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1. ARMA HAD DINNER WITH PRESIDENT CASTELLO BRANCO AT LARANJEIRAS PALACE EVENING MAY 15. IN ADDITION MATTERS TAKEN UP OV ARM AND REPORTED SEPARATELY, PRESIDENT MADE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS.
2. HE SAID ISSUE OF SENDING TROOPS TO DR MIGHT WELL PROVOKE FAIRLY SERIOUS CRISIS BETWEEN ARGENTINA GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY, LATTER BEING ANXIOUS TO PARTICIPATE ACCORDING TO HIS INFORMATION.
3. PRESIDENT SERIOUSLY CONCERNED WITH SITUATION IN URUGUAY

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WHICH MIGHT DEGENERATE SERIOUSLY AT ANY TIME. URUGUAYAN ARMED FORCES HAD SENT WORD TO GOB THROUGH MILITARY CHANNELS GUARANTEEING THAT LEFTIST TAKEOVER WOULD NOT RPT NOT OCCUR. PRESIDENT NOT RPT NOT SURE OF ABILITY URUGUAYAN MILITARY TO MAKE GOOD ON GUARANTEE. HE HINTED BRAZILIANS AND ARGENTINES IN CONSULTATION ON URUGUAYAN SITUATION. HE DID NOT INDICATE WHETHER ON MILITARY OR POLITICAL LEVEL OR BOTH.

4. PRESIDENT STRONGLY CRITICIZED FRENCH PRESIDENT'S RECENT ACTIONS IN HEMISPHERE AND SAID INVITATION TO CHILEAN PRESIDENT FREI TO VISIT FRANCE SHORTLY WAS TO INDOCTRINATE HIM IN MORE NEUTRALIS. SAID HE FELT THERE MIGHT BE OTHER UNHELPFUL FRENCH INITIATIVES AS DE GAULLE SEEMED TO BE IN IRRATIONAL ANTI-U.S.

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FRAME OF MIND. PRESIDENT SAID MORALLY HE WOULD HAVE LIKED TO SEND ASSISTANCE TO VIET NAM BUT HE COULD NOT HAVE OBTAINED CONGRESSIONAL CONSENT.

5. PRESIDENT EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT BRAZIL COULD MAKE CONTRIBUTION TO HEMISPHERE, SAYING BRAZILIAN ARMED FORCES ALWAYS LOOKED BEYOND INTERNAL SECURITY AND CIVIC ACTION ROLE TO THAT OF POSITIVE PARTNER IN DEFENSE OF FREEDOM.

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6. ARMA FOUND PRESIDENT REMARKABLY SERENE AND RELAXED. CONVERSATION DURING DINNER WAS LIGHT AND HUMOROUS AND SERIOUS MATTERS WERE DISCUSSED AFTER DINNER ONLY.

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