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NSC 1. PRESIDENT CASTELLO BRANCO PHONED ARMA MONDAY EVENING. ASKED REACTION TO SPEECH AT NITEROI ON NOVEMBER ELEVEN. ARMA ANSWERED TRUTHFULLY THAT ALL REACTIONS HE HAD HEARD HAD BEEN EXCELLENT.

RSR 2. PRESIDENT THEN SAID THAT HE WAS DOING HIS HOMEWORK FOR OAS CONFERENCE, AND QUOTE PREPARING TO MEET SECRETARY OF STATE ON SATURDAY. UNQUOTE HE SAID HE WAS GIVEN PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO HIS SPEECH AT CONFERENCE.

3. PRESIDENT SAID HE HAD FLOWN OUT TO CARRIER MINAS GERAIS

PAGE 2 RUESUA 381 C O N F I D E N T I A L ON A NAVY HELICOPTER AND HAD HAD AN EXCELLENT RECEPTION ON BOARD. THE NAVY HAD GIVEN HIM A HANDSOME M-SHAPED (FOR MARINHA - NAVY) CLOCK AND LATER HE HAD RETURNED TO SHORE AFTER BEING CATAPULTED OFF THE CARRIER. WHEN ARMA COMMENTED THAT HE MUST HAVE BEEN ONE ONE OF THE VERY FEW CHIEFS OF STATE WHO HAD DONE THIS, HE REPLIED HUMOROUSLY THAT AFTER HE HAD TAKEN THE NAVY'S PLANES AWAY, HE HAD TO DO SOMETHING FOR THEM. HE COMMENTED THAT HE HAD BEEN A LITTLE SURPRISED AT THE WARM AND FRIENDLY RECEPTION HE HAD HAD ON BOARD.

4. PRESIDENT WAS VERY RELAXED AND SEEMED BACK TO HIS USUAL SELF, IN CONTRAST WITH THE TENSION AND FATIGUE HE SHOWED DURING FIRST PHASE AFTER ISSUANCE OF SECOND INSTITUTIONAL ACT. GP-4 GORDON BT

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