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1. EMBASSY DEEPLY CONCERNED BY IMPLICATIONS REFTEL. DUE SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL COMBINATION OF CIRCUMSTANCES, CASE OF ALMIRANTE PAULO MOREIRA DA SILVA EMBODIES A NUMBER OF FACTORS WHICH EMBASSY CONSIDERS TO BE OF IMPORTANCE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) PARAGRAPH 5 REFTEL ADVISES THAT MILITARY PERSONNEL ON ACTIVE DUTY MAY NOT RECEIVE LEADER GRANT. AS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE EXTENDING WELL BEYOND CASE OF MOREIRA DA SILVA, EMBASSY HAS BELIEVED FOR CONSIDERABLE PERIOD OF TIME THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL TO FIND MEANS OF PROVIDING APPROPRIATE TRAVEL AND TRAINING EXPOSURE IN THE U.S. FOR SENIOR AND PROMISING MIDDLE GRADE MILITARY OFFICERS IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY BE EXPOSED TO CONDITIONS WHICH WILL BROADEN THEIR VISION AND HELP THEM IN CHARTING A MORE LOGICAL COURSE FOR BRAZIL. CONSIDERING IMPORTANCE MILITARY IN BRAZILIAN PICTURE AND RECENT POLITICAL TRENDS, THIS OBJECTIVE ASSUMES ADDED URGENCY.

(B) EMBASSY AWARE THAT MOREIRA DA SILVA IS FAVORABLY DISPOSED TO U.S. AND IS AWARE OF U.S. OCEANOGRAPHIC INTEREST. NOMINATION AS LEADER GRANTEE WAS NOT RPT NOT FOR PURPOSE OF QUOTE KEEPING HIM ON OUR SIDE UNQUOTE. PURPOSE OF NOMINATION WAS TO GIVE APPROPRIATE PUBLICITY AND SUPPORT TO A MAN WHO WAS ALREADY ON OUR SIDE IN ORDER TO BOLSTER HIS PRESTIGE AND INFLUENCE IN A FLEXIBLE SITUATION WHERE HE NEEDS EVERY BIT OF SUPPORT HE CAN GET. ALTHOUGH IT CANNOT BE ARGUED THAT AWARD OF LEADER GRANT WOULD ASSURE ACCOMPLISHMENT U.S. OCEANOGRAPHIC OBJECTIVES VIS-A-VIS BRAZIL, IN EMBASSY VIEW FAILURE TO PROVIDE TIMELY APPROPRIATE SUPPORT FOR HIGH CALIBER MAN LIKE MOREIRA DA SILVA IN

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PRESENT SITUATION WOULD DEFINITELY LESSEN CHANCES OF ACCOMPLISHING U.S. OBJECTIVES. AGAIN EMBASSY WISHES TO EMPHASIZE INFORMATION REPORTED PARAGRAPH 2 (B) RIO 903.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT REQUESTED ADVISE SOONEST CONCERNING FOLLOWING:

(A) MAY OR MAY NOT MILITARY OFFICERS ON ACTIVE DUTY RECEIVE LEADER GRANT AWARDS? IF NOT, EMBASSY URGENTLY RECOMMENDS DEPARTMENT CONSIDER AND PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR ACCOMPLISHING OBJECTIVE PARAGRAPH 1 (A) ABOVE.

(B) ALTHOUGH ADMIRAL MOREIRA DA SILVA IS MILITARY OFFICER ON ACTIVE DUTY, HE ALSO ACTS IN CIVILIAN CAPACITY AS DIRECTOR OF FUNDAÇÃO DE ESTUDOS DO MAR. CAN HE RECEIVE LEADER GRANT IN CIVILIAN CAPACITY? BELTON

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