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FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATED TEXT EDITORIAL ENTITLED "THE LAST TEST" APPEARING FRONT PAGE ULTIMA HORA MARCH 5: QUOTE MISSION OF MR. SAN TIAGO DANTAS, WHATEVER MAY COME OUT OF IT, SHOULD PERHAPS BE CONSIDERED AS LAST TEST OF SINCERITY OF USG WITH RESPECT TO TYPE OF POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL REGIMES IT WOULD LIKE SEE TRIUMPH IN LATIN AMERICA. ASIDE FROM NEGOTIATIONS OF FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHARACTER WITH WHICH THE MISSION IS CHARGED IT SEEMS TO US THAT POLITICAL TEST IS EVEN MORE CONCLUSIVELY IMPORTANT ASPECT OF VISIT DANTAS WILL MAKE TO WASHINGTON.

THE BRAZIL THAT ILLUSTRIOUS FINANCE MINISTER WILL PRESENT TO US IS AT MOMENT ONLY COUNTRY IN LATIN AMERICA UNDER AUTHENTIC DEMOCRATIC AND REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM. IN IT THE THREE BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT --EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE AND JUDICIARY --EXERCISE THEIR PREROGATIVES WITH INDEPENDENCE AND AUTONOMY, THUS FULFILLING THAT REQUIREMENT MINIMAL TO ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DEMOCRATIC CHARACTER ANY GOVERNMENT. BEYOND THAT: IN BRAZIL THE BASIC FREEDOMS --FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY OF PRESS, OF LABOR ORGANIZATION AND FREE ENTERPRENEURIAL INITIATIVE--ARE NOT SIMPLE THEORETIC EXPRESSIONS BUT ARE IN FACT PRACTICED IN FULL. IN OUR COUNTRY, THE STATE, WITH SUPPORT OF IMMENSE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE, WHICH IN GENERAL IS MOST BURDENED IN HOURS OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CRISIS, HAS ONLY RESERVED TO ITSELF RIGHT TO INTERVENE WHERE AND WHEN PRIVATE INITIATIVE FOREIGN OR DOMESTIC ARE NOT CAPABLE CONFRONTING AND SOLVING PROBLEMS GENERATED BY UNDERDEVELOPMENT. AND FINALLY, AT

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