

CIA CI/N/D 76-137 JH



The overall exemptions for this document are (b)(1) and (b)(3).

# The National Intelligence Daily

CRS

~~TOP SECRET~~  
~~NOFORN OR CON~~

~~RUFF ZARF UMIRA~~

Published by the Director of Central Intelligence for Named Principals Only

Copy No. 168

SATURDAY MAY 29, 1976

VOLUME 3, NUMBER 127

TCS 552/76

## In The Daily

SYRIA/LIBYA:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

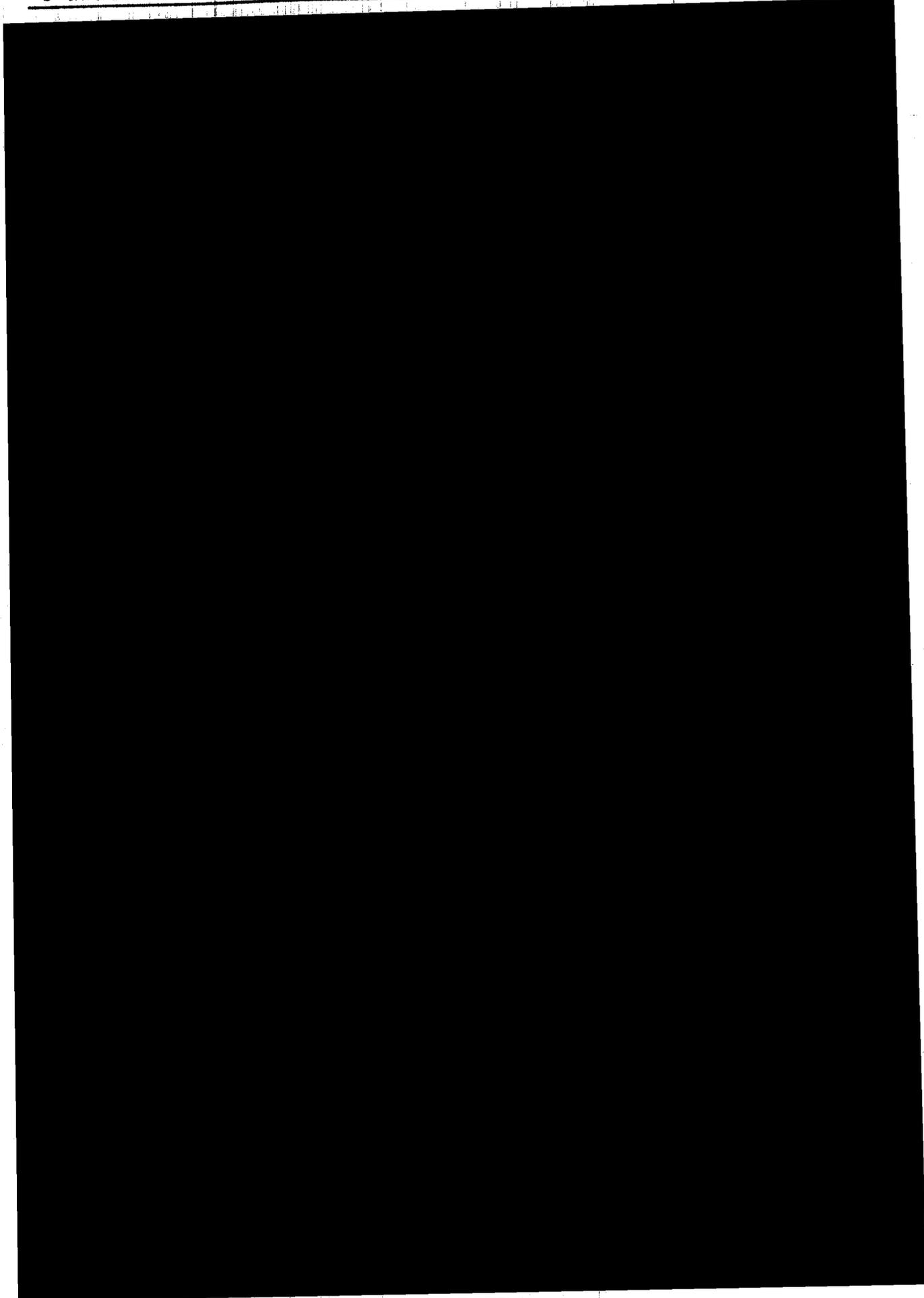
**PORTUGAL:** Although four candidates of national stature met yesterday's filing deadline for the presidential election, the campaign will be largely a contest between army chief General Eanes and Prime Minister Azevedo. Eanes, endorsed by the three major non-Communist parties, is the early favorite, but his austere demeanor makes him a less effective campaigner than Azevedo.

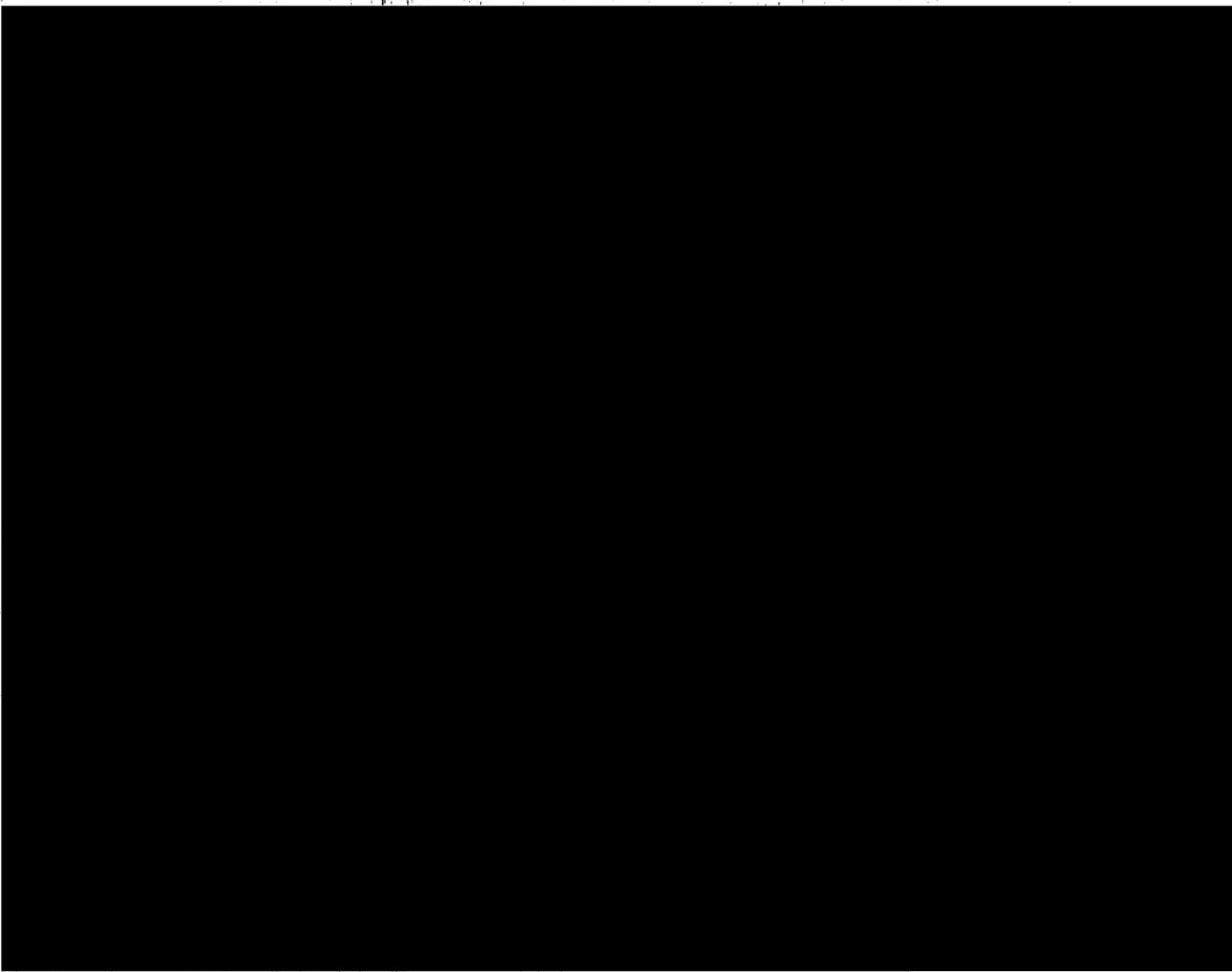
OPEC:

[REDACTED]

(b)(1)  
(b)(3)  
(S)

APPROVED FOR F  
DATE: SEP 2000





## Portugal: Presidential Election Campaign

Four candidates of national stature met the filing deadline yesterday for Portugal's presidential election on June 27, but the campaign is likely to be primarily a personality contest between Prime Minister Azevedo and army chief General Eanes.

Eanes is the early favorite by virtue of the endorsements he has received from the three major political parties—the Socialists, the centrist Popular Democratic Center—as well as from two groups on the far left. He is also counting on support from much of the military.

Eanes' initial public appearances have raised some concern, however, that his reticence and austere appearance may severely limit his popular appeal.

Prime Minister Azevedo, in contrast, moves easily among the people and is widely credited with repulsing Communist-backed bids for power last year.

Although Azevedo is not supported by any party organization, he hopes to capitalize on Eanes' ineffectiveness publicly and, on his own reputation in rural areas, where the population tends not to vote for a candidate simply because he is backed by a certain party.

To beat Eanes, however, Azevedo must overcome the left-leaning Marxist image ascribed to him since more conservative officers, led by General Eanes, gained ascendancy after crushing the leftist military rebellion last November. Azevedo's candidacy was rumored to have been encouraged by Communist

sympathizers, but this has not been substantiated and he has publicly rejected Communist support.

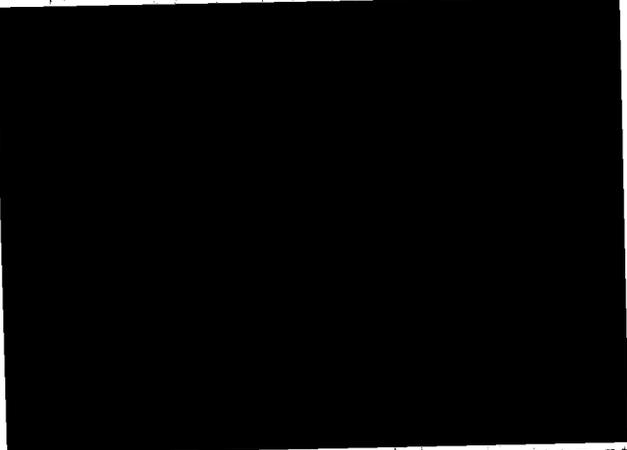
Azevedo is openly challenging Eanes for the centrist and conservative vote and, in statements earlier this week, has taken a harder position than his opponent against admitting Communists into his government.

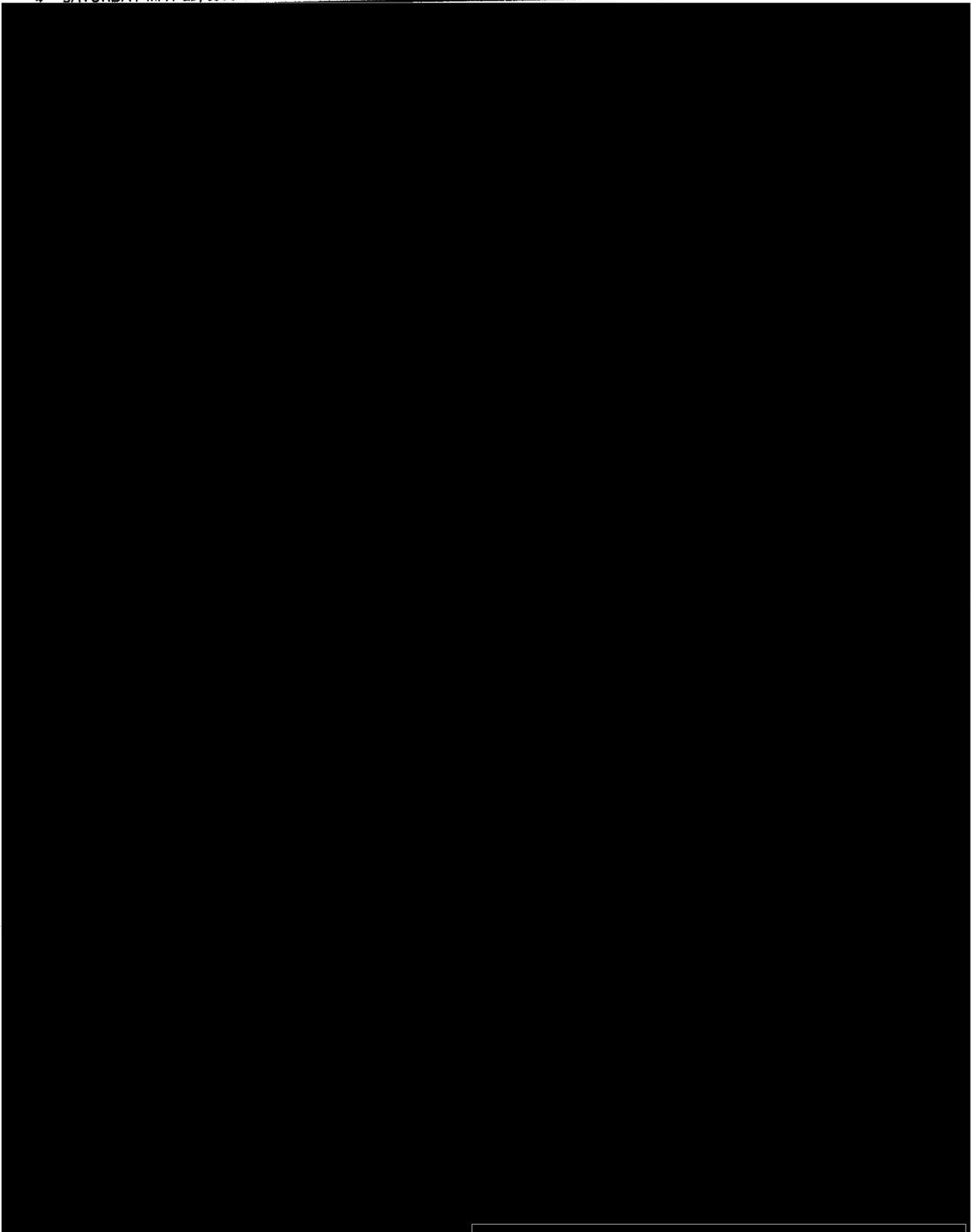
To further his cause, Azevedo is apparently trying to identify himself with the US and the NATO alliance, telling one interviewer that he would not allow Communist participation in any future government so long as the US opposed it.

Eanes, on the other hand, said this week that while the Communists could not enter the government now, they might be able to do so later on. The army chief was also less than whole-hearted in his support of NATO, insisting that Portugal would remain a loyal ally, but adopting the rhetoric of leftist military officers in suggesting that both military blocs should and would disappear.

Former security chief Otelo de Carvalho is expected to appeal primarily to the far left, which represents no more than 5 percent of the voters. Carvalho, currently on conditional liberty pending trial for his role in the abortive uprising in November, was granted special permission by the army to engage in political activities until the supreme court rules on his presidential eligibility.

The Communist Party candidate, Octavio Pato, will probably take the vote of his party, assorted front organizations, and of leftists who want a civilian president. Pato is not in the race to win, but to serve as a bargaining chip with which the Communists hope to gain a position in the new government.





Revised by 8187X  
Control level changed  
Distribution category of 10 11943  
Distribution category of 11 12002  
Distribution category of 12 12003

**Warning Notice**

**Sensitive Intelligence Sources and Methods Involved**

**NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION**

**Unauthorized Disclosure Subject to Criminal Sanctions**

The National Intelligence Daily is prepared in the Central Intelligence Agency in cooperation with the other US foreign intelligence organizations. Data items prepared by CIA alone are so marked. Analytical features articles are attributed to their authors.

**Security and control abbreviations used in this publication:**

- TSY - Top Secret SMDRA
- SS - Secret SPOKE
- S - Secret
- C - Confidential
- U - Unclassified
- NOFORN - Not releasable to (NF) Foreign Nationals
- ORCON - Dissemination and Ex. (OC) traction of information Controlled by Originator
- REL... - This information has been Authorized for Release to ...

CI NID 76-127JX

Handle via TALENT-KEYHOLE-COMINT Channels

