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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF EX-LEWIS HANCOCK

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1. BRAZILIAN NAVY MINISTER ACCEPTS OFFER FOR SALE OF EX-LEWIS HANCOCK AUTHORIZED BY REFTEL. MINISTER ALSO ACCEPTS REQUIREMENTS TO FUND INSPECTION OF SHIP BY USN BOARD OF INSPECTION AND SURVEY (INSURV) TEAM WHICH IS PREREQUISITE TO STRIKING FROM THE NAVAL VESSEL REGISTER AND AVAILABILITY FOR SALE.

2. MINISTER NUNES REQUESTS INSURV TEAM ALSO CONDUCT INSPECTION OF EX-IRWIN AT SAME TIME AS EX-LEWIS HANCOCK DUE TO CONSIDERABLE SAVINGS IN TRANSPORTATION AND PER DIEM COSTS THAT WOULD ACCRUE. EX-IRWIN LOAN AGREEMENT WILL EXPIRE 10 MAY 73. THIS ACTION WOULD PERMIT USG TO OFFER EX-IRWIN FOR SALE WITHOUT FURTHER INSPECTION.

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3. POLICY OF USG TO SELL SHIPS NOW ON LOAN WAS DISCUSSED WITH NAVY MINISTER NUNES DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON. HE IS PARTICULARLY FAVORABLE TOWARD PURCHASE OF THE DESTROYERS NOW ON LOAN. HOWEVER, HE WOULD PREFER TO PURCHASE THEM ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS AS EACH DESTROYER LOAN PERIOD EXPIRES.  
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