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L REF: STATE 195310, SAO PAULO 1441 AND 1452, BRASILIA 931

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IO 1. WASHINGTON POST MAY 16 STORY MAY BE BASED ON ARTICLE IN JORNAL
P DO BRASIL MAY 11 REPORTING QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD OF FONMIN
USIA APPEARANCE BEFORE CHAMBER DEPUTIES MAY 10. PERTINENT PARAGRAPH
NSC READS: MR. CHAGAS RODRIGUES (MDB PIAUI) ALSO ASKED IF IT MIGHT NOT
INR BE WITHIN GUIDELINES BRAZILIAN FOREIGN POLICY TO MAINTAIN RELATIONS WITH
CIA ALL NATIONS OF WORLD, OR TO RESUME THEM IN THE CASE OF CUBA.
NSA EXTERNAL POLICY OF BRAZIL, MINISTER REPLIED, IS POLICY WITHOUT
DOD RECONCEIVED NOTIONS. WE BELIEVE THAT IDEOLOGY FADES IN THE
ACDA MEASURE THAT PROSPERITY ACHIEVED, SO THAT WE ARE CONDUCTING
SCI WHOLLY OBJECTIVE POLICY. WE ARE LESS THAN TWO MONTHS IN POWER
AID WITH MULTIPLE PROBLEMS FACING US. I CONFESS THAT THIS MATTER WILL
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NATURALLY WARRANT STUDY (LEADING TO) FINAL DETERMINATION BY
RESIDENT COSTA E SILVA, ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT AMONG PRIORITY OBJECTIVES
OF OUR GOVT. HAVING IN MIND THE VERY AGGRESSIVE POSITION OF THAT
GOVT (I.E. CUBA) IN RELATION TO CHANGE OF REGIMES ON OUR CONTINENT,
AS WELL AS ITS IDEOLOGICAL POSITION, AND THE PROSELYTING THAT
GOVT HAS BEEN ABLE TO PERFORM, INCLUDING THE STIRRING UP OF
REVOLUTIONARY WAR IN OTHER NATIONS. CONSEQUENTLY THIS IS A DELICATE
MATTER BETWEEN ECONOMIC PROGRESS AND TRANQUILITY. SUBSEQUENT
STATEMENTS ON CUBAN ISSUE HAVE BEEN MORE REALISTIC (RIO 11053).

2. JORNAL DO BRASIL ARTICLE CONTINUES: DEPUTY HERMANO ALVES (MDB
GUANABARA) WANTED TO KNOW POSITION OF BRAZIL REGARDING
MEETING PROPOSED BY VENEZUELA TO DEAL WITH CUBAN QUESTION. MEETING,
FONMIN SAID, IS ONE OF CONSULTATION. ANY TIME ANY SOUTH AMERICAN
COUNTRY HAS REQUESTED MEETING OF CONSULTATION BRAZIL HAS
VOTED IN FAVOR. CONSEQUENTLY, IF VENEZUELA REALLY WANTS A MEETING
OF CONSULTATION, WE WILL BE THERE TO LISTEN TO ARGUMENTS OF THAT
COUNTRY AND TO DISCUSS PROBLEM.

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3. FOREGOING GIVES SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT SLANT TO FONMIN STATEMENTS THAN REPORT IN PARAS 2 AND 8 IN BRASILIA 931 (WHICH TAKEN FROM

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TRANSCRIPT), BECAUSE JORNAL DO BRASIL AVBARENTLY PATCHED TOGETHER PIECES OF REPLIES TO DIFFERENT QUESTIONS. EMBASSY ALSO INTRIGUED BY STATEMENT AS REPORTED BY JORNAL DO BRASIL AND CHECKED IT AGAINST OTHER RIO AND SAO APULO PRESS ACCOUNTS OF TESTIMONY, FINDING NO OTHER PAPER REPORTED TESTIMONY IN THIS FASHION:

4. HOWEVER, EVEN STATEMENT IN PARA 2 BRASILIA 931 IS SUSCEPTIBLE OF INTERPRETATION THAT GOV NOT OVERLY CONCERNED WITH POSSIBLE THREAT TO ITS SECURITY FROM AGGRESSIVE PRACTICES AND POSTUALTES OF COMMUNIST IDEOLOGY. WHAT IS INVOLVED, EMBASSY BELIEVES, IS ATTEMPT BY MAGALHAES TO ESTABLISH NEW AND DIFFERENT VERBAL FRAMEWORK FOR FOREIGN POLICY, BOTH TO DISTINGUISH NEW GOVT FROM PREDECESSOR AND TO WOO SUPPORT FROM OPPOSITION, IN PROCESS OF WHICH HE HAS BEEN IMPRUDENT IN CHOICE OF WORDS.

5. WE FIND NO OTHER REFERENCE IN RIO OR SAO PAULO PRESSNSO MAGALHAES PINTO STATEMENT ON EXPLODING ATOMIC BOMB REPORTED IN JORNAL DA TARDE (PARA 4 SAO PAULO 1441) AND DOUBT HE ACTUALLY SAID THIS. THERE HAS BEEN SPECULATION IN ONE OR TWO PAPERS (ULTIMA HORA FOR EXAMPLE) THAT DELAY IN BRAZILIAN SIGNATURE LANFZ TREATY WAS

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CAUSED BY RESISTANCE AMONG BRAZILIAN MILITARY TO GIVING UP RIGHT TO DEVELOP ATOMIC WEAPONS BUT AS DEPT AWARE THIS IS MORE WISHFUL THINKING THAT MAY REAL INTENTION TO PRODUCE BOMB. AS DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE FROM PARA 4 SAO PAULO

1452. PINTO SUBSEQUENTLY DENIED GOB INTENDS DEVELOP ATOMIC BOMB. THIS CONNECTION WORTH BEARING IN MIND THAT ESTADO DO SAO PAULO AND JORNAL DA TARDE (BOTH MESQUITA OWNED) ARE SHOWING INCREASING SIGNS OF HOSTILITY ON MAGALHAES PINTO'S ATTEMPT TO REFORMULATE BRAZILIAN FOREIGN POLICY.

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