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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS INQUIRY

- 1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED AN INQUIRY FROM THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION CONCERNING THE STATUS OF DR. LUIS ROMEU CAVALCANTI DE FONTE, AN ATTORNEY WHO HAS REPRESENTED MEMBERS OF BRAZIL'S AGRICULTURAL UNION MOVEMENT. CAVALCANTI HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN THREATENED AND HARASSED FOR HIS WORK WITH THE UNION MOVEMENT.
- 2. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY PROVIDING A REPORT ON CAVALCANTI'S WELL-BEING. SHULTZ

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