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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

June 12, 1963

PARTICIPANTS: Gay da Fonseca, Secretary of Interior and
CONFIDENTIAL(UNCLASSIFIED when separated
from enclosure) the national PDC

OFFICIAL-INFORMAL Douglas McLain, Jr. and James W. Bumpus,
American Vice Consuls, Porto Alegre
American Consulate

PLACE: Mr. da Fonseca's office Porto Alegre
June 14, 1963

SUBJECT: PDC national, state and municipal policies.

Dear Mr. Keppel:

1. The attached memorandum of conversation with Gay da Fonseca, the following statements:

PDC Secretary of Interior and Justice (and Second Vice President of
1. On the national level--

Partido Democrata Cristão), is submitted as of possible interest and

a. That during recent conversations with President
Goulart for such further distribution as you deem appropriate.
PDC, the PDC leadership told Goulart that, while they were
willing to cooperate with the PDC, they usually would
have nothing to do with Federal Deputy Ismael GOMES (see
gushado). Da Fonseca added that the PDC had few
philosophic differences but the PDC leadership was, in the
main, unacceptable to his party.

Sincerely,

For the Consul

b. That the paid political announcement (gushado) signed
by Governor Ney Braga of Paraná, (as noted at)
setting forth the "Position of the Vanguarda
Democracy" on "Basic Reforms PDC", which appeared in the local
press on June 4, 1963, was the work of "one of our more radical
members" Federal Deputy Helio Ferreira MACHADO, and not of Braga.
Alth Encl.: 4 copies of memorandum signed was published here without
consulting of conversation officials, he agreed that a Constitutional
amendment to allow Treasury note payment for appropriated land
was necessary to show "faith in the future of Brazil". He claimed
that the party's intentions in regard to enfranchisement of
illiterates were not meant to extend above the level of municipal.
John Keppel, Esquire

W. Douglas McLain, Jr.

American Vice Consul

Counselor of Embassy

c. He for Political Affairs national party of the future
because of its app. Amembassy, Rio de Janeiro, and said the only way
for a Brazilian political party to attract support was to be
"nationalistic with moderation". Da Fonseca saw himself and
Federal Deputy Marechal Juarez FAVORA as the leading moderates
in the PDC.

d. Da Fonseca of CONFIDENTIAL local reports that he would
fill the post of Minister of Justice in Goulart's new cabinet
were just "no". (UNCLASSIFIED when separated from enclosure)

2. On the State

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Justice, Rio Grande do Sul, and Second Vice
President of the national PDC

W. Douglas McLain, Jr. and James N. Bumpus,
American Vice Consuls, Porto Alegre

PLACE: Mr. da Fonseca's office

SUBJECT: PDC national, state and municipal policies.

During the course of the conversation Mr. da Fonseca made
the following statements:

1. On the national level--

a. That during recent conversations with President
Goulart concerning closer cooperation between the PTB and the
PDC, the PDC leadership told Goulart that, while they were
willing to cooperate with the PTB, they specifically would
have nothing to do with Federal Deputy Leonel BRIZOLA (seu
cunhado). Da Fonseca added that the PTB and the PDC had few
philosophic differences but the PTB leadership was, in the
main, unacceptable to his party.

b. That the paid political announcement (apedido) signed
by Governor Ney BRAGA of Paraná, (as national PDC president)
setting forth the "Position of the Vanguard of Christian
Democracy" on "Basic Reforms NOW!", which appeared in the local
press on June 4, 1963, was the work of "one of our more radical
members" Federal Deputy Helio Ferreira MACHADO, and not of Braga.
Although da Fonseca said the apedido was published here without
consulting state PDC officials, he agreed that a Constitutional
amendment to allow Treasury note payment for appropriated land
was necessary to show "faith in the future of Brazil". He claimed
that the party's intentions in regard to enfranchisement of
illiterates were not meant to extend above the level of mun-
icipal elections.

c. He saw the PDC as the national party of the future
because of its appeal to young idealists and said the only way
for a Brazilian political party to attract support was to be
"nationalistic with moderation". Da Fonseca saw himself and
Federal Deputy Marechal Juarez TAVORA as the leading moderates
in the PDC.

d. Da Fonseca claimed that local reports that he would
fill the post of Minister of Justice in Goulart's new cabinet
were just "newspaper talk".

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2. On the State level da Fonseca indicated without hesitation that the PDC would break with Governor Ildo MENEGHETTI's coalition ADP any time the ADP strayed too far from the PDC's liberal views. In spite of his position as the senior member of Meneghetti's cabinet, da Fonseca was almost brutally frank in discussing ~~WHAIR~~ the shortcomings of some of the ADP's parties. He described the PSD as a large, rigidly conservative party on the way out; the PL as a dinosaur (extinct) which had no youth movement; and the PRP as "unspeakable". He dismissed the unaligned MTR, now without FERRARI, as a party which would have to work twice as hard to get half the vote it formerly received.

3. On the local level da Fonseca said the PDC would desert the ADP to help the PTB in the coming municipal elections only if the PTB nominated Egydio MICHAELSEN, narrowly defeated PTB candidate for governor in 1962. He considered Michaelsen's nomination unlikely since, he felt, Brizola feared that Michaelsen as mayor of Porto Alegre would threaten his control of the Rio Grande do Sul PTB.

for such further distribution as you deem appropriate.

Sincerely,

For the Consul

W. Douglas Melain, Jr.
American Vice Consul

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of conversation

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Ambassy, Rio de Janeiro

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