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REFS: A. COMUSMILGP BRAZIL 291727Z NOV 71

B. USCINCSO 051617Z DEC 71

SUBJ: BRAZILIAN NAVY EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. REF A indicated BRAZNAV would welcome US offer of four destroyers and recommended that up to four modernized DD's be made available to Brazil for sale or Loan. In REF B USCINCSO concurred in recommendation by COMUSMILGP and suggested sale rather than loan.
2. We fully share USCINCSO's view on sales as opposed to loans. Under present circumstances it is unlikely we would further seek any/loans of combatant ships in foreseeable future.
3. USN indicates that because of worldwide interest in obtaining destroyers and limited availability these ships, it is impossible make any offer to Brazil at this time.

We are, however, investigating possibility some destroyers will be available for sale to Brazil in FY-73. END

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