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DOD FOR DIA, ACSI AND CONTIC

1. ARMA SAW PRES CASTELLO BRANCO AT HOME OF MARSHAL MASCARENHAS DE MORAES ON EVENING OF 19 JUNE 1965. PRESIDENT EXPRESSED WARM SATISFACTION AT LETTER HE HAD RECEIVED FROM PRES. JOHNSON THROUGH AMB. JURACY MAGALHAES AND FACT NAVY MINISTER HAD BEEN INVITED TO U.S. HE SAID HIS REPORTS INDICATED SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT IN POLITICAL SETUP IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

2. PRESIDENT SAID ALL REPORTS FROM GENERAL ALVIM INDICATED HIGHLY SATISFACTORY RELATIONSHIP WITH GENERAL PALMER, US MILITARY AND OTHER NATIONAL CONTINGENTS OF IAPF.

3. PRESIDENT SAID HIS RELATIONS WITH GOV LACERDA WERE STRAINED. RECENTLY LACERDA HAD TOLD HIM, "MR. PRESIDENT, YOU KNOW MANY PEOPLE THINK YOU ARE STUBBORN." HE HAD REPLIED, "GOVERNOR, DON'T LET THAT IMPRESS YOU, MANY PEOPLE THINK YOU ARE CRAZY."

4. PRESIDENT SAID SENEGALESE PRESIDENT SENGHOR STILL PRESSING HIM TO VISIT SENEGAL THIS YEAR BUT HE HAS MADE NO DECISION. (NOTE: PRESIDENT'S SON TOLD ARMA PRESIDENT HAD MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF VISITING UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN NEW YORK THIS FALL BUT HAD NOT MADE UP HIS MIND).

5. PRESIDENT LOOKED WELL AND RELAXED AND TOLD FOLLOWING HUMOROUS STORY. FEW WEEKS AGO ARRIVING IN RIO FROM BRASILIA HE WAS TOLD THERE WAS SOME AGITATION IN NAVY AND ARMY. HE TELEPHONED IN SUCCESSION AND WAS TOLD: A) WAR MINISTER WAS AT

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EMBASSY RECEPTION; B) NAVY MINISTER BOSISIO WAS SLEEPING; C) AIR MINISTER EDUARDO GOMES WAS AT HOLY HOUR; D) FIRST ARMY CG URURAHY WATCHING SOAP OPERA ON TV, AND FINALLY E) FIRST ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF EDSON DE FIGUEIREDO AT FOOTBALL GAME. PRESIDENT THEN SAID HE CAME TO CONCLUSION HE WAS ABANDONED BY ALL OR NOTHING WAS HAPPENING AND WENT TO BED.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF DEPT COULD PASS TO EMBASSY TEXT OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S LETTER TO CASTELLO BRANCO REFERRED TO

PARA ONE.

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