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William Belton, Esquire
Deputy Chief of Mission
American Embassy
Rio de Janeiro

Dear Bill:

This is just a brief note of greeting along with a quick reference to one piece of relatively minor business.

FBIS recently has received two notes from your Radio Officer, Arthur Lefkowitz, requesting that no more FBIS reports be sent to Rio. This request was justified on the basis of staff reductions.

Our basic policy objectives with respect to the utilization of the FBIS Daily Reports of Latin American and Soviet broadcasts were spelled out in CA-8821 of May 16, 1967 and CA-11554 of October 15, 1968. Copies are enclosed for ready reference. We believe the objectives discussed therein are all the more valid and timely with the expansion of Soviet presence in Latin America and the development of nationalist and other trends which may make it easier for Moscow to exacerbate U.S.-Latin American relations. Moreover, as pointed out in CA-11554, we do not regard this as a "major time-consuming operation. It is assumed that political officers usually will be able to identify at a glance the occasional FBIS items which are of interest and utility to them at any given moment". I would doubt that the two Daily Reports together should take more than twenty minutes a day, on an average, of one officer's time. On the other hand, we do feel it is essential for the individual posts to stay on top of these matters. The 1966 expulsion of a Soviet representative on the basis of Moscow broadcast material supplied to the Foreign Office by the Department and Embassy was a case in point.

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I trust everything goes well with you and yours. I am currently involved in trying to substitute Spanish for Portuguese in preparation for my next assignment, Mexico City. But it is hard to correct old habits.

All the best,

Sincerely,

Jack B. Kubisch

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