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SUBJECT: COSTA E SILVA VISIT

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1. ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, CAPTAIN BETTAMIO, ADC TO PRESIDENT-ELECT COSTA E SILVA, TOLD ARMA SCHULER THAT LATE THAT AFTERNOON JAPANESE AMBASSADOR HAD NOTIFIED COSTA E SILVA THAT, FOR INTERNAL POLITICAL REASONS, IT WOULD HAVE TO REQUEST POSTPONEMENT OF COSTA E SILVA'S VISIT UNTIL AFTER MIDDLE OF JANUARY 1967. TRAVEL PLANS NOW COMPLETELY UPSET BUT COSTA E SILVA EXPECTS TO DEPART FOR EUROPE RIGHT AFTER CHRISTMAS. AFTER TEN DAYS OR TWO WEEKS IN EUROPE HE WOULD PROCEED BY SHIP TO U.S. FROM U.S. HE WOULD THEN GO TO JAPAN WITH SIDE TRIP TO TAIPEI AND HONG KONG. AIDE DID NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY OF EXTENSION OF TRIP TO SAIGON.

2. BETTAMIO STATED THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR HAD INVITED COSTA

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E SILVA TO VISIT USSR. COSTA E SILVA DECLINED INVITATION AS NOT BEING CONSISTENT HIS TRAVEL PLANS.

3. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ADVISE WASHINGTON THAT ON NOVEMBER 25 COSTA E SILVA GENTLY NEEDLED GENERAL WALTERS ON FACT THAT, UNLIKE OTHER COUNTRIES, USG HAD NOT YET ISSUED HIM INVITATION.

4. I BELIEVE THIS COULD BE TAKEN CARE OF, AT LEAST INITIALLY, IF I COULD BE AUTHORIZED TO WRITE HIM A LETTER ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

QUOTE THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS LEARNED THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY PLANS TO TRAVEL ABROAD IN JANUARY. THE USG WOULD HOPE THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY WOULD BE ABLE TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES SOMETIME DURING THE SECOND HALF OF JANUARY AT DATES THAT COULD BE WORKED OUT TO SUIT OUR MUTUAL CONVENIENCE.  
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