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SUBJECT: COSTA E SILVA TRAVEL PLANS

LIMDIS FOR ARA/BR KUBISCH

1. ON EVENING OF NOVEMBER 23 GENERAL WALTERS SAW COLONEL ANDREAZZA, ADVISOR TO COSTA E SILVA AT LATTER'S REQUEST. ANDREAZZA SAID COSTA E SILVA NOW PLANS TO DEPART BRAZIL AROUND DECEMBER 12 PROCEEDING DIRECTLY TO JAPAN WHERE HE WOULD REMAIN FOUR OR FIVE DAYS AND TOULD THEN SPEND THREE DAYS IN NATIONALIST CHINA. FROM THERE HE WOULD FLY WESTWARD TO PARIS WHERE HE PLANS TO SPEND CHRISTMAS. THENCE HE WOULD PROCEED TO BELGIUM AND GERMANY AND WOULD LIKE TO ARRIVE IN U.S. AROUND JANUARY 5. IF PRESIDENT JOHNSON NOT ABLE TO SEE HIM THAT EARLY AND HE COULD PERHAPS TRAVEL AROUND U.S. FOR SEVERAL DAYS AND THEN SEE PRESIDENT. ANDREAZZA

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SAID THESE WERE ONLY FIRM INVITATIONS SO FAR. SOVIET AMBASSADOR WAS DUE TO SEE COSTA E SILVA LATER THAT EVENING AND COULD BE BEARER OF INVITATION TO VISIT SOVIET UNION. (STORY OF SOVIET AMBASSADOR VISIT WAS CARRIED BY JORNAL DO BRASIL THIS MORNING.)

2. WHILE FOREGOING IS COSTA E SILVA DESIRE, OBVIOUSLY THERE IS SOME FLEXIBILITY. ANDREAZZA SUGGESTED OTHER INVITATIONS MAY ARISE IN EUROPE THAT COULD DELAY ARRIVAL IN U.S. UNTIL AROUND JANUARY 15. COSTA E SILVA HAS ASKED TO SEE GENERAL WALTERS AT 1700 ON NOVEMBER 25 AND POSSIBLY FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

3. ANDREAZZA NOTED COSTA E SILVA ALREADY UNDER FIRE FROM LACERDA SUPPORTERS FOR POSSIBILITY OF TRIP TO U.S. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT CASTELLO BRANCO WOULD RENDER COSTA E SILVA ADDITIONAL SERVICE OF CASSATING CARLOS LACERDA PRIOR TO

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COSTA E SILVA INAUGURATION. WHILE IT IS OBVIOUS COSTA E SILVA ENTOURAGE IS ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH DEFINITE PLANS FOR FORTHCOMING TRAVEL, THERE STILL APPEARS TO BE SOME FLEXIBILITY IN PROGRAM.

4. JORNAL DO BRASIL TODAY CARRIES STORY THAT COSTA E SILVA PLANS VISIT VARIOUS SPECIFIED COUNTRIES (INCLUDING U.S.)

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BETWEEN EARLY DECEMBER AND LATE JANUARY. THIS IS TYPE STORY THAT WE HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO AVOID OR AT LEAST POSTPONE BUT SPECULATION COSTA E SILVA'S MOVEMENTS AND ALREADY ANNOUNCED INVITATIONS FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENTS MADE SOME SUCH STORY INEVITABLE. SURPRISE IS THAT IT ONLY PRINTED TODAY. WE ARE DOING OUR BEST TO STIFLE STORIES FOR U.S. PRESS BUT, U.S. REPORTERS ARE HOT ON THE TRAIL.
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