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PRESS CONFERENCE SUMMARY.

FOR AMBASSADOR.

1. AMB TUTHILL HELD PRESS CONFERENCE MAY 4 FOR RECIFE NEWSMEN. SUMMARY OF AMB'S STATEMENTS AS PRINTED THIS MORNING'S PRESS FOLLOWS:
2. JORNAL DO COMERCIO PRINTED FRONT PAGE HEADLINE "TUTHILL KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT BIRTH CONTROL" (SIC) THEN REFERRED IN ARTICLE TO STATEMENT THAT AMB HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF "RELIGIOUS MISSIONARIES OF THE US WORKING TO CONTROL THE BIRTH RATE IN THE AMAZON". PAPER SAID THAT CONTRACEPTIVE METHOD IS BEING USED IN AMAZON IS SERPENTINE INNER-UTERINE DEVICE WHICH ALSO USED IN US. QUOTED PADRE HUGA PAIVA, PROFESSOR AT INSTITUTO SUPERIOR DE PASTROAL CATEQUETICO IN RIO AS SAYING CHURCH DISAPPROVES SERPENTINE AND CONSIDERS IT "MINI-ABORTION".
3. JORNAL ALSO SAID THAT DURING A MEETING WITH SUDENE SUPERINTENDENT EULER BENTES, TUTHILL "ADMITTED" AMERICAN AID TO NE IS SMALL BECAUSE OF LARGE US WORLD-WIDE COMMITMENTS, ESPECIALLY TO VIETNAM.
4. (WHAT WAS SAID WAS THAT OUR AID IS MARGINAL TO TOTAL BRAZILIAN EFFORT BUT STILL LARGE PROPORTION OF US AID TO LA WXD PERHAPS, EXCEPT FOR VIETNAM, OUR LARGEST COUNTRY AID PROGRAM.)
5. PAPER SAID AMB REAFFIRMED AMERICAN INTEREST IN NE AND STATED HE WANTED TO BE IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY AGRICULTURE, SUGAR CANE INDUSTRY, EDUCATION AND HEALTH. JORNAL SAID AMB PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN KNOWING EXTENT OF SUDENE PLANS SOLVE PROBLEM OF COMMON MAN AND IN WHAT MANNER US MIGHT HELP.

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6. JORNAL REPORTED THAT PERNAMBUCO STUDENT LEADERS INVITED MEET WITH AMB FOR DISCUSSION STUDENT AFFAIRS BUT NOT ONE STUDENT SHOWED UP. JORNAL SAID POSSIBLE INTERPRETATION THIS IFPOSITION SOLIDARITY LOCAL STUDENTS WITH THOSE IN BRASILIA.

7. AMB, NEWSPAPERS SAID, WAS UNAWARE DECISION TO BOYCOTT MEETING WHICH WAS TAKEN DURING EARLIER MEETING THE STUDENTS HELD AT LAW FACULTY OF THE LAW SCHOOL DIRECTOR WHO RESIGNED THREE DAYS AGO IN PROTEST OVER INTERNAL PROBLEMS WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY.

8. NEWSPAPER ALSO REPORTED AMB'S MEETING WITH RECIFE LABOR LEADERS. HE WAS ASKED AT MEETING ABOUT THE ROLE PLAYED BY US WORKERS IN AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT AND IF THEY WERE LARGELY SPECTATORS AS IN CASE OF BRAZIL.

9. AMB ANSWERED: "I AM PREPARED TO TALK ABOUT AMERICAN AID TO BRAZIL AND HOW WE CAN HELP BRAZILIAN UNIONS BUT WE CANNOT COMPARE THE CONDITIONS BETWEEN AMERICAN AND BRAZILIAN WORKERS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TWO COUNTRIES".

10. JORNAL DO COMMERCIO TREATED AMB'S PRESS CONFERENCE MUCH IN THE SAME MANNER AS DIARIO DE PERNAMBUCO. HOWEVER THE JORNAL MADE THESE ADDITIONAL POINTS:

AMB SAID IT IMPOSSIBLE AT THIS MOMENT TO THINK ABOUT US PARTICIPATION IN LA COMN MARKET BUT HIS V NOUNTRY-- AS IN THE CASE OF ITS RELATION TO THE EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET, WOULD LEND SUPPORT, HELP AND COOPERATION. NEWSPAPER SAID AMB POINTED OUT CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM BETWEEN US AND BRAZIL HAS BEEN INCREASED RATHER THAN DECREASED, AS WAS SUGGESTED BY HDNE OF THE REPORTERS. (ACTUALLY THIS QUESTION WAS HANDLED BY MR. MOUNT, OF USIS, WHO SPOKE OF TECHNICAL PROGRAMS, AS WELL, LARGELY IN THE NE.

DAIRIO DE PERNAMBUCO

11. DIARIO REPORTED THAT AMB SAID 'US KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT AMERICANS "SERVING HERE" USING CONTRACEPTIVES AS MEANS BIRTH CONTROL IN AMAZON REGION. THE NEWSPAPER SAID ALSO THAT US ACCORDING TO AMB TUTHILL, HAS NO SUCH PROGRAM WHICH ENGAGES DIMINISHING OF BIRTH RATE KW COUNTRIES RECEIVING AMERICAN AID, AND THAT US ONLY OFFERS

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THIYTAID IN ACCORDANCE GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS AND WHERE PROGRAM HAS SUPPORT OF PEOPLE RECEIVING IT. (AMB STATED SPECIFICALLY THAT NO SUCH PROGRAM EXISITS IN BRAZIL).

12 DIARIO DE PERNAMBUCO ALSO REPORTED AMB AS MAKING FOLLOWING POINTS: MEC/USAID AGREEMENT SIGNED BY BOTH COUNTRIES AFTER STUDYING THE DOCUMENT AND REACHING ACCORD AND THEREFORE IT IS STILL VALID. (PRIOR APPROVAL BY PRESIENT GOVERNMENT WAS LOST IN THIS ACCOUNT.) (ON STUDENTS) ANTI-AMERICAN STUDENTS REPRESENT MINORITY AND THAT EACH STUDENT HAS RIGHT TO DISAGREE IN "THIS OR THAT MANNER" IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE HIS OBJECTIVES. OBJECTIVE OF US IS TO HELP DEVELOPING NATIONS ACHIEVE THEIR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INDEPENDENCE.

13. IN ANSWER TO QUESTION IF NEW PLANS WERE UNDERWAY BETWEEN BRAZIL AND US AS RESULT OF THE PUNTA DEL ESTE CONFERENCE: "SOME THINGS ARE ARE ALREADY BEING PLANNED AND OTHERS ARE BEING STUDIED. EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON AGREEMENTS TO BE SIGNED WITH BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT. IN THE MEANTIME, WE CONTINUE TO EXECUTE THE OLD PROGRAMS".

14 " OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO MAKE BRAZIL ECONOMICALLY INDEPENDENT AND TO DO THIS WE ARE PLACING AT THE DISPOSITION OF THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT, ANNUALLY, \$400,000,000 TO \$450,000,000.. WE ARE CONTRIBUTING TOWARD THE EVOLUTIONOF ALL DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS".

15. IN A STORY, HEADLINED "FRANK CONVERSATION WITH THE WORKERS DIARIO SAID AMB DECLARED "HIS COUNTRY IS INTERESTED IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF FRIENDLY NATIONS BECAUSE THIS REPRESENTS THE CONSOLIDATION OF DEMOCRACY". ARTICLE CONTINUED, STATING THAT AMB EXPLAINED HIS COUNTRY'S INTEREST IN FREE LABOR MOVEMENT IS FUNDAMENTAL BECAUSE UNIONS OFFER CONDITIONS TO CONSOLIDATE DEMOCRACY.

16. AMB MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE ORGANIZATIONS OF HIS COUNTRY, WORKING IN THIS AREA, ARE DEVOTED TO DEVELOPMENT OF THE NE AND EVERTHING IS BEING DIRECTED TOWARD THIS OBJECTIVE; THE NEWSPAPER SAID. HILLIKER
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