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April 7: The executive council of the Brazilian Social Democratic Party (PSDB) agreed to participate in President Fernando Collor de Mello’s cabinet if the government implements poverty reduction programs, economic growth strategies, and additional anti-corruption measures. April 8: Negotiations commenced between government spokesperson Jorge Bornhausen and PSDB president Tasso Jereissati. Twelve of 41 PSDB members in the Chamber of Deputies threatened to break from the party if leaders opt to join a coalition cabinet. April 9: After Jereissati rejected Collor’s offer to participate in the cabinet in order to "preserve party unity," the president completed a reshuffle which began 18 days ago. (See NotiSur 04/08/92 for coverage of the president's attempts to incorporate political opposition parties in his cabinet.) The new cabinet appointments announced April 9 were as follows: Celso Lafer, foreign affairs; Marcus Vinicius de Moraes, mining and energy; Alfonso Camargo, transportation and communications; Joao Mella Neto, labor; and, Angelo Calmon de Sa, regional development secretary. Collor de Mello also eliminated the Infrastructure Ministry, and appointed Eliezer Baptista as secretary of state for strategic affairs. April 16: Collor denied that the new cabinet appointments represent a policy shift. Instead, he described the changes as "necessary adjustments to proceed with the work begun March 15, 1990." (Sources: Spanish news service EFE, 04/08/92, 04/09/92; Agence France-Presse, 04/06-09/92, 04/16/92)

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