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POST INFORMED THAT UPON INVITATION GOVERNOR RIO GRANDE DO NORTE MANCHETE GOT COMPLAEE COVERAGE NATAL ROCKET BASE. INFORMATION OFFICER SAW PICTURES. NOT TRUE ARMY PROHIBITED PUBLICATION. AFTER GETTING RUN-AROUND FROM AIR FORCE EDITORS DECIDED STORY NOT READY TO BREAK AND HOLDING FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION. ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF REPORTED SAYING BASE CONNECTED WITH NASA. EMBASSY SCIENCE ATTACHE CORRECTED THIS REFERRING TO OLD NASA/BRASIL AGREEMENT OF SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION CFN 74 966 29 7 90 47

PAGE TWO RUESUA 695 CONFIDENTIAL WHICH HOWEVER AT THIS TIME INVOLVES MONITORING SATELLITE RADIO TRANSMISSIONS AND NOT ROCKET LAUNCHING. AFTER COMPLETION NATAL BASE WHICH IS ENTIRELY BRAZILIAN PROJECT MAY INCLUDE COLLABORATION IN USE OF IONOSPHERE SOUNDING ROCKETS. NATAL PROJECT IS JOINT OPERATION CNPQ THROUGH ITS SPACE COMMISSION (CNAB) AND MINISTRY OF AERONAUTICS. ALL INFO ON THIS BEING REFERRED BACK TO BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES FOR THEIR RELEASE. GORDON BT.

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