending on unforeseeable development of events. Could be used by Para-military units working with Democratic Military groups, or by friendly military against hostile military if necessary. Immediate effect, which we stress, would be holster will to resist and facilitate initial success. Given Brazilian predilection joining victorious causes, initial success could be key to side on which many indecisive forces would land and therefore key to prompt victory with minimal violence. Risk of later attribution to us Government covert operation seems minor to us in relation positive effects if operation conducted with skill, bearing in mind that many things we don't do are being regularly so attributed.

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