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SUBJECT: DELFIM NETO REMARKS CONCERNING BRAZILIAN ARMED FORCES

REF: RIO 3347

1. WHILE NOT DENYING THEIR EXISTENCE ENTIRELY, WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT DELFIM NETO EXAGGERATED IN STATING THAT "FEELINGS OF NATIONALISM, STATISM, AND ANTI-AMERICANISM ARE RUNNING VERY HIGH IN BRAZILIAN ARMED FORCES." HE HAS BEEN UNDER CONSIDERABLE STRESS OF LATE AND SEEMED CONSIDERABLY AGITATED DURING HIS "HAIR DOWN" EXCHANGE WITH ELLIS, CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH PROBABLY LED HIM TO OVERSTATE THE CASE. WE DO NOT BELIEVE DELFIM HAS BROAD ACCESS TO RELIABLE INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. WE DO HOWEVER CONSIDER THIS A HIGHLY ELEMENT AND IMPORTANT QUESTION, AND ARE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR ANY INFORMATION WHICH MIGHT BEAR ON SUCH ALLEGATIONS. RESULTS OF CLUB MILITAR ELECTIONS (SEE USDAO MSG 0371, R181430Z MAY 70) WILL BE OF SOME INTEREST AS INDICATORS. IF DELFIM ELABORATES AT ALL ON THIS OBSERVATION DURING HIS WASHINGTON TALKS, EMB WOULD OF COURSE BE INTERESTED TO HEAR.

3. WE HAVE NOTED HBR-6838 (SECRET NO FON) AND ARE ATTEMPTING DISCREETLY CHECK WILD REPORTS THEREIN.  
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