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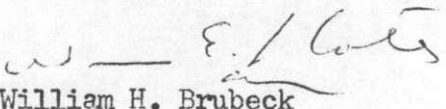
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY

THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Call on Mr. Ralph Dungan by Sr. Mario Bernardo Garnero.

In response to the telephonic request to the Department's Office of Brazilian Affairs from Mr. Dungan's office, Department forwards a background memorandum on Sr. Mario Bernardo Garnero, who has an appointment with Mr. Dungan for 11 A.M. on April 8.

Mr. Garnero will be accompanied by Ralph J. Burton, Director of Brazilian Affairs, Department of State, and Mrs. Sophia Parson, Department of State interpreter.


William H. Brubeck
Executive Secretary

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Background Memorandum
On Sr. Mario Bernardo Garnero

1. At age 25, President of National Institute of Advanced Studies in São Paulo, which he founded and which has support of ex-President Kubitschek, Confederation of Industries, etc. Has successfully organized several conferences on subjects such as northeast development, with Ambassador Gordon and other distinguished figures participating.
2. In United States now soliciting ideas, suggestions, and help (non-monetary) for meetings in fall to be sponsored by above Institute, on the development of the Americas and the role of the Alliance for Progress. Presently plans to invite three from each Latin American country - one representing employer group, one representing government, and one representing students or labor. Is consulting with people in AID, USIA, State, etc.
3. Was president of student body at Catholic U Law School in São Paulo. As student president, organized series of study sessions in which Governors from all over Brazil participated. Accomplished miracle of getting Governors Ney Braga, Carvalho Pinto and Leonel Brizola on same platform and keeping their noses to grindstone of subject matter, without extraneous demagoguery and exhortation.
4. Regarded as a brilliant young man with a brilliant future who could go high in national affairs.
5. Democratic orientation, pro-Brazil, not pro or anti-United States and perhaps relatively relaxed about Communism.

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