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1. CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES PRESIDENT BILAC PINTO TOLD EMBASSY OFFICERS HE HAS BEEN INVITED BY SOVIET AND POLISH AMBASSADORS TO EXCHANGE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS. WE TOLD PINTO IT HAD BEEN US PRACTICE REFUSE SUCH EXCHANGE FROM SOVIET UNION AND COMMUNIST COUNTRIES EASTERN EUROPE ON GROUNDS THEIR PARLIAMENTS NOT REALLY DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS.

2. PINTO AND DIRECTORATE OF CHAMBER ARE ATTEMPTING FIND GRACEFUL WAY TURN DOWN SOVIET AND POLISH PROPOSALS, PARTICULARLY THE RECIPROCITY ANGLE, AND REQUEST OUR URGENT ASSISTANCE. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FROM DEPARTMENT ON PRIORITY BASIS ARGUMENTS US HAS USED IN PAST REGARDING THIS ISSUE. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE KNOW WHAT ATTITUDE OF US CONGRESS AND DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN TOWARD VISITS TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES BY INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS.

3. WE WILL PRESENT DEPARTMENT'S CASE ON THIS ISSUE TO PINTO AS SOON AS RECEIVED AND ATTEMPT NIP IN BUD DEVELOPMENT SUCH UNDESIRABLE LIKS BETWEEN BRAZIL AND COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.

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