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SUBJECT: COSTA E SILVA QUOTES PRESIDENT JOHNSON

1. PRESIDENT COSTA E SILVA WAS GUEST OF HONOR AT LUNCH GIVEN BY COMMERCIAL CONFEDERATION OF BRAZIL MARCH 29 WHICH MET FOR FIRST TIME IN BRASILIA. CONFEDERATION PRESIDENT, DEPUTY JESSE PINTO FREIRE, DECLARED BRASILIA NOW PLACE WHERE HEART AND HEAD OF COUNTRY LOCATED. STATED ORGANIZATION'S CONFIDENCE IN PRESIDENT AND EXPRESSED GOOD WISHES.

2. IN IMPROMPTU REPLY COSTA E SILVA REFERRED TO WARM RECEPTION GIVEN HIM IN U.S. AND QUOTED PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S STATEMENT TO HIM TO EFFECT THAT PRESIDENTIAL OFFICE BRINGS SOME PERIODS OF SATISFACTION BUT MORE OF DISAPPOINTMENT. STRESSED PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S POINT THAT THE PEOPLE CAN BE RELIED ON TO UNDERSTAND ONE'S EFFORT; THEY WILL FORGIVE MISTAKES BUT WILL NOT FORGIVE

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 INDIFFERENCE. AUDIENCE OF ABOUT 200 INCLUDING VICE PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF CABINET AND CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS BROKE INTO APPLAUSE WHICH WAS INTENSIFIED WHEN COSTA E SILVA ASSERTED HE DID NOT INTEND BE INDIFFERENT TO NEEDS OF PEOPLE.

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