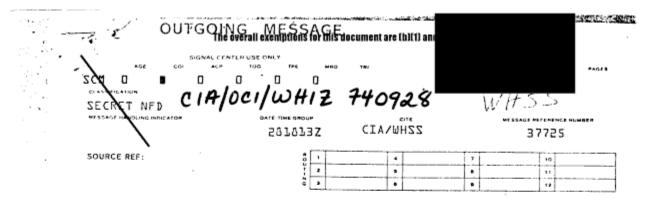
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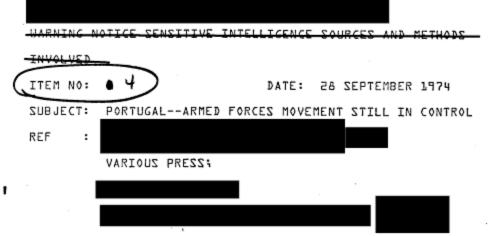
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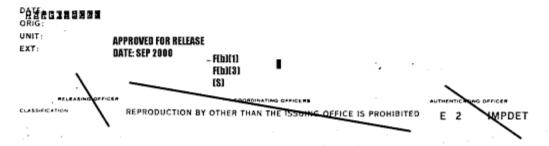
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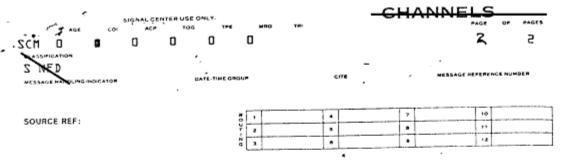
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DETAILS ON THE SITUATION IN LISBON TODAY REMAIN SKETCHY, BUT IT APPEARS THAT THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT HAS MOVED FIRMLY TO TAKE CHARGE. EARLY THIS MORNING THE MOVEMENT ANNOUNCED THAT A NUMBER OF ARRESTS HAD BEEN MADE AND APPEALED FOR CALM. ITS ACTIONS GENERALLY APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN AIMED AT PUTTING DOWN A THREAT FROM THE RIGHT RATHER THAN FROM THE LEFT.

FOREIGN MINISTER SOARES, IN STRASBOURG TO ADDRESS THE EUROPEAN





PARLIAMENT, SAID AFTER TELEPHONING LISBON THIS MORNING THAT THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT REMAINED IN FULL CONTROL.

REPORTS ARE CIRCULATING IN LISBON THAT A "RIGHTIST COUP"

HAS BEEN ABORTED. IT IS NOT CLEAR HOWEVER, WHETHER SUCH REPORTS

REFER TO AN ATTEMPT BY PRESIDENT SPINOLA OR BY FAR BRIGHTIST

FORCES OPERATING INDEPENDENTLY OF SPINOLA. IN ANY CASE, THE

ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT MAY HAVE MOVED AGAINST WHAT ITS LEADERS

CONSIDERED A THREEAT OF A FAR RIGHTIST COUP. THE MOVEMENT MAY ALSO

HAVE USED THE POSSIBILITY OF VIOLENCE--LINKED TO THE PRO-SPINOLA

DEMONSTRATION THAT HAD BEEN SCHEDULED FOR TODAYE--AS A PRETEXT

TO MOVE AGAINST THE FAR RIGHT.

SPINOLA'S ROLE IN THESE EVENTS IS NOT CLEAR. HE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR SOME OF THE ACTIONS TAKEN EARLY THIS MORNING. SUCH AS THE SUSPENSION OF THE PRESS AND RADIO. A VARIETY OF REPORTS INDICATE THAT SOME TIME AFTER THAT, HOWEVER, THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT TOOK CHARGE. ACCORDING TO ONE REPORT, SPINOLA AND PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES ARE NOW DISCUSSING THE SITUATION.

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