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DATE: MARCH 9, 1976

SUBJECT: PORTUGAL--PRESIDENTIAL ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT RUMORED

REF : 

RUMORS ARE CIRCULATING IN LISBON THAT AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT MAY BE MADE AGAINST PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES WHEN HE MEETS WITH YUGOSLAV LEADER TITO IN THE AZORES NEXT WEEK.

THE AZOREAN BRANCH OF THE CONSERVATIVE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC CENTER PARTY HAS EXPOSED THE ALLEGED ATTEMPT AS A COMMUNIST PLOT DESIGNED TO DISCREDIT THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC CENTER AND THE CENTRIST POPULAR DEMOCRATIC PARTY, THE PREDOMINANT PARTIES IN THE AZORES.

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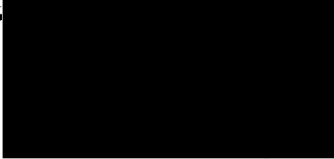
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ACCORDING TO THE SCENARIO, THE US GOVERNMENT WOULD ALSO BE SUBJECT TO BLAME BECAUSE OF ITS MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE AZORES.

THE WIDESPREAD PUBLICITY GIVEN THE ALLGED PLOT MAKES A SUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT UNLIKELY AND MAY SERVE TO HEAD OFF SUCH A PLAN, IF IT DOES EXIST. IT IS POSSIBLE, BUT NOT LIKELY, THAT EXTREMISTS IN THE AZOREAN LIBERATION FRONT WHICH HAS SOME CONNECTIONS WITH BOTH THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC CENTER AND THE POPULAR DEMOCRATS IN THE AZORES--IS PLANNING AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AND IS SEEKING TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM ITSELF.

THE CAMPAIGN FOR LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS ON APRIL 25 HAS INTENSIFIED INTERPARTY RIVALRIES AND SPARKED A SERIES OF RUMORS OF IMPENDING VIOLENCE AND COUP ATTEMPTS.

[REDACTED] HAS FOUND THAT THE RUMORS LACK SUBSTANCE AND, IN MANY CASES, ARE POLITICALLY SELF-SERVING. E-2 IMPDET.H

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