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- 1. DR. ALDO V. DA ROSA, FORMER PRESIDENT CNPQ AND CNAE DEPARTING RIO VARIG FLIGHT 854 EVENING MARCH 6. EXPECTS REACH BRAZILIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON BY NOON MARCH 7.
- 2. DA ROSA ACTING AS PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL REPRESENTATIVE COUCERIO. IN THIS CAPACITY HAND CARRYING PERSONAL LETTER FROM COUCERIO TO WEBB. DESIRES APPOINTMENT AFTER NOON MARCH 7 WITH WEBB AND SUITABLE HIGH LEVEL DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE. IF WEBB UNAVAILABLE BECAUSE OF SHORT NOTICE DESIRES APPOINTMENT BE MADE WITH NEXT LOWER LEVEL NASA OFFICIAL AVAILABLE WHO CAN ACT ON BEHALF WEBB.
- 3. LETTER DA ROSA BEARING IS OFFICIAL GOB NOTIFICATION

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SOUNDING ROCKET PROGRAM CAN GO FORWARD AS PLANNED. HOWEVER, UNOFFICIALLY DA ROSA WISHES EXPRESS TO SUITABLY HIGH LEVEL USG OFFICIALS REGRET FOR RECENT DELAY AND EXPLAIN STEPS TAKEN IN BRAZIL TO ASSURE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE AGAINST SIMILAR SITUATIONS.

- 4. IN BROAD OUTLINE PERSONALITY CONFLICT BETWEEN MENDONCA AND BALLOUSSIER RESOLVED BY PUTTING BRAZILIAN INTERAGENCY RELATIONS ON QUOTE PROPER LEVEL, I.E., BETWEEN ABRAHAO DE MORAES, PRESIDENT OF CNAE, AND OPERAT-

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ING CHIEFS OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES UNQUOTE. THIS WILL NOT CHANGE MENDONCA POSITION AS TECHNICAL DIRECTOR.

5. SENIOR BRAZILIAN OFFICIALS OBVIOUSLY EMBARRASSED BY SITUATION AND ANXIOUS MEND FENCES TO INSURE CONTINUED COLLABORATION WITH NASA. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS MEETING ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE AT SUITABLE LEVELS TO FACILITATE THIS PURPOSE.

6. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE SOONEST KNOWING ARRANGEMENTS ESTABLISHED FOR REQUESTED DA ROSA MEETING FOR COUCERIO INFORMATION.
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