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RUESUP/AMCONGEN SAO PAULO IMMEDIATE 470
INFO RUESBA/AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES 397
RUESNA/AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO 228
RUESLM/AMEMBASSY LIMA 188
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1. IN PRESS CONFERENCE MAY 13 AT EMBASSY RICHARD NIXON EXPLAINED HE DELAYING HIS TRIP TO MEXICO CITY BY ONE DAY BECAUSE DIAZ ORDAZ NOT IN CAPITAL: THEREFORE NIXON WILL TRAVEL TO SAO PAULO MAY 13 AND LEAVE FOR MEXICO MAY 14 WHERE HE WILL SEE FOREIGN MINISTER AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.
2. FIFTY-FIVE JOURNALISTS, PHOTOGRAPHERS OF RIO AND FOREIGN PRESS ATTENDED PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH WENT OFF SMOOTHLY WITH NO HOSTILE QUESTIONS ASKED: MOST QUESTIONS CENTERED ON LATIN AMERICA, BUT HE ALSO TOOK QUESTIONS ON VIETNAM, USG BIRTH CONTROL POLICIES; AND GOP.
3. IN COMMENTING ON NEW BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT NIXON SAID HE THOUGHT PRESENT GOVERNMENT HAD APPROPRIATE APPROACH TO PROBLEM OF DEVELOPMENT AND STABILITY: SAID BOTH NEED TO BE UNDERTAKEN AT SAME TIME AS PRESENT GOVERNMENT IS DOING. HE ALSO SAID HE MORE HOPEFUL ABOUT FUTURE OF BRAZIL THAN ANYTIME IN HIS LIFETIME.
4. ASKED ABOUT HIS AIRPORT STATEMENT THAT ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS IS NOT DOING ENOUGH FOR DEVELOPMENT OF LATAM, NIXON SAID WITHOUT ALLIANCE THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN RETROGRESSION RATHER THAN PROGRESS IN LATIN AMERICA: ASKED SPECIFICALLY WHAT ALLIANCE PROJECTS HE HAD SEEN WHICH WERE SUCESSFUL OR NOT SUCCESSFUL, NIXON SAID HE WOULD NOT CRITICIZE U.S. GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS WHILE ABROAD BUT WOULD MAKE RECOMMENTATIONS WHEN HE RETURNED TO US. HE SAID; HOWEVER; THAT USG OFTEN SPREADS ITS AID PROGRAMS TOO WIDELY RATHER THAN CONCENTRATING ON A FEW HIGH PRIORITY PROGRAMS: GENERALLY

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5. ASKED WHETHER HE HAD DISCUSSED PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY WITH COSTA E SILVA YESTERDAY IN BRASILIA NIXON SAID SUBJECT HAD COME UP, BUT COULD NOT COMMENT ON WHAT PRESIDENT HAD SAID. IN HIS OWN VIEW; HOWEVER, HE SAID HE REALIZED PROBLEMS COUNTRIES LIKE BRAZIL, INDIA, JAPAN HAVE ON NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY SINCE THEY DO NOT WANT TO LIMIT THEMSELVES TO SECOND RATE POSITION AS REGARDS INDUSTRIAL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY. HE SAID USG IS VITALLY INTERESTED IN FINDING A FORMULA TO HIS PROBLEM WHICH, HE SAID, HE HAD NO ANSWER FOR. HE SAID BOTH FOSTER AND SEABORG ARE KEENLY INTERESTED IN PROBLEM.

6. QUESTIONED AGAIN ABOUT U THANT'S STATEMENT THAT THIRD WORLD WAR HAS BEGUN, NIXON SAID SECRETARY GENERAL IS A DEDICATED PARTISAN OF PEACE BUT HE HAS NOT TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE LESSONS OF HISTORY. NIXON DOES NOT THINK VIETNAM WAR WILL ESCALATE TO WAR WITH CHINA. IN STRONG STATEMENT OF SUPPORT OF USG POSITION ON VIETNAM, NIXON SAID THAT IF USG HAD NOT MET CHALLENGE OF COMMUNISTS AT THIS POINT IN HISTORY THE DANGER OF WORLD WAR III WOULD HAVE ESCALATED. BY MEETING THEIR CHALLENGE IN A RESTRAINED AND FIRM MANNER; NIXON SAID, COMMUNISTS POWERS WILL BE DISCOURAGED FROM ATTEMPTING SUCH AGGRESSION AGAIN.

7. ASKED ABOUT THE PRESENTLY POLITICALLY SENSITIVE ISSUE OF BIRTH CONTROL IN BRAZIL, NIXON MADE POINT THAT USG ONLY PROVIDES SUCH ASSISTANCE WHEN IT IS REQUESTED. NIXON SAID HE THOUGHT BIRTH CONTROL PROGRAMS WERE NECESSARY IN SOME PARTS OF WORLD, BUT THINKS EMPHASIS IN BRAZIL SHOULD BE ON DEVELOPMENT AND NOT CONTROLLING SIZE OF POPULATION.

8. QUESTIONED ABOUT FUTURE OF CHILE, NIXON MADE HIGHLY LAUDATORY COMMENT ON FREI WHO, HE SAID, IS ONE OF MOST ABLE LEADERS IN LATIN AMERICA WITH FEW PEERS; HOWEVER, HE SAID FREI HAS SERIOUS POLITICAL PROBLEMS. QUOTE THE JURY IS STILL OUT IN CHILE, UNQUOTE NIXON SAID AND THINKS SOLUTION WILL NOT REST WITH WHAT COMMUNISTS DO THERE BUT WHAT THOSE WHO SHOULD BE SUPPORTING

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9. IN A QUESTION ABOUT FATE OR REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY IN SOUTH AMERICA, NIXON PREFACED STATEMENT BY SAYING IT CUSTOMERY FOR US LEADERS IN THIS PART OF WORLD TO MAKE GLOWING REMAKRS ABOUT FUTURE OF CONTINENT. BUT HE SAID SOUTH AMERICA IS NOW AT A TURNING POINT AND WHAT HAPPENS IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS IN BRAZIL, ARGENTINA, CHILE, PERU, AND COLOMBIA WILL DETERMINE FATE OF REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY ON THIS CONTINENT: ALSO SAID THAT IF REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY DOES NOT SUCCEED IN PERU, CHILE AND BOLIVIA, THESE COUNTRIES MAY TURN TO AUTHORITARIAN FORMS OF GOVERNMENT. NIXON SAID HE BEEN IMPRESSED BY SPIRIT OF PRAGMATISM AMONG LATAM LEADERS HE HAS MET THIS TRIP AND THAT HE HOPES THEY WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT WORK.

10. IN LAST QUESTION ABOUT WHO GOP WILL NOMINATE IN 68 ELECTION NIXON SAID QUOTE STANDING AS I AM IN PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S EMBASSY I DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR ME TO DISCUSS WHO MIGHT BE HIS POTENTIAL RIVAL IN THE NEXT ELECTION: I HOPE USIS HERE, HOWEVER, WILL ADVISE THE DIRECTOR OF USIA THAT I SUPPORTED THE USG POSITION IN VIETNAM AGAINST THE ATTACKS OF BOBBY KENNEDY, UNQUOTE. NIXON ALSO JOKINGLY SAID HE NOT BRAVE ENOUGH A MAN TO FORESEE WHO MIGHT BE GOP CANDIDATE IN 1968.

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