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EXDIS FOR MANN

DEPTTEL 1197

1. I BELIEVE A PERSONAL LETTER FROM PRESIDENT JOHNSON TO PRESIDENT CASTELLO BRANCO WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE. CRUCIAL QUESTION IS WHAT HE CAN SAY REGARDING POSSIBILITIES VISITING BRAZIL LATER IN YEAR. NOTE EXPECTATIONS THIS POINT STATED EMBTEL 1812. SOME INDICATION THAT HE WILL VISIT IF INTERNATIONAL CONDITIONS PERMIT SEEMS TO ME HIGHLY DESIRABLE. IF THIS NOT POSSIBLE, LETTER MIGHT BETTER BE OMITTED.

2. HAVE YOU ANY PLANS FOR INFORMING PRESS OF DEFERRAL?

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EXDIS FOR MANN

DEPTEL 1181

1. I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM CALL ON FONMIN VASCO TO CONVEY CONTENTS REFTEL. VASCO HAD ALREADY RECEIVED PARTIAL WORD FROM JURACY AND HAD BEEN WITH PRESIDENT CASTELLO BRANCO ONE HOUR EARLIER.

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5. I HOPE YOU WILL GIVE FURTHER THOUGHT TO POSSIBILITY PRESIDENT JOHNSON ATTENDING CLOSE OF FONMIN MEETING HERE EARLY JUNE, FOLLOWING TRUMAN PRECEDENT. THIS MIGHT BE BEST WAY RESPONDING TO CASTELLO BRANCO'S ORIGINAL INVITATION WHILE MINIMIZING NEGATIVE IMPACT OTHER SA COUNTRIES.

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PRESIDENTIAL VISIT EMBTEL 1794

1. IN REVIEW WITH FONMIN VASCO WEDNESDAY EVENING, HE INDICATED SAME PICTURE OF CURRENT ATTITUDES OTHER PRESIDENTS THAT WE HAVE. HE EMPHASIZED THAT CASTELLO BRANCO'S CENTRAL INTEREST IS IN RECEIVING THE TALKING BILATERALLY WITH PRESIDENT JOHNSON. SINCE MULTILATERAL MEETING IDEA IS NOW OPEN SECRET, HOWEVER, ESPECIALLY SINCE BOGOTA ANNOUNCEMENT, VASCO THOUGHT CONSIDERABLE EMBARRASSMENT WOULD RESULT FROM FAILURE TO CARRY CFN 1799 4 10AM 1794

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IT THROUGH ON BASIS FAIRLY FULL ATTENDANCE. VENEZUELAN ATTITUDE UNDERSTANDABLE, AND ITS ABSENCE WOULD BE REGRETTABLE BUT NOT SERIOUS. MEETING WITHOUT ARGENTINA, CHILE, PERU, HOWEVER, WOULD APPEAR TO BE REAL SLIGHT TO BOTH BRAZIL AND U.S., AND THEIR NONATTENDANCE WOULD BE SERIOUSLY EXPLOITED BY OPPOSITION PRESS AND PERHAPS EVEN FRIENDLY PRESS.

2. VASCO SUGGESTS THAT PROBLEM BE ATTACKED ON TWO FRONTS.
(A) SINCE PROPOSED DATES HAVE BEEN QUESTIONED BY SEVERAL GOVERNMENTS, HE HOPES THAT PRESIDENT JOHNSON MIGHT BE ABLE TO OFFER ALTERNATIVE LATER DATES. GOB COULD ADJUST TO ANY TIMING BETWEEN MAY AND AUGUST. VASCO SEES SOME MERIT IN HOLDING IT AT CLOSE OF OAS MEETING, SAY JUNE 4 TO 7, ESPECIALLY TO COUNTERACT COMPLAINTS OF RIO LOCATION FOR TWO SEPARATE HIGH LEVEL MEETINGS.
(B) AS TO ALLEGED VAGUENESS OF PURPOSE OF MEETINGS, VASCO STATES DESIRE FOR ADVANCE AGENDA IS NORMAL PRACTICE IN SPANISH AMERICAN COUNTRIES, WHO ARE GENERALLY MORE FORMAL THAN EITHER BRAZIL OR U.S. HE ALSO BELIEVES THAT INDICATION OF SOME TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION COULD BE MOST HELPFUL IN PERSUADING RELUCTANT BRETHREN TO PARTICIPATE.

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3. SPECIFICALLY, HE SUGGESTS: (A) A WORLD POLITICAL
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REVIEW, WHICH WOULD BE USEFUL IN DEUCATING LATIN AMERICAN
PRESIDENTS ON PREOCCUPATIONS OF U.S. AS FREE WORLD LEADER; THIS
GOOD ON ITS MERITS AND ALSO WOULD HELP AVOID ATMOSPHERE OF U.S.
BIG BROTHER MERELY LISTENING TO CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS OF HEMIS-
PHERE NEIGHBORS: KB) GENERAL ECONOMIC REVIEW, INCLUDING IMPLICA-
TIONS U.S. BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS PROBLEM IN LATIN AMERICA; AND (C)
FREI LETTER OF JANUARY, WHICH OFFERS OPPORTUNITY FOR CONSTRUCTIVE
EXCHANGE VIEWS ON LA INTEGRATION INCLUDING U.S. ATTITUDES
THERETO. VASCO GIVES SPECIAL EMPHASIS TO THIS THIRD POINT,
SAYING THAT INDICATION OF DESIRE DISCUSS FREI INITIATIVE
WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY SECURE CHILE PARTICIPATION AND THIS IN
TURN WOULD BRING AROUND ARGENTINA, PERU, AND URUGUAY.

4. I MADE CLEAR I HAD NO NEW INSTRUCTIONS BUT PROMISED
REPORT THESE VIEWS PROMPTLY. VASCO DEPARTS NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT
FOR MIAMI AND HOUSTON WHERE HIS WIFE WILL UNDERGO SURGERY.
HE EXPRESSED HOPE WE MIGHT HAVE FURTHER EXCHANGE OF VIEWS
PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE. GP-3. GORDON
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By chm/ly, NARA, Date 1-21-08

PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

1. DURING MY PRIVATE TALK WITH PRESIDENT CASTELLO BRANCO THURSDAY MORNING, WE TOUCHED BRIEFLY ON PRESIDENTIAL VISIT. CASTELLO STATED THAT MATTER BEING HELD IN UTMOST SECRECY HERE UNTIL WASHINGTON GIVES WORD FOR WIDER DISSEMINATION. FOR TIME BEING, ANY BILATERAL TALKS IN RIO WILL BE ONLY BETWEEN FONMIN VASCO AND MYSELF.

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2. REGARDING DATES, PRESIDENT POINTED OUT THAT MAY 8 IS VE DAY ANNIVERSARY, AN IMPORTANT OCCASION HERE IN VIEW BRAZILIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES PARTICIPATION IN AR. IF PRESIDENT IS HERE THAT DAY, WREATH LAYING CEREMONY AT UNKNOWN SOLDIER'S MONUMENT WOULD BE OBVIOUS EVENT TO SCHEDULE.

3. REGARDING PLACE, PRESIDENT EXPRESSED VIGOROUS PREFERENCE FOR RIO OVER BRASILIA, ESPECIALLY IN TERMS PUBLIC OPINION IMPACT. BRASILIA STILL VERY ISOLATED CITY, WITHOUT EVEN TV TRANSMISSION TO RIO AND SAO PAULO AND WITH LIMITED FACILITIES FOR PRESS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND HOTEL SPACE. CASTELLO ALSO MENTIONED DE GAULLE PRECEDENT, WHICH INCLUDED RIO, SAO PAULO, AND BRASILIA. I PERSONALLY STRONGLY ENDORSE CASTELLO'S PREFERENCE IF VISIT IS TO ONE CITY ONLY, RIO BEING STILL THE PUBLIC OPINION AND DE FACTO POLITICAL CENTER OF COUNTRY. I ALSO BELIEVE YOU SHOULD NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBLE SHORT STOP-OVER IN BRASILIA FOR SPEECH TO CONGRESS, WHICH WOULD TAKE CARE OF PROTOCOL FORMALITIES AND POSSIBLE SENSITIVITIES OF BRASILIA BOOSTERS.

4. I HAVE TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULED WITH VASCO SATURDAY MORNING, AND WOULD WELCOME ANY FURTHER GUIDANCE BY TELEGRAM.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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Mr. Bundy

Mann & Rusk had a long talk with the President on this last week. No decision was reached.

New element in this Cable is Gordon's view that May 20 OAS meeting attended by the President is a real possibility

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PRESIDENTIAL MEETING

1. DURING LONG CARNAVAL WEEKEND, I HAVE BEEN REFLECTING ON PRESIDENTIAL MEETING PROBLEM AND THOUGHT USEFUL OFFER SOME POINTS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. THIS DONE WITH DIFFIDENCE SINCE I KNOW WE HAVE ONLY PARTIAL AWARENESS HERE OF RESPONSES FROM OTHER CAPITALS.

2. WE HAVE NOW HAD THREE WEEKS CONSULTATIONS, AMPLE TIME FOR FAVORABLE CONSENSUS TO DEVELOP IF OTHER PRESIDENTS REALLY
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ENTHUSIASTIC. ON BASIS MESSAGES WE HAVE SEEN, CHILE, ARGENTINA, AND PERU EVIDENTLY VERY RELUCTANT. FACTORS INVOLVED APPARENTLY INCLUDE JEALOUSY OF LOCATION, DISAPPOINTMENT AT NOT RECEIVING PRESIDENT JOHNSON VISIT THEMSELVES, SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT ALLEGEDLY UNDEMOCRATIC BASIS PRESENT BRAZILIAN REGIME, POSSIBLY SOME REAL DOUBTS ABOUT PURPOSE IN VIEW WHOLLY NON-STRUCTURED CHARACTER OF PROPOSED MEETING, AND TIMING (THIS LATTER PROBABLY LARGELY PRETEXT). I WOULD JUDGE THAT SUBSTANTIAL ATTENDANCE IN RIO IN LATE APRIL, E.G., INCLUSION ARGENTINA, CHILE, AND PERU AS WELL AS COLOMBIA AND SMALLER COUNTRIES, COULD BE SECURED ONLY THROUGH VIGOROUS PRESSURE FROM US. THIS MIGHT WELL HAVE TO INCLUDE PERSONAL PRESIDENTIAL LETTERS EXPLAINING MORE FULLY PURPOSES AND RESULTS US SEEKS, KINDS OF TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED, IMPOSSIBILITY OF MAKING MORE EXTENDED VISIT TO SEVERAL COUNTRIES, AND INCONVENIENCE OF OTHER POSSIBLE DATES.

3. TO HOLD MEETING HERE IN LATE APRIL WITHOUT ARGENTINA, CHILE, AND POSSIBLY PERU SEEMS TO ME AN UNDESIRABLE COURSE

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OF ACTION, NOT ONLY IN US RELATIONS WITH THESE COUNTRIES BUT ALSO IN BRAZILIAN RELATIONS WITH THEM. I FEAR THAT PRESS COMMENT WOULD BE FOCUSED ON THEIR NON-ATTENDANCE AND THE NET EFFECTS COULD QUITE POSSIBLY BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

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PAGE THREE RUESUA ~~16 C O N F I D E N T I A L~~

4. I ALSO SHARE SOME OF THE CONCERN EXPRESSED BY SEVERAL MINISTERS CONSULTED AT THE EMPHASIS IN OUR INSTRUCTIONS ON THE WHOLLY UNSTRUCTURED CHARACTER OF THE MEETING AND ON THE VERY LIMITED PROVISION FOR MULTILATERAL DISCUSSION. THIS HAS PUBLIC RELATIONS AS WELL AS SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS. WOULD IT NOT BE WELL TO INDICATE A SERIES OF GENERAL TOPICS FOR COLLECTIVE DISCUSSION, SUCH AS REVIEW OF THE WORLD POLITICAL SITUATION, ESPECIALLY AS IT AFFECTS LATIN AMERICA; THE UNITED NATIONS, DISARMAMENT, AND PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS; BROAD ASPECTS OF ECONOMIC POLICIES OF COMMON INTEREST, INCLUDING TRADE, COMMODITIES, INVESTMENTS, AND THE ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS (INCLUDING REASSURANCES ON AVOIDING DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS FROM OUR BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS MEASURES); LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION; NEW EFFORTS FOR EDUCATIONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION, INCLUDING ENCOURAGEMENT SISTER-STATE AND OTHER PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE EFFORTS; ETC.

5. IF JUDGMENT IN PARA 2 IS CORRECT AND ALL-OUT PRESSURE FOR ADEQUATE ATTENDANCE AT APRIL RIO MEETING SEEMS UNDESIRABLE, OTHER ALTERNATIVES WOULD APPEAR TO BE (A) SIMILAR MEETING MUCH LATER IN YEAR, WHICH WOULD ALSO REQUIRE SUBSTANTIAL NEGOTIATING PRESSURE TO ACHIEVE, BUT UNDER LESS RIGID TIME LIMITS, OR (B) REPLACEMENT BY DIFFERENT TYPE OF MEETING.

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6. ONE ALTERNATIVE WHICH HAS OCCURRED TO ME IS TO REVERT TO IDEA, ALREADY GIVEN SOME AIRING IN PRESS, OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S ATTENDANCE CLOSING PHASE OAS FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING HERE EARLY JUNE. I RECALL ONE DOUBT IN WASHINGTON ON THIS SUGGESTION ON GROUND THAT PRESIDENTIAL PRESTIGE SHOULD NOT BE ASSOCIATED WITH MEETING OF DUBIOUS RESULTS. SINCE THIS IS FIRST MAJOR GENERAL OAS MEETING IN TEN YEARS, HOWEVER, I BELIEVE SUBSTANTIAL RESULTS (OR AT LEAST APPEARANCE THEREOF) MUST BE GENERATED IN ANY CASE. PRESENCE US AND SEVERAL OTHER PRESIDENTS

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MIGHT HELP ACHIEVE THIS. SUGGESTION WOULD BE THAT PRESIDENT INDICATE HIS INTENTION ATTEND AND EXPRESS HOPE THAT AS MANY COLLEAGUES AS POSSIBLE WOULD DO LIKEWISE. THIS WOULD REMOVE OBJECTION TO SEPARATE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ALSO TAKING PLACE IN RIO, WOULD AUTOMATICALLY PROVIDE OSTENSIBLE PURPOSE AND CONTENT FOR PRESIDENTIAL DISCUSSION, AND IF ACCOMPANIED BY PERSUASIVE MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT JOHNSON MIGHT WELL OVERCOME RESISTANCE PRESENT DOUBTERS. I RECOGNIZE THAT CENTRAL AMERICAN PRESIDENTS WOULD ALSO HAVE TO BE INVITED ON THIS BASIS, WHICH WOULD ENLARGE POTENTIAL SIZE OF MEETING AND COMPLICATE ARRANGEMENTS. I DO NOT, HOWEVER, BELIEVE THAT THESE OBSTACLES WOULD BE INSUPERABLE.

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM MANN

We have informed Ambassador Magalhaes that in view of new developments in the international situation, particularly in Viet Nam, we are no longer sanguine that it would be possible for President to leave country in late April. We said that in these circumstances we thought prudent thing to do was to inform Brazilian Government of our feeling before invitations had been issued by Brazil.

Quite separate and apart from this are the considerations raised by the Brazilian Foreign Minister reported in your telegram 1799. Our information is that Uruguay, Argentina, Chile and Peru would prefer that the meeting not be held at this time. Our own estimate is that their real and underlying reasons are domestic political in character, that is to say, fear of antagonizing leftist elements in the four countries ~~which are hostile to Brazil~~. We doubt

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that the agenda issue is ~~much~~ more than a pretext.

Be this as it may, it seems to us that it is both in United States and Brazil's interest to decide against having the April meeting and to do this quickly.

If Brazil is agreeable we could send a circular to the nine Embassies instructing them to orally inform their Foreign Offices that the United States is withdrawing its inquiry whether the eleven Presidents might meet together in Rio in late April. The circular would make entirely clear that the withdrawal of the inquiry is based solely on new repeat new developments in the international situation, particularly Viet Nam, which has caused President Johnson to doubt whether he should make any plans at this time to leave the country. We would not use either word "cancel" or "postponement" but would ~~by implication~~ leave open the question of whether such a meeting might be held at a later date.

FYI. New international developments are the real reason for our reluctance in pressing the inquiry which we have made to other South American governments. From our point of view this makes irrelevant the feelings in the reluctant countries. It

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would seem to us that this whole affair should be treated as a simple inquiry, which indeed it was, which has since been overtaken by events beyond our control. The proposed joint meeting was only intended to permit the Presidents to get acquainted on a personal basis and to afford them an opportunity to discuss informally world and hemisphere affairs without rigid agenda. Its importance should not be exaggerated. Certainly developments do not affect our warm friendship for Brazil and its government. ~~xxx~~

Please inform Foreign Minister along foregoing lines and report his reaction soonest. GP-2 END

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FOR AMBASSADOR GORDON

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Your message containing "elaboration preliminary thoughts" very helpful. Washington shares your concern regarding ~~importance~~ importance avoiding to maximum extent possible offending other presidents and making it entirely clear that meeting is one of Chiefs of States on an equal footing. In this vein, President would not wish to assume posture of principal guest by being only president other than host to give dinner for other presidents. We are not reacting to other specifics in your message since points will be considered with you by Ambassador Hand when advance team arrives Rio.

We are preparing telegraphic instructions to ARA posts which will be transmitted, hopefully tomorrow, after receipt confirmation that President Castello Branco is in agreement with general approach heretofore discussed which we understand already has agreement Foulkin Vasco. END.

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