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SUBJ: TARSO DUTRA DEFENSE MEC/USAID

1. TARSO DUTRA REMARKS MEC/USAID BURIED BACK PAGE SUNDAY PAPER. HE SAID AGREEMENTS CONDEMNED BY "INSIGNIFICANT MINORITY" STUDENTS WHO IGNORANT TEXT AGREEMENT OR WHO HAVE POLITICAL AXES TO GRIND. SAID FURTHER THAT HIGHER EDUCATION IN BRAZIL WILL BE CONSIDERABLY BENEFITTED BY MEC/USAID AGREEMENTS AND THAT DEVELOPMENT IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT PREPARATION COUNTRY'S HUMAN RESOURCES.
2. I BROACHED SUBJECT IN CALL ON DOM HELDER TODAY. ARCHBISHOP SAID DUTRA "NOT EASY TALK TO" AND IMPLIED HE HAD NOT DONE SO ON THIS SUBJECT BUT ADMITTED DISCUSSING MEC/USAID AGREEMENTS WITH MEC DIRECTOR HIGHER EDUCATION WHO TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY CHANGE ARCHBISHOP'S OPINION. HE IF ANYTHING HOLDS MORE STRONGLY VIEWS HE EXPRESSED OUR LAST CONVERSATION (MEMCON JUNE 14.)

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