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SUBJ: PROBLEMS ON FISHING GROUNDS

COMMANDER OF NAVAL ZONE ADVISED FRIDAY MORNING FACTS REFTEL. HE INDICATED AN AWARENESS BOATS IN BRAZILIAN CLAIMED WATERS BUT UNAWARE OF REPORTED DANGEROUS AIR MANEUVERS. HE STATED COVETTE ATTEMPTED TO MAKE RADIO AND MEGAPHONE CONTACT WITH TRAWLERS WITH NO SUCCESS BUT TRAWLERS NOW OUTSIDE BRAZILIAN CLAIMED WATERS. ANOTHER NAVY SOURCE STATES THAT FOR LAST MONTH OR SO A NUMBER OF TRAWLERS, WITHOUT FLAGS BUT PRESUMABLY AMERICAN OWNED, HAVE BEEN ENGAGING IN CAT AND MOUSE ACTIVITIES DARTING IN AND OUT OF OFFSHORE AMAPA AREA. NO INDICATIONS AS TO HOW BRAZILIAN NAVY PLANS TO HANDLE THESE INCURSIONS.
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