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1. IN MEETING WITH DEFENSE ATTACHE REPORTED REFTEL PRESIDENT CASTELLO BRANCO TOUCHED ON FOLLOWING FOREIGN AFFAIRS TOPICS:

A. SUMMIT MEETING. VRESIDENT SAID HE HAD RECEIVED LETTER FROM PRES. JOHNSON ASKING HIS VIEWS ON PROPOSED MEETING OF AMERICAN PRESIDENTS. FOREIGN MINISTER JURACY (MAGALHAES) FELT IT WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO BE IN BUENOS AIRES BUT PRES. CASTELLO REMEMBERED HOW ARGENTINES AND CHILEANS HAD GOTTEN TOGETHER TO SABOTAGE SIMILAR MEETING IN RIO LAST YEAR AND FELT IT SHOULD BE SOMEWHERE IN CENTRAL AMERICAN SUCH AS COSTA RICA. (COMMENT: HE DID NOT SEEM ADAMANT ON THIS.)

B. DE GAULLE. PRESIDENT SAID HE WAS PUZZLED AND BAFFLED BY CONDUCT OF FRENCH PRES. DE GAULLE IN PLAYING UP TO RUSSIANS. SAID THAT RECENTLY DE GAULLE HAD ASKED BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR BILAC PINTO WHEN BRAZILIAN TROOPS WOULD LEAVE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. AMB HAD REPLIED THEY WOULD LEAVE WHEN OAS DECIDED. CASTELLO NOTED "WE WERE LUCKY BALAGUER'S VICOTRY." PRESIDENT COMMENTED DE GAULLE WAS HARMING CAUSE OF WESTERN UNITY.

C. VIET NAM. PRESIDENT COMPARED MAJOR COMMUNIST EFFORT NOW BEING MADE IN BRAZIL THROUGHT NON-COMMUNIST LEFT IN INTELLECTUAL, PRESS AND STUDENT AREAS, TO COMMIE PENETRATION ATTEMPTS IN SAME AREAS IN US. SAID RECENTLY HE HAD BEEN GETTING CLIPPINGS FROM US PRESS ABOUT OPPOSITON TO PRES JOHNSON'S POLICY IN VIETNAM AND FOUND IT DISCOURAGING THAT UNTHINKING MEN (HE DID NOT NAME THEM) COULD ENCOURAGE MEMBERS OF US TO GO ON FIGHTING. DEFENSE ATTACHE SAID MOST AMERICANS UNDERSTOOD WHY WE FIGHTING IN VIETNAM, CITED OVERWHELMING VOTES IN BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE GRANTING FUNDS FOR WAR IN VIETNAM AND PROMISED GIVE HIM RECORD ALONG WITH PORTUGUESE TRANSLATION OF BALLAD OF GREEN BERETS EXPRESSING SENTIMENTS OF ARMY FIGHTING THERE.

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