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1. IN SPEECH MAY 23 AT SAO LUIS PRESIDENT CASTELLO BRANCO
ISSUED UNUSUALLY STRONG REBUTTAL TO RECENT COMMENTS ON BRAZIL BY
SENATORS KENNEDY AND FULBRIGHT. KEY PORTIONS OF TEXT WERE GIVEN
TO JOURNALISTS IN ADVANCE.

2. BULK OF SPEECH DEVOTED GOB ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN MARANHAO.
PRESIDENT CONCLUDED THAT IN NO OTHER STATE COULD HE BETTER DEMON-
STRATE GOVERNMENTAL ACTION IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND DEMOCRATIC
INNOVATION. NEVERTHELESS, HE STATED, THESE TWO THEMES OFFER
GREAT POSSIBILITIES FOR DEMAGOGUERY, WHICH HAS BEEN FEEDING ON
THEM, EVEN OVERSEAS. SAID CRITICISM IS EASY AND AUDIENCE TO
WHICH DIRECTED FREQUENTLY POORLY INFORMED OR EVEN TOTALLY
UNINFORMED, HAS NO COMPLEIANCE OTHER THAN TO LISTEN.

3. STATING THAT AS IF IT WERE AN ECHO OF THE LOCAL CAMPAIGNS
OF THOSE WHO LONG FOR CORRUPTION AND SUBVERSION, PRESIDENT NOTED
IT IS SAID OVERSEAS THAT BRAZIL IS UNDER RULE OF A DICTATOR.
ASKED RHETORICALLY IF THIS BAD FAITH OR IRRESPONSIBILITY.
"ACTUALLY, UNLESS WE COMPLETELY CHANGE THE DEFINITIONS OF
UNIVERSAL POLITICAL DICTIONARY, IT DIFFICULT SPEAK OF DICTATORSHIP
IN FACE OF PRESENT POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS". PRESIDENT SAID WOULD BE
ENTIRELY SUI-GENERIS SPEAK OF DICTATORSHIP INVBAUNTRY WHERE THERE
NOT A SINGLE POLITICAL PRISONER IN ANY CATEGORY AND IN WHICH PRESS
ASSURED OF COMPLETE LIBERTY TO CRITICIZE, WHICH LIBERTY IT
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FREQUENTLY UTILIZES TO GO AS FAR AS INJURING OR ATTACKING ALL POWERS AND PERSONS.

4. DESPITE THIS, PRESIDENT CONTINUED, PEOPLE WHO ONE WOULD THINK ARE RESPONSIBLE AND EVEN PRESUMABLY WELL-INFORMED, DO NOT FEEL CONSTRAINT IN IGNORING TRUTH ABOUT BRAZIL'S POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS, WHICH ACTUALLY WOULD HAVE BEEN FOR LONG TIME DOMINATED BY DICTATORSHIP OF CUBAN TYPE IF IT NOT FOR LOYALTY OF BRAZILIAN PEOPLE AND THEIR ARMED FORCES TO DEMOCRATIC IDEALS. "LET THEM SAY WHAT THEY WILL, THE TRUTH - AND THIS IS WHAT MATTERS - IS THAT BRAZIL AFTER TRAUME TO WHICH IT SUBMITTED BY THOSE WHO DREAM OF HANDING IT OVER TO COMMUNISM, NOT ONLY CONTINUES WITH LEGISLATIVE AND JUDICIARY POWERS IN FULL OPERATION, WITH FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND INSTITUTION OF HAVEAS CORPUS IN FULL VIGOR, BUT ALSO IS PREPARING FOR POPULAR ELECTIONS FOR SELECTION OF ITS NEW CONGRESS. THESE ARE FACTS THAT ANSWER ALL WORDS, AND WHICH NO ONE CAN DENY, BECAUSE THEY CORRESPOND TO BRAZILIAN REALITY, SHICH IS THAT OF A FREE COUNTRY "WITHOUT DEISCRIMINATION OR PRIVILEGES OF ANY TYPE".

5. TURNING TO SPECIFIC CRITICISM MADE BY SENATOR KENNEDY (NEITHER SENATOR IS EVER METIONED BY NAME), PRESIDENT SAID THAT AS WELL AS ITS POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS, BRAZIL'S MISERY AND UNDERDEVELOPMENT IN SOME REGIONS HAVE BEEN EASY PREY TO INTERNATIONAL DEMAGOGUERY. "IN REALITY IT COSTS LITTLE TO SAY THAT MORE OUGHT TO BE DONE OR THAT THERE OUGHT TO BE OTHER CRITERION OF PRIORITIES. I SAY, HOWEVER, WE ARE THE ONLY JUDGES. AS MUCH AS WE NEED AID AND COOPERATION, SUCH AS WE HAVE HAD FROM VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, WE WILL ALWAYS CONTINUE AS MATERS OF OUR OWN DESTINY (DONOS DOS NOSSOS PROPRIOS CAMINHOS), CHOOSING FREELY THOSE ROADS WE CONSIDER MOST SUITABLE TO OUR DEVELOPMENT. THIS IS A PREROGATIVE THAT NO NATION CAN FOREGO, AND, HAPPILY, THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANYONE WHO HAS DEMANDED THE CONTRARY FROM US. AND PARTICULARLY TO PRESERVE THIS RIGHT WHICH WE HOLD INALIENABLE, WE SEEK TO EMPLOY ALL AID, LOANS OR CONTRIBUTIONS OF ANY TYPE WITH THE MOST RIGID AUTHORITY. WE DO NOT SQUANDER. FAR FROM THIS, WE ADOPT NORMS WITH THE GREATEST SEVERITY IN EXPENSES AND EXECUTION OF WORKS. IT IS THIS CIRCUMSTANCE, AS A MATTER OF FACT, WHICH EVERY DAY CONTRIBUTES TO INCREASING CONFIDENCE IN ALL FOREIGN CIRCLES IN CAPABILITY AND HONESTY OF BRAZILIAN ADMINISTRATION".

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