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BUENOS AIRES FOR GORDON

1. EXTREME RIGHT WING SENSATIONALIST TRIBUNA DA IMPRESENA FEBRUARY 21 CARRIED FOLLOWING STORY IN COLUMN WRITTEN BY PUBLISHER HELIO FERNANDES UNDER PSEUDONYM JOAO DA SILVA.

2. "THERE IS ONE POINT REGARDING CONVERSATIONS MEET BY COSTA F SILVA IN U.S. WHICH MUST BE TOLD AND DIVULGED WITH GREATEST URGENCY IN ORDER MAKE KNOWN THAT FUTURE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT RPT NOT APPEAR DISPOSED IN ANY WAY ASSUME THE LAMENTABLE SUBSERVIENCE OF PRESENT GOVERNMENT. WHEN DEAN RUSK WENT TALK WITH COSTA E SILVA TO ARRANGE MEETING BETWEEN TWO PRESIDENTS.

PAGE 2 RUESHA 8402 C O N F I D E N T I A L HE HAD IN HAND ALREADY PREPARED AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION TO BE HELD BETWEEN COSTA E SILVA AND JOHNSON WITH VARIOUS ITEMS PRE-ESTABLISHED

3. "WHEN COSTA E SILVA SAW THAT ONE OF ITEMS STATED TEXTUALLY 'DISCUSSION ON SENDING BRAZILIAN TROOPS TO VIET NAM: HE IMMEDIATELY ASKED DEAN RUSK DELETE ITEM SAYING 'I WILL NOT PREMIT DISCUSSION THIS POINT. BRAZIL MADE FNORMOUS SACRIFICE AND ALREADY FULFILLED ITS OBLIGATION BY SENDING TROOPS TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, INCLUDING PAYING FOR UNIFORMS FOR PARAGUAYAN TROOPS, YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THIS COST US IN INTERNAL EROSION.

DEAN RUSK (WITH UNDERSTANDABLE ANNOYANCE) CUT ITEM FROM AGENDA AND JOHNSON DID NOT SPEAK OF VIET NAM WITH COSTA E SILVA. WITHOUT THIS MOST IMPORTANT MATTER, CONVERSATION BETWEEN JOHNSON AND COSTA E SILVA LIMITED TO TRIVIALITIES."

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