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POST ROUTING

Consulate-USIS deeply concerned implications O'Leary article and offer following comment interest placing matter proper perspective:

1) Knowing O'Leary's high professional reputation Shen talked honestly though naively with him regarding many problems RITA confronts here. Shen assumed O'Leary would use material constructively and shocked see slant article takes overlooking positive aspects stressed during interview. Shen denies giving O'Leary reason believe his comments applicable to other USAID efforts Bahia or elsewhere Brazil.

2) Shen did not make any allusion "Peronist type labor laws or draw individual comparisons Argentina and Brazil.

3) Shen states his comments re local politics need change Brazilian attitudes, indifference, laziness and red tape all clearly directed only towards his experience University level, in Salvador and interior Bahia in RITA Program.

4) When full text received Shen plans write personal letter to O'Leary objecting to any misrepresentations.

Consulate plans no action pending possible local response. Appreciate Mission suggestions how handle inquiries if any develop.

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