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SUBJECT: SITUATION IN PORTUGAL

REF.: VARIOUS PRESS, FBIS 4

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THERE HAS BEEN NO CONFIRMATION THAT PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT SPINOLA HAS "TAKEN OVER ALL POWER," AS AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE REPORTED LAST NIGHT. 4

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF OTHER PRESS REPORTS, HOWEVER, SUPPORTING THE AFP STORY THAT THE PORTUGUESE NATIONAL RADIO WENT OFF THE AIR TEMPORARILY, THAT THE RADIO STATION WAS OCCUPIED BY TROOPS, AND THAT NO MORNING NEWSPAPERS WERE PUBLISHED. ALL OF THESE MEASURES WERE PROBABLY TAKEN IN ANTICIPATION OF VIOLENCE CONNECTED WITH TODAY'S RALLY IN SUPPORT OF GENERAL SPINOLA. 4

ALL MILITARY UNITS IN THE LISBON AREA HAVE BEEN PLACED ON ALERT. THERE ARE PRESS REPORTS THAT LEFTIST VIGILANTES HAVE SET UP ROADBLOCKS AT ENTRANCES TO LISBON AND THAT THE ARMY HAS TAKEN UP POSITIONS ON HIGHWAYS LEADING TO THE CITY. [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: PORTUGAL'S GENERAL SPINOLA MAY HAVE ASSUMED POWER
REF : VARIOUS PRESS, FBIS.

PORTUGUESE ~~RE~~ GENERAL SPINOLA HAS "TAKEN OVER ALL POWER" AFTER A FOUR-HOUR CABINET MEETING; ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. THE PORTUGUESE NATIONAL RADIO ~~RE~~ CEASED TRANSMISSION ~~TEMPORARILY ABOUT~~ 0500 GMT AND THE STATION IS SAID TO BE OCCUPIED BY SOLDIERS AND POLICE; THE PORTUGUESE COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT NO NEWSPAPERS WILL BE PUBLISHED TODAY. ALL OF THESE REPORTS HAVE COME FROM AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE.

THESE REPORTS ARRIVE AT A TIME WHEN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN FACTIONS WITHIN THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT HAVE SHARPENED AND POLITICAL TENSIONS IN LISBON HEIGHTENED BECAUSE OF A PRO-SPINOLA RALLY SET FOR LATER TODAY. THE LEFT HAS CRITICISED THE RALLY AS "FASCIST-SPONSORED," WHILE THE CENTER AND RIGHT HAVE WELCOMED IT. VIOLENCE IS POSSIBLE AT THE RALLY, AND THERE CONTINUE TO BE REPORTS THAT EXTREME RIGHTISTS ARE PREPARING FOR A COUP.

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