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SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT OF GENERAL ALVIM BY BRAZILIAN MAJOR GENERAL

1. LAST MONDAY I INFORMED PRESIDENT CASTELLO BRANCO OF OUR READINESS REPLACE GENERAL PALMER BY A BRIGADIER GENERAL BY DECEMBER 20 IF HE SAW NO OBJECTION AND THIS FIT IN WITH HIS PLANS REGARDING GENERAL ALVIM.

2. ON WEDNESDAY, CASTELLO BRANCO TOLD ME THAT HE HAD WIRED ALVIM RE PROSPECTIVE REPLACEMENT, BUT HAD NOT YET RECEIVED ACKNOWLEDGMENT BECAUSE ALVIM WAS IN DOMREP INTERIOR. AS

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SOON AS ACKNOWLEDGMENT RECEIVED, HE PROPOSED NOTIFY OAS THROUGH PENNA MARINHO, SO THAT PROPER CHANNELS COULD BE RESPECTED IN ARRANGING REPLACEMENT.

3. HE DID NOT MENTION NAME, BUT SAID HE ASSUMED THAT ARRIVAL NEW COMMANDER COULD BE IN EARLY JANUARY. I SAW NO REASON TO DISAGREE.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE SOONEST ON FORMAL MECHANICS OF REPLACEMENT, INCLUDING NECESSARY ACTION BY AD HOC COMMITTEE AND TENTH MFM.

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