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SUBJECT : BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS VISIT CEYLON

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Two senior officials of the Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Relations, Minister Luis Almeida de Nogueira Porto, Secretary General for East Europe and Asia, and Counselor Itajuba de Almeida Rodrigues, Chief of the Asia and Oceania Division, visited Ceylon from March 1 to 4 to discuss trade and cultural relations with Ceylonese Government officials and to inspect the Brazilian Embassy in Colombo. The visit to Ceylon was one of several stops on a tour of Brazilian posts in Asia and East Europe.

According to the Second Secretary of the Brazilian Embassy in Colombo, Antonio Ferreira DA ROCHA, the talks with Ceylonese Government officials centered on the expansion of the limited trade relations that now exist between the two nations. While conceding that the economies and climates of the two nations duplicate one another to some extent, the officials apparently agreed to explore the prospects of trading Brazilian rice and sugar to Ceylon for Ceylonese rubber. Da Rocha expected little significant increase in trade between the two nations for some time. He explained that both countries already obtain these products from traditional trade sources and obstacles such as the lack of direct shipping connections and the problem of deciding on mutually acceptable medium of exchange would make any significant increase in trade unlikely. He added that any Brazilian trade with Ceylon would probably be handled through Brazilian warehouse facilities in Singapore, using that port as an entrepot.

For the Ambassador,

John Eaves, Jr.
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COMMERCIAL PROGRAM: Commercial Information - Qatar's Tariff Schedule

CA-3844, August 16, 1965

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Qatar applies an across-the-board duty of 2.5 per cent ad valorem to all imports, with the exception of cigars, cigarettes, and tobacco (10 per cent), photographs and photographic records (15 per cent), and alcoholic beverages (50 per cent, and obtainable only by means of permits issued by H. H. Political Agent). Firearms, cultured or artificial pearls, and narcotics are forbidden, along with "indecent" or "inflammatory" printed matter and pictures.

Qatar's Customs Department is preparing a new, English-language version of its tariff schedule for publication in the near future. When available, this will be forwarded to the Department.

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COMMERCIAL PROGRAM: Commercial Information - Dubai's Tariff Rates

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Dubai applies an across-the-board duty of 4.025 per cent ad valorem to all goods imported into the Emirate by land or sea. The only exceptions to this are watches, dutiable at 1.25 per cent, and gold bullion, admitted duty-free. Goods imported by air are dutiable at 2 per cent. The latter regulation is designed to encourage use of Dubai's recently-refurbished airport. Goods landed at Dubai port for transshipment to nearby countries are charged a transit duty of 2 per cent. A charge of GR 1.00 per ton (GR 4.75-5.00) is assessed on transshipments not landed at the port. The importation of cultured pearls is prohibited. Imports of alcoholic beverages and firearms are permitted only under special license.

No codified customs regulations now exist for Dubai, although a printed schedule is now being prepared for publication in the near future. When available, this will be forwarded to the Department.

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FROM : Amconsul BAHRAIN

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SUBJECT: Trade Protection and Promotion - Changes in Bahrain's Tariff Schedule

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Enclosed are four copies of the most recent Bahrain tariff schedule. The Department will notice little change from past submissions, save with respect to those provisions dealing with transit shipments to Saudi Arabia and to the imposition of a 35 per cent duty on alcoholic beverages.

Duties on tobacco remain 15 percent ad valorem, with most other items dutiable at 10 or 5 percent.

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