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1. (C) AN ARMY COLONEL WHO OCCUPIES COMMAND BILLET AND IS RELIABLE, WELL INFORMED, INTELLIGENT, AND FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD THE U.S. DISCUSSED WITH ME THE MATTER OF FOREIGN REACTIONS TO THE 13 DECEMBER TIGHTENING UP UNDER INSTITUTIONAL ACT NO. 5 (IA-5) SOURCE SAID THAT HE AND TEN OTHER COLONELS HAD MET IN SAO PAULO JUST AFTER CHRISTMAS TO ASSESS THE IMPACT ABROAD OF IA-5. HE SAID THAT THE ELEVEN COLONELS DECIDED OUT OF HAND THAT THEY DID NOT CARE WHAT THE REST OF LATIN AMERICA OR EUROPE THOUGHT. THEY DID CARE WHAT THE US PRESS AND THE US GOVERNMENT THOUGHT, BUT THEY BELIEVED THAT BRAZILIAN SOLUTIONS HAD TO BE FOUND FOR BRAZILIAN PROBLEMS AND THAT IA-5 WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED DESPITE THE ESSENTIALLY NEGATIVE IMPACT IN THE UNITED STATES.

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2. (C) SOURCE WAS ASKED WHETHER HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES HAD CONSIDERED THE LIKELIHOOD OF EXCESSES UNDER IA-5 PLACING THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN A POSITION OF HAVING TO DEPLORE PUBLICLY THOSE ACTIONS AND PERHAPS EVEN TAKING APPROPRIATE MEASURES IN THE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FIELD TO DEMONSTRATE ITS UNHAPPINESS. HE REPLIED, WITH SOME EMOTION, THAT THE CONTINGENCY OF ECONOMIC SANCTIONS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED, AND THAT IT HAD BEEN AGREED THAT, IF SUCH WERE TO OCCUR, IMMEDIATE COUNTERACTION WOULD BE TAKEN AGAINST AMERICAN BUSINESS INTERESTS IN BRAZIL. SOURCE WENT ON TO IDENTIFY

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HIMSELF AND THE OFFICERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING WITH HIM AS MODERATES WHO SINCERELY HOPED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT IMPOSE PENALTIES ON BRAZIL, BECAUSE THE CURRENT MOOD OF THE BRAZILIAN OFFICER CORPS COULD GENERATE IRREVERSIBLE NEGATIVE REACTIONS WHICH COULD SEVERELY DAMAGE LONG-TERM BRAZILIAN-US RELATIONS.

3. (C) COMMANDER, USAF SECTION, JBUSMC, HAS LEARNED FROM HIS MOST RELIABLE BRAZILIAN SOURCE THAT OFFICERS WITH WHOM THAT SOURCE MAINTAINS DAILY CONTACT HAVE REFLECTED ESSENTIALLY SAME POSTURE WITH RESPECT TO ACTIONS THEY WOULD RECOMMEND TO THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT IN THE EVENT OF US ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE REPRISALS OVER IA-5.

COMMENT: (C) I PERSONALLY KNOW FIVE OF THE SEVEN NAMES MENTIONED BY THE ARMY COLONEL SOURCE. ALL FIVE OF THEM, PLUS SOURCE, OCCUPY KEY POSITIONS WITHIN THE FEDERAL GARRISON AND THE FORCA PUBLICA (MILITIA) OF THE STATE OF SAO PAULO AND HAVE FULL CAPABILITY OF DECISIVELY INFLUENCING FEDERAL POLICIES WITHIN THAT STATE. SOURCE AND THE OTHER COLONELS OFTEN ARE ACCUSED OF OVER-IDENTIFICATION WITH THE U.S. BUT HAVE INDIVIDUAL RECORDS OF STEADFAST PRIVATE AND PUBLIC GESTURES DESIGNED TO PROMOTE BETTER UNDER-STANDING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. || ?

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