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UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
New York, September-October 1965

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

Date: 9/28/65
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: USUN New York

(Part 9 of 9)

Subject: SHIP LOANS (NAVAL)

Participants:

Secretary of State Dean Rusk Foreign Minister Leitao da Cunha (Brazil)
Mr. J. M. Cates, Jr. (USUN) Mr. Castro Alves

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The Secretary commented on the probability of approval of three destroyers for Brazil and two for Argentina. Although the decision is not yet public, he felt the Foreign Minister could tell his government that this decision was probable. The Secretary realized that Brazil had requested four and Argentina three destroyers but U.S. military authorities were concerned lest the situation in Southeast Asia call for more U.S. naval strength.

The Secretary also commented that a Chilean request for ships had not been granted. In his opinion, the reason was that Congress considered, in case of trouble, Brazil would assist the U.S., Argentina probably would assist but it was doubtful as to which other countries (e.g. Chile) would come through with assistance.

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The Foreign Minister expressed his gratitude for this outlook and for the requested assistance but noted that Brazil would still be short one destroyer since it had scrapped older ships in contemplation of receiving replacements from the U.S.

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