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SUBJECT: Brazilian GATT Waiver

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1. Almost simultaneously with receipt State 135144 we received inquiry from Vilar de Queiroz, who accompanied Roberto Campos on recent visit to Washington, as to what action was needed to ensure affirmative U.S. vote on GATT waiver. We suggested that GOB give Embassy in writing assurances specified in para one State 135144. He said he would arrange appropriate note or letter.
2. Today, when we inquired status this matter, Vilar said Customs Policy Council had decided against giving written assurances since this might set precedent which would cause other GATT parties demand written assurances before voting favorably on waiver. He said GOB position on wheat concession remained unchanged, that it willing restore concession in negotiations to be held after March 1, and that required oral assurances had been given USG in Washington. He noted that

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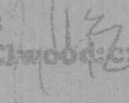
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enough favorable votes had already been cast to give GOB
the waiver it desired.

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