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EXDIS: FOR VAUGHN

1. WHEN I DELIVERED PRESIDENT JOHNSON LETTER TO PRESIDENT CASTELLO BRANCO SUNDAY MORNING, HE NOTED REFERENCE DESIRE FOR FUTURE PERSONAL MEETING, AND ASKED WHETHER LETTER IMPLIED IMPOSSIBILITY LBJ VISIT DURING REMAINDER THIS YEAR. I SAID I UNDERSTOOD PRESIDENT HAD NOT ABANDONED IDEA OF VISIT, AND THAT IT WAS PREMATURE TO CONSIDER IT EXCLUDED DURING WHOLE OF 1965, BUT PROSPECTS SEEMED VERY DIM AT LEAST FOR FIRST HALF OF YEAR. I REVIEWED IN GENERAL TERMS COMBINATION OF MILITARY, DIPLOMATIC, AND POLITICAL ASPECTS VIET-NAM  
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SITUATION WHICH REQUIRED CONSTANT TOP LEVEL GUIDANCE AND DECISIONS; CASTELLO READILY UNDERSTOOD THESE.

2. CASTELLO WAS AWARE THAT LBJ HAD HOPED VISIT BRAZIL PRIOR TO ANY EUROPEAN VISIT. HE SAID HE FELT THWT THIS TIME PRIORITY WAS OF REAL SIGNIFICANCE IN US-LA RELATIONS GENERALLY, AND EXPRESSED STRONG HOPE THAT WHENEVER PRESIDENT JOHNSON FELT FREE TO TRAVEL OUTSIDE US, HE WOULD STILL MAKE LATIN AMERICA FIRST POINT OF CALL.

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Juanita:

For the President.

Jack Valenti

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