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FOR ABOUT 3 MONTHS, I'VE BEEN WORKING ON AN ARCHIVE I RECEIVED FROM A PERSON I'VE NEVER MET, BUT FOR WHOM I FEEL A GROWING AFFINITY WITH EACH DAY, ALMOST AS IF THERE IS A DAILY COMPLICIT CONVERSATION BETWEEN US.

"MONSIEUR VALADARES" IT'S HOW I DECIDED TO NAME THIS ARCHIVE.

IT'S THOUSANDS, NOT TO SAY MILLIONS, OF ARTICLES AND CLIPPINGS, ALL ARCHIVED BY THEME, ALL UNDERLINED AND SOME WITH SMALL ANNOTATIONS. A LIFETIME TRYING TO ARCHIVE ALL THE THEMES IN THE WORLD THAT ARE PRINTED DAILY IN MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS.

TODAY I FELT MY CHEST TIGHTENING WHEN I FOUND IN THE HUGE "MONSIEUR VALADARES" ARCHIVE THIS CUTTING OF AN ARTICLE THAT WAS ISSUED A FEW YEARS AGO ABOUT MY WORK WITH MY NAME WRITTEN BY HIM IN RED INK.