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INFO : Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Recife
DEPT PASS: ANALYSIS BRANCH

FROM : Amembassy Brasilia

DATE: September 17, 1971

SUBJECT : The Brazilian Congress and Nationalism: 1961 versus 1971

REF :

Summary: Surveys conducted among Brazilian congressmen in 1961 and 1971 reveal a new kind of nationalism, less "anti-foreign influence" and more cognizant of Brazil's need to solve its own problems. The congressmen believe Brazil will assume the leading role in Latin America which the U.S. is gradually abandoning. Brazilian foreign policy should be more assertive. A majority favor recognition of Communist China. Foreign capital is welcome since it is contributing to development although limitations should be imposed in the future as Brazil's progress makes the need for foreign investment less necessary.

The September 8 issue of VEJA magazine, which is Brazil's weekly news publication, contained an article comparing the findings of two surveys made ten years apart regarding congressional views on various aspects of nationalism. The first of these surveys was done in 1961 by Professor Lloyd A. Free of Princeton University who interviewed 100 Brazilian senators and deputies. The second was conducted by VEJA during August 1971. One hundred nineteen congressmen gave responses to 39 questions and presented evidence of a new kind of nationalism on the Brazilian scene.

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