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SUBJECT: REACTION TO NIXON OAS SPEECH

1. SUMMARY : MEDIA GAVE HEAVY PLAY TO NIXON'S TALK TO OAS, OFTEN INTERESTING REMARKS AS ADMISSION FAILURE ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS. HOWEVER, EDITORIALS PRAISED SPEECH AS "REALISTIC" AND APPLAUDED IMPORTANCE NIXON WILL GIVE LATAM AND HIS PROPOSAL TO WORK TOGETHER WITH OTHER COUNTRIES OF HEMISPHERE TO ACHIEVE COMMON GOALS. TWO LEADING RIO PAPERS, INDEPENDENT JORNAL DO BRASIL AND CONSERVATIVE O GLOBO CARRIED USIS TRANSLATION OF FULL TEXT.

2. RADIO AND TV: ALL NEWSCASTS GAVE TALK PROMINENT AIR TIME. TV TUPI COMMENTADOR SAID NIXON HAS NOT YET DEVELOPED LATAM POLICY NOR PRESENTED NEW IDEAS FOR HEMISPHERE. RADIO GLOBO STRESSED THAT NIXON DISAPPOINTED WITH AFP, AND RADIOS NACIONAL AND JORNAL DO BRASIL REPORTED NIXON STATED AFP HAS FAILED. ALL REPORTED HE INTENDS TO RENOVATE IT.

3. SAMPLE NEWSPAPER HEADLINES: O GLOBO: "NIXON ANNOUNCES ALLIANCE'S FAILURE"; O JONAL: "NIXON DENOUNCES" ALLIANCE HAS FAILED"; JORNAL DO COMMERCIO "PER CAPITA INCOME IN THE US WILL BE 15 TIMES THAT OF LATAM IN THE YEAR 2,000"; ULTIMA HORA : "NIXON" ROCKEFELLER IS GOING TO HELP, NOT DEMAND"; DIARIO DE NOTICIAS: "NIXON CRITICIZES ALLIANCE : IT HAS DONE ALMOST NOTHING"; JORNAL DO BRASIL: "NIXON WANTS MORE EFFICIENT AID TO LATAM".

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4.A. NEWSPAPER COMMENT:

A. INDEPENDENT CORREIO DA MANHA PRAISES NIXON'S "FRANKNESS", SAYING HE HAS "DIRECTLY CRITICIZED THE RESULTS RATHER THAN THE INTENTIONS OF THE PROGRAM", AND ADDS NIXON'S ADDRESS PERMITS "LATAM DEVELOPMENT TO BE RACKLED IN REAL TERMS, THAT IS, BY ADOPTING REFORMIST MEASURES WHICH WILL NECESSARILY ELIMINATE OLIGARCHIES AND PROMOTE DEMOCRACY".

B. IN INDEPENDENT DIARIO DE NOTICIAS COLUMNIST POMONA POLITS SAYS: "EVERTHING INDICATES THAT NIXON IS WILLING TO RENEW THE US-LATAM DIALOGUE IN MORE DURABLE AND CONSTRUCTIVE TERMS. THERE IS A NEW ELEMENT IN NIXON'S ADDRESS: PREVIOUSLY THE US WAS ALWAYS SUPPOSED TO DO SOMETHING; NOW THE IDEA IS TO FOLLOW A JOINT POLICY SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH NIXON ADVOCATES FOR EUROPE".

C. O JORNAL (DIARIOS ASSOCIADOS) SAYS "THE DESIRE WHICH MOVED PRESIDENT KENNEDY WHEN HE LAUNCHED THE ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS IS THE SAME THAT PROMPTS PRESIDENT NIXON " WHO HAS THE ADVANTAGE OF KNOWING THE "SUCCESSES AND FAILURES" OF THAT PROGRAM..." PRESIDENT NIXON HAS DEMONSTRATED HIS INTEREST IN HIS HEMISPHERIC NEIGHBORS. HE COULDN'T FEEL OTHERWISE , BECAUSE HE IS A SUFFICIENTLY EXPERIENCED STATESMAN TO KNOW THAT US SECURITY LIES NOT ONLY IN EUROPE OR IN DISTANT COUNTRIES OF ASIA BUT PRINCIPALLY IN THE AMERICAN CONTINENT ITSELF".

D. JORNAL DO COMMERCIO (DIARIOS ASSOCIADOS) SAYS THE SPEECH HAD "A TWOFOLD OBJECTIVE: TO UNDO MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND TO CONFIRM OUR HOPES IN NIXON'S LATAM POLICY". THE PAPER PRAISES THE "REALISM" OF THE PRESIDENT WHICH IS BASED "ON A BROAD SENSE OF COOPERATION".

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