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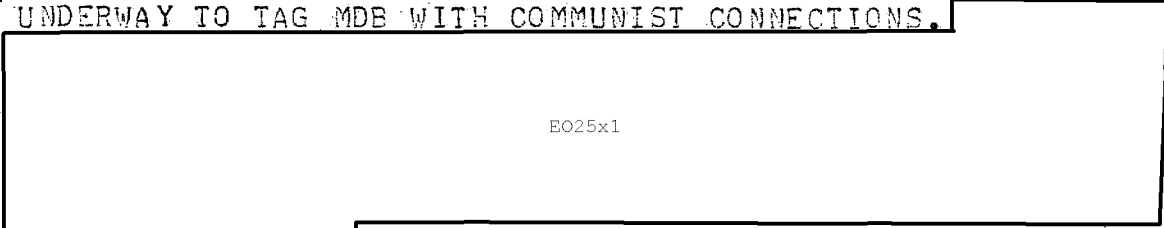
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SUBJECT: POLITICAL ARRESTS

1. FOR PAST SEVERAL DAYS WE HAVE NOTICED REPORTS IN FBIS AND US PRESS OF NUMEROUS ARRESTS (APPARENTLY POLITICAL) IN SAO PAULO AND RIO. SOME REPORTS SUGGEST EFFORTS ARE UNDERWAY TO TAG MDB WITH COMMUNIST CONNECTIONS.



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YESTERDAY WE RECEIVED SAO PAULO'S 591 CONTAINING COMMENTS OF CARDINAL ARNS ON RECENT ARRESTS.

2. WE ARE PRESENTLY IN MIDST OF PREPARING BACKGROUND AND OTHER PAPERS FOR BRAZILIAN PORTION OF SECRETARY'S FORTH-COMING TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA. EMBASSY APPRAISAL OF THESE RECENT EVENTS AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL NOT ONLY IN PREPARING COUNTRY PAPER BUT IN ADDRESSING HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE ON CURRENT BASIS.

3. ANY REPLY CONTAINING SUBSTANCE OF TWO REFERENCED REPORTS SHOULD CARRY SAME CONTROLS AS THIS MESSAGE INCLUDING XGDS-2.

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