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ANTONIO HOUAISS, FORMER MEMBER BRAZ UN REP WITH RANK MINISTER,
TALKED AT LENGTH TO LA ADVISER RE HIS STATUS AND FUTURE PLANS.

HOUAISS HAS HAD POLITICAL RIGHTS SUSPENDED FOR TEN YEARS.
HE BELIEVES THIS RESULTED NOT FROM HIS PERSONAL POLITICAL
ACTIVITIES BUT FROM HIS ASSOCIATION WITH EX-PRESIDENT
KUBITSCHKE, WHOSE GHOST WRITER HE WAS FOR FOUR YEARS.
HOUAISS IN NEW YORK FOLLOWING HIS TRANSFER FROM MONTREAL
TO RIO. TWO MONTHS AGO HOUAISS TRANSFERRED FROM UN DEL TO
MONTREAL AS BRAZ CONGEN DURING BRIEF PRESIDENCY OF
MAZALLI. HOUAISS BELIEVED MAZALLI, A FRIEND FOR TWENTY
YEARS, HAD DONE THIS TO REMOVE HOUAISS FROM LIMELIGHT AND
PROTECT HIS POSITION. HOUAISS RELUCTANT RETURN TO RIO
FEARING PERSONAL IMPRISONMENT.
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HOUAISS WELL KNOWN AS PHILOLOGIST, HAVING PUBLISHED SOME
FOURTEEN BOOKS, HAS RCENTLY COMPLETED PORTUGUESE-ENGLISH
DICTIONARY TO BE PUBLISHED BY CENTURY COMPANY. HOUAISS
WRITINGS, HE STATES, HAVE ALL BEEN OF LITERARY NATURE AND
NONE POLITICAL.

BEING GIVEN A CLEAR OPPORTUNITY IF HE WISHED TO COMMENT ON
HIS ALLEGED CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY, HOUAISS
STATES HE WAS NOT AND NEVER HAD BEEN A COMMUNIST; THAT ON THE
BASIS OF CERTAIN ALLEGATIONS MADE AGAINST HIM, HE HAD BEEN
SUSPENDED FROM FOREIGN SERVICE FOR SOME MONTHS IN 1952-53 AND
ON THE BASIS OF A HEARING HAD BEEN ACQUITTED OF THE CHARGES
BY A BRAZ SUPREME COURT UNANIMOUS DECISION AND SUBSEQUENTLY
REINTEGRATED INTO FOREIGN SERVICE.

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HOUAISS PREFERS REMAIN US EITHER IN UN SECT AT A "NON-CONTROVERSIAL LEVEL JOB" OR ACCEPT ONE OF SEVERAL TEACHING POSITIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN OFFERED HIM IN PAST. INQUIRED WHETHER US WOULD MAKE ANY OBJECTION HIS REMAINING IN UN SECT AND SECONDLY WHETHER FOLLOWING HIS SEVERANCE FROM BRAZ DIPLOMATIC MISSION HE COULD ARRANGE A STAY OF THREE OR FOUR MONTHS IN US TO ESTABLISH NEW POSITION.

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WITH REGARD SUSPENSION POLITICAL RIGHTS VARIOUS BRAZ LEADERS, HOUAISS COMMENTED THAT BRAZ MAKING ERROR IN PROSCRIBING KUBITSCHKE, WHO EXTREMELY POPULAR WITH BRAZ MASSES. HOUAISS OPTIMISTIC BRAZ WILL RETURN TO DEMOCRATIC FORM GOVERNMENT IN 1965. ALSO COMMENTED THAT ALTHOUGH REVOLUTION NECESSARY PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF IRRESPONSIBILITY OF CONDUCT GOULART, HE FEARED POLITICAL ACTIONS SUCH AS THAT AGAINST KUBITSCHKE MIGHT UPSET BENEFITS OBTAINED FROM REVOLUTION.

COMMENT: HOUAISS RELAXED AND OBJECTIVE THROUGHOUT DISCUSSION, SHOWED NO BITTERNESS EVEN IN HIS COMMENTS ON PROSCRIPTION OF KUBITSCHKE AND SELF.

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