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OFFICE: A/CDC

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DATE: 6-9-87

MEMORANDUM OF AUTHORITY ATTACHED

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REF: SAO PAULO 162

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2. ACCORDING PRESS, MAGALHAES PINTO SAID "BRAZIL WILL NOT ACCEPT INTERVENTION IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS... CRITICISMS BY MEN WHO HAVE ONLY PASSED THROUGH COUNTRY WILL NOT ALTER OUR VIEWPOINTS OR CONCERN US." FONMIN ALLEGEDLY OBSERVED USG HAS REPRESENTATIVES IN BRAZIL WHO KNOW BRAZILIAN SITUATION BETTER AND ARE ABLE TO RESPOND TO SUCH STATEMENTS. HE SAID GOB CONSIDERS USG PRONOUNCEMENTS MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN THOSE OF SOME SENATORS BECAUSE PRONOUNCEMENTS IN CONGRESS ARE MADE MORE TO AFFECT US GOVERNMENT THAN THAT OF BRAZIL. IN THIS CONNECTION HE TOLD PRESS THAT STATEMENTS BY PRESIDENT NIXON ON LATIN AMERICA ARE SUFFICIENT REASON FOR GOB NOT TO BE CONCERNED BY OTHER REMARKS WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAIL. HE ALLUDED TO PRESIDENT'S CAMPAIGN POSITIONS ON LATIN AMERICA, HIS CONVERSATION WITH GALO PLAZA AND HIS ASSURANCE TO BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR GIBSON BARBOZA THAT USG DESIRES MAINTAIN BEST UNDERSTANDING WITH BRAZIL.

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4. FONMIN ALSO DISCUSSED SANTIAGO CECLA MEETING WHICH HE BELIEVED WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL AND MAINLY TECHNICAL. HE DESCRIBED MEETING AS BRAZILIAN INITIATIVE BASED ON KNOWLEDGE THAT PRESIDENT NIXON WISHED TO KNOW GLOBAL LATIN AMERICAN THINKING ABOUT US AID. MAGALHAES PINTO SAID MEETING WAS BEING HELD SO THAT THINKING OF ALL LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES COULD BE ADJUSTED (AJUSTADO) AND PRESENTED TO NEW PRESIDENT IN CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER. HE ALSO STATED THERE WILL BE NO POLITICAL CONFRONTATION AT CONFERENCE AND NO CONFRONTATION OF LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS WITH US. ADDED MEETING WILL EXAMINE PROBLEMS HAVING IN VIEW THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN FROM US AT VERY TIME GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER IS IN LATIN AMERICA TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH LA THINKING.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: A/CDC - Ambassador John Burke

FROM: A/CDC/MR - Ralph E. Lindstrom *RL*

SUBJECT: Upgrading of Document

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