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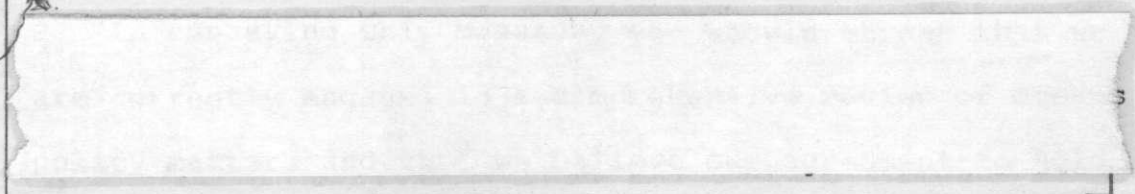
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FOR AMBASSADOR ROUNTREE

1. You should inform President Medici as soon as possible (and in any event prior to June 1) that it has been decided at the highest level that the USG is prepared to enter into fisheries negotiations this fall after the completion of the preparatory law of the sea negotiations to be held in Geneva beginning July 19. In the event of the unavailability of President Medici ^{prior to June 1,} you may make the presentation to Foreign Minister Gibson with the request that President Medici be informed as soon as possible.

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~~2. You should state that because a number of countries' fisheries interests are involved and because the fishery encompasses waters off other countries' coasts, we believe that a multilateral ~~xx~~ negotiation would be most sensible. you should state further, however, that we are prepared to enter into bilateral negotiations if GOB does not share our view that multilateral negotiations would be preferable.~~

3. In conveying this message, you should stress that we are currently ^{engaged} ~~engaged~~ in a comprehensive review of oceans policy matters and that we believe our agreement to hold

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fisheries negotiations this fall to be a fair and reasonable position. You may say that we have no objection to the GOB's publicizing our willingness to negotiate this fall.

3. You should also express the hope that this action on our part will permit GOB to exercise restraint in the enforcement of its fishing regulations. If the matter of fines and vessel seizures is raised, you should remind Brazilians of existing U.S. statutory provisions governing such questions.

4. In your presentation, you should emphasize that this decision, taken at the highest level, is intended to avoid the development of an undesirable situation which would be prejudicial to our mutual interests.

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