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SUBJ: REPRESENTATIONS ON BEHALF OF FORD FOUNDATION PROFESSORS

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1. ON INSTRUCTIONS EMBASSY RIO, EMBASSY BRASILIA PRESENTED FOLLOWING AIDE MEMOIRE TO ASST SEC GEN FOR AMERICAN AFFAIRS, AMBASSADOR MARIO BORGES DA FONSECA THIS AFTERNOON. (UNNECESSARY WORDS OMITTED.)

2. "EMBASSY OF THE USA WISHES TO CALL ATTENTION OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO LETTER DATED JUNE 16, 1970 BY STANLEY A. NICHOLSON, ACTING REPRESENTATIVE IN BRAZIL OF FORD FOUNDATION ADDRESSED TO GENERAL LUIZ FRANCA DE OLIVEIRA, GUANABARA STATE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC SECURITY. ATTACHED TO MR. NICHOLSON'S LETTER IS TESTIMONY PROVIDED BY THREE AMERICAN VISITING PROFESSORS IN WHICH THEY DESCRIBE AN INCIDENT WHICH TOOK PLACE ON THE EVENING OF JUNE 12, 1970.

3. "DR. CARLOS PELAEZ IS CONDUCTING ECONOMIC RESEARCH AT GETULIO VARGAS FOUNDATION AS PART OF VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY PROGRAM UNDER USAID CONTRACT AND HOLDS OFFICIAL UNITED STATES PASSPORT. DR. WERNER BAER IS EMPLOYED BY FORD FOUNDATION AS PROGRAM ADVISER AND HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN DEVELOPMENT OF FORD GRANTS TO BRAZILIAN UNIVERSITIES, INSTITUTIONS, AND GOVERNMENT ENTITIES. DR. RIORDAN ROETT IS VISITING PROFESSOR FROM VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY CONDUCTING RESEARCH SUPPORTED BY FORD FOUNDATION GRANT.

4. "THREE AMERICAN PROFESSORS IN QUESTION STATE THAT ON JUNE 12 THEY WERE ARRESTED BY ARMED BRAZILIAN SECURITY FORCES, WHO FORCIBLY ENTERED THEIR APARTMENTS AND REFUSED TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES. ACCORDING TO THEIR TESTIMONY, AGENTS RANSACKED ONE OF APARTMENTS AND STOLE ARTICLES BELONGING TO DR. ROETT. PROFESSORS WERE BLINDFOLDED AND TAKEN TO REMOTE BUILDING WHERE THEY THREATENED WITH VIOLENCE, ROUGHLY TREATED, EXPOSED TO ABUSIVE LANGUAGE AND INTERROGATED AT LENGTH. THEY HELD INCOMMUNICADO FOR APPROXIMATELY SEVEN HOURS BEFORE BEING RELEASED. FURTHER DETAIL IS PROVIDED IN THEIR ATTACHED REPORT.

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