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Validity Study of NIE 93-55:

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1. NIE 93-55 correctly forecast the broad political and economic developments in the 1955-1956 period, i. e., that Kubitschek would be elected, that chronic political tension would continue, and that there was little chance that the new administration would be able to deal effectively with Brazil's deep-seated and politically dangerous economic difficulties.

2. The unanticipated military split resulting from Lott's November 1955 preventive coup led to an incorrect estimate of the attitude of the military toward the new administration. Instead of the armed forces united in opposition to the new administration, the latter has army support.

3. Partly as a result of army influence in the present regime and partly because of the US decision to provide substantial economic assistance to Brazil, a moderate political course, rather than further evolution to the left, as suggested in NIE 93-55, has thus far prevailed.

4. Documentation obtained during 1956 has revealed that NIE 93-55 greatly exaggerated the actual membership of the Communist Party in Brazil.

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