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ACTION: AMEMBASSY RIO 1121 PRIORITY FROM RECIFE 1331  
AMEMBASSY OFFICE BRASILIA 38 PRIORITY  
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REF: RECIFE 1329 AND 1328.

1. BIRTH CONTROL STORY CONTINUED GET HEAVY PLAY  
SUNDAY IN JORNAL DO COMMERCIO, WITH MAIN HEADLINE  
FRONT PAGE GIVEN TO CONFIRMATION BY REV. FRANK  
LEONARD ARNOLD IN SAO LUIS DO MARANHAO OF USE IUD.  
HE SOUGHT TO EXPLAIN THAT IT WAS ONLY MINOR ASPECT  
MISSIONARY WORK.

2. SECONDARY POSITION GIVEN TO PORTIONS CONGEN  
STATEMENT (WITHOUT IDENTIFYING SOURCE) WHICH NOTED  
THAT A) TAYLORS WERE PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS, AND  
B) THEY WERE ENGAGED IN WORK ON COOPERATIVES AND  
PUBLIC HEALTH. DENIAL OF PARTICIPATION IN "STERILIZATION"  
OR BIRTH CONTROL TREATMENT NOT INCLUDED. THIS ITEM  
CONCLUDED WITH STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO MURILO  
GUIMARAES, RECTOR UNIVERSITY OF PERNAMBUCO, THAT  
PROFESSOR MARTINIANO FERNANDES OF MEDICAL SCHOOL

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MIGHT, IN HIS PRIVATE CAPACITY, BE ENGAGED IN BIRTH CONTROL STUDIES " USING FREE SERVICES OFFERED TO HIM BY PEACE CORPS".

3. REMAINDER FRONT PAGE AND FULL FOUR COLUMNS PAGE 3 DEVOTED TO PROTEST STATEMENTS FROM PRESIDENT OF WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC CRUSADE, "CATHOLIC POET" MARIA DO CARMO, MDB STATE DEPUTIES AND ARENA FIRST VICE PRESIDENT FÁBIO CORREA WHO CALLED FOR PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY. SOME WENT SO FAR AS TO TIE "DE-POPULATION" THEME TO NATIONAL SECURITY AND TO GOVERNOR COELHO'S ALLEGED PROPOSAL TO BRING JAPANESE IMMIGRANTS TO THE SAN FRANCISCO VALLEY.

4. DIARIO DE PERNAMBUCO (OF DIARIOS ASSOCIADOS) SIMPLY PRINTED CONGEN STATEMENT CENTER OF FRONT PAGE WITHOUT COMMENT, BUT OMITTING FINAL SENTENCE. BIRTH CONTROL ISSUE OTHERWISE LARGELY IGNORED.

5. ONLY REFERENCE THUS FAR TO AMBASSADOR'S PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT HERE LAST WEEK WAS BY MDB STATE DEPUTY WHO SAID IN JORNAL THAT "UNAWARENESS ALLEGED" BY HIM "RELATIVE TO HIS COUNTRY'S RESPONSIBILITIES

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FOR THESE PRACTICES DOES NOT ELIMINATE THEM NOR DOES IT DIMINISH THEM, BECAUSE THEY IN FACT EXIST, WHETHER SPONSORED BY US OR NOT, AND IN ANY EVENT REPRESENT A FLAGRANT AFFRONT TO OUR SOVEREIGNTY".

6. DECIDED AFTER FURTHER CONSULTATION WITH PEACE CORPS TO AND USIS NOT/ATTEMPT FURTHER CLARIFICATION IN PRESS STATEMENT, BUT RATHER WORK DIRECTLY WITH DIRECTOR OF JORNAL DO COMMERCIO, RECTOR OF UNIVERSITY AND PROF. FERNANDES OF BEM-ESTAR FAMILIAR (WHO WAS IN RIO AT LEAST THROUGH SATURDAY). USIS DELIVERED CONGEN STATEMENT TO JORNAL SHORTLY AFTER SIX P.M., BEFORE GOING TO DIARIO, BUT JORNAL NEVERTHELESS PRINTED INSIDE STORY SAYING USIS OFFICERS REFUSED TO TALK UNTIL THEY COULD GET THE FACTS AND FAILED TO KEEP APPOINTMENT WITH REPORTER. USIS WILL MEET WITH JORNAL DIRECTOR TODAY TO DISCUSS ETHICAL PROBLEM AND, PERHAPS, GET CONGEN STATEMENT PRINTED AFTERNOON TABLOID DIARIO DE NOITE (NO MONDAY MORNING PAPERS), PUBLISHED BY JORNAL. AIM IS TO KEEP PAPER HALF-WAY HONEST RATHER THAN ADD FUEL

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TO ITS CAMPAIGN OF SENSATIONALISM.

7. FOR SIMILAR PURPOSE, PEACE CORPS REGIONAL DIRECTOR WRITING SIMPLE LETTER TO RECTOR INDICATING A) INACCURACY OF PRESS QUOTATION OF HIM THAT PC HAD OFFERED FREE SERVICES TO BIRTH CONTROL STUDIES OF FERNANDES (WHOSE REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEER TO WORK WITH HIM IN RECIFE WAS DENIED SOME TIME AGO); AND B) RE-STATEMENT CONGEN RELEASE WITH EMPHASIS ON FINAL SENTENCE OMITTED FROM BOTH PAPERS.

8. BELIEVE US COMES OFF ABOUT AS WELL AS CAN BE EXPECTED VIEW INTENSITY OF JORNAL CAMPAIGN AND UNCERTAINTIES OF FACT. NEXT QUESTION MAY BE WHETHER STUDENTS WILL FOLLOW UP ISSUE OF BIRTH CONTROL MENTIONED IN MANIFESTO (SEE RECIFE'S 1327) LAST WEEK AND FOLLOWING CONCLUSION ORGANIZATIONAL SEMINAR IN NATAL.

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