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SUBJ: CASTELLO BRANCO FOREIGN POLICY VIEWS

1. IN JULY 17 CONVERSATION ALONE WITH DEFENSE ATTACHE IN BRASILIAN PRESIDENT CASTELLO BRANCO SET FORTH FOLLOWING VIEWS:

2. VIETNAM. WHOLE WORLD RECOGNIZES ENORMOUS SACRIFICES BEING MADE BY US ON BEHALF FREEDOM. EXPRESSED SLIGHT CONCERN ABOUT NEWSPAPER STORIES US GOING TO "DEVASTATE NORTH VIETNAM" BUT

PAGE 2 RUESUA 479 C O N F I D E N T I A L REASSURED BY DAO STATEMENT US OBJECTIVE WAS TO BRING OTHER SIDE TO PEACE TABLE ON ACCEPTABLE TERMS.

3. SANTO DOMINGO. SAID HE HAD CONGRATULATED PRESIDENT JOHNSON

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ON US ACTION IN DR WHICH SUBSEQUENT EVENTS HAD FULLY  
I RECEIVED SHORT MESSAGE FROM BALAGUER INDICATING HE WOULD  
LIKE IAFP REMAIN LONGER IN DR. SAID BRAZILIAN TROOPS PLAN  
RETURN PER SCHEDULE BUT IF OAS SO DECIDES, THEIR STAY IN DR  
BE EXTENDED. WANTS TROOPS STAGE GOOD PARADE UPON RETURN TO MA  
PEOPLE AWARE THEY PARTICIPATED IN SUCCESSFUL DEFENSE OF HEMISPHERE.

4. ARGENTINA. FELT ARGENTINE MILITARY HAD BEEN SOMEWHAT BRUTAL IN  
WHOLESALE OUSTERS BUT LACK POPULAR REACTION SEEMED INDICATE ARGENTINE  
PEOPLE HAD LOST CONFIDENCE IN ILLIA GOVERNMENT. COMMENTED BRAZILIAN  
REVOLUTION HAD CONTINUED WORK WITH EXISTING CONGRESS (MAINLY LEFT  
INTACT) AND SUPREME COURT. SAID HAD NOT BEEN OVERLY IMPRESSED  
ONGANI WHEN HE MET HIM, BUT REPORTS ON HIM WERE FAVORABLE  
APPEARED ENJOY UNITED SUPPORT OF ARGENTINE MILITARY AND CON-  
SIDERABLE SECTORS OF CIVILIAN POPULATION. THOUGH COUP MIGHT APPEAR  
UNPALATABLE, THOUGHT IT COULD BE EXPEDIENT GET ARGENTINA OUT OF  
DOLDRUMS. SAID TOUGH ECONOMIC PROGRAM REQUIRED STRONG GOVERNMENT  
SUPPORT.

5. COMMENTED WAS DISTURBED BY REPORTS LEONI OF VENEZUELA HAD  
INVITED NEW COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT TO JOIN HIM IN ANTI-ARGENTINE/  
BRAZILIAN BLOC, AND WAS TRYING LINE UP PERU AND CHILE AS WELL.  
MEANTIME, VENEZUELANAS WERE ASKING FOR MORE SPACES IN BRAZILIAN  
MILITARY SCHOOLS AND MORE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THEIR STUDENTS IN BRAZIL.

6. PRESIDENT'S MEETING. SAID LIMA OR COSTA RICA WOULD BE SUITABLE  
MEETING PLACE. THOUGH OBVIOUSLY PREFERRED COSTA RICA, HE MADE CLEAR  
WOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY GOING TO LIMA. COMMENTED HAS NEVER VISITED  
ANY SOUTH AMERICAN CAPITAL. PRESIDENT INCLUDED SOME PERSONAL IDEAS  
FOR AGENDA IN LIST SUBMITTED FOR HIS APPROVAL, FEELS STRONGLY TYPE  
SHOULD FIGURE AS ITEM, SINCE COMMUNISTS AND THEIR FREINDS  
AGAIN SOMEWHERE ELSE. (FONOFF CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF JULY 1  
REPLY WITH AGENDA SUGGESTIONS BEING TYPED). SAID IF WENT TO  
PRESIDENTIAL MEETING WOULD BE AWKWARD ENCOUNTER STROESSNER OF  
PARAGUAY WHO HAD MADE BITTER PERSONAL ATTACK ON HIM IN  
PARAGUAYAN CONGRESS.

7. ON RECENT VISITORS. SAID ROLF KARSTENS OF GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE  
ONE OF MOST IMPRESSIVE MEN HE HAD EVER MET. KARSTENS TOLD HIM  
GERMANS HAD NOT COMPLETELY DESPAIRED ABOUT DE GAULLE AND  
FELT HE MIGHT STILL DRAW BACK FROM REAL BREAK.

8. SEPTEL REPORTS PRESIDENTS VIEWS ON DOMESTIC MATTERS.

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