

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Northeast (Palmer) Study Group

DATE: February 2, 1970

PLACE: SUDENE

PARTICIPANTS:

SUDENE: Supt. General Tácito de Oliveira
Chefe de Gabinete: Solon Soares da Silva
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Richard Palmer
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George R. Pease
Elbert Bowen
Louis Guzmán
Hemir M. e Silva

After receiving an explanation of the purpose of the meeting, General Tácito welcomed the USAID initiative, stating that an up-to-date economic analysis of the Northeast region was a vital necessity. He personally read aloud each item on the proposed study outline and solicited off the-cuff comments from his staff as to whether they could be helpful in supplying data. He requested his staff to open all sources of information and to cooperate fully with the USAID Study Group.

Mr. Palmer explained that he had neither the intention nor the hope of an in-depth coverage of all of his extensive outline, that the outline merely set forth targets of opportunity for study and that he and his group would be guided in finally determining the dimensions of the study by their discussions with SUDENE staff as to priorities and gaps, availability and obtainability of data, staffing and other considerations. He emphasized that this was an initial, exploratory visit which would also include a trip to Fortaleza for discussions with BNB President, Rubens Costa, and his staff.

General Tácito suggested that the Assessoria Técnica would be the best place for the Palmer Group to start and asked A/T's Dr. Barros to set up appointments with other department heads in accordance with Mr. Palmer's wishes.

The meeting adjoined with the Palmer group leaving for the Assessoria Técnica accompanied by Dr. Barros, Mr. Bowen, Dr. Guzmán and Mr. Hemir Silva.

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