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MR. VALENTI:

Here's a recap of the Hand meeting Saturday.

All agree that each of the 10 countries (9 plus United States) must be sounded out informally. The line will be that U.S. and Brazil are meeting and we'd love for you to come. Then those that are interested will be issued formal invitations by the Brazilian government.

The accent is on informality. Each President in attendance should talk informally with each other President present. Only 1 formal dinner. The rest of the 2 days is devoted to informal discussion.

Rio is to be the site of the meeting since Brazilia does not have accommodations to handle the crowd. Hopefully the meetings will take place in the Palace (which is centrally located) so as to cut down on traveling time.

Protocol is like ours. President of Brazil makes short speech of greeting. Visiting President returns the greeting. One thing is to make sure all the Presidents don't arrive at the same time.

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In this connection it's important that President Johnson be considered just one of the boys. There should not be special ceremonies for his arrival.

There is the problem of where he is to stay. The Embassy is better from the standpoint of security and communications. Agreed that each country decides this for themselves.

All agreed that we need to start working out an hour by hour schedule with Brazil.

Our Embassies should be contacted this week. The text of the message to the Embassies (instructing them to begin the informal oral sounding) is to be cleared with the Brazilians. The sounding must make clear that Brazil and U.S. are meeting anyway. Explain that the meeting needs to be kept small -- that there may be a meeting for the Northern half as the need arises. There are precedents for not meeting with all at once.

Have the question of who is to accompany the President. Mann says that Congressmen should not be invited. Nothing for them to do. Should keep the President's party small. Just enough for him to conduct informal discussions.

Mann also thinks there should be no communique. Brazil should just say the Presidents met, talked, and left. There was no purpose to reach agreement.

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