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ACT: DIA-20

CONCLUDED THAT THE EXERCISE HAD BEEN A SUCCESS BECAUSE
FOR RECONNAISSANCE AND TRANSPORT MISSIONS, THE GENERAL
VISTA, AND THAT THE AIR MINISTER HAD FURNISHED AIRCRAFT
INFANTRY BATTALIONS AND OTHER SUPPORT ELEMENTS IN BOA
MINISTER HAD ORDERED THE UNANNOUNCED MASSING OF THREE
DECEMBER, GENERAL MURICY SAID THAT HE AND THE ARMY
STRENGTH MANUEVER EXECUTED IN LATE NOVEMBER AND EARLY
MILITARY COMMAND DESCRIBING THE FINDINGS OF A SHOW-OF-
JUST RECEIVED FROM GENERAL GODRIGO OCTAVIO OF THE AMAZON
2. (C/NF) HE SHOWED ME THE CONFIDENTIAL REPORT HE HAD
RESUMPTION OF VENEZUELAN AGGRESSIVENESS.
THE VENEZUELA-GUYANA TRUCE AND THE LIKELIHOOD OF A
ESPECIALLY ALERT TO THE 15 FEBRUARY EXPIRATION DATE OF
MEN THROUGH BRAZILIAN TERRITORY, GENERAL MURICY APPEARED
BRAZILIAN AIR SPACE AND TRY TO INFILTRATE SMALL GROUPS OF
HE IS CONVINCED THAT THE VENEZUELAN MIGHT VIOLATE
PRODUCE ANY VENEZUELAN DESIGNS AIMED AGAINST BRAZIL, BUT
TO PURSUE ITS TERRITORIAL CLAIMS AGAINST GUYANA WILL
DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT VENEZUELA'S APPARENT DETERMINATION
CONTINUOUS TO VENEZUELA AND GUYANA, THE CHIEF OF STAFF
ESTIMATE OF THE SECURITY SITUATION IN THE AREAS
19 FEB. HE COMMENTED EXTENSIVELY ON THE BRAZILIAN ARMY'S
CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL ANTONIO CARLOS DA SILVA/MURICY ON
1. (C/NF) WHILE DISCUSSING OTHER MATTERS WITH ARMY
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MILITARY ATTACHE IN CARACAS HAD BEEN CALLED IN
LATELY FOR A CORDIAL CHAT WITH THE VENEZUELAN WHO
FOR ASSURANCES THAT THE ADDED BRAZILIAN MILITARY
SENT WAS OF A TEMPORARY NATURE,
(C/NF) GENERAL MURICY EXPOUNDED AT SOME LENGTH ON
HIS CONVICTION THAT THE VENEZUELA-GUYANA CONTROVERSY
REPRESENTS THE MOST BOTHERSOME PROBLEM WHICH BRAZIL
FACES WITH ANY OF ITS NEIGHBORS. HE SAID THAT THE
BRAZILIAN ARMY HAS NO INTENTION OF VIOLATING THE
TRADITIONAL NATIONAL POLICY OF SEEKING PEACEFUL SETTLE-
MENT OF PROBLEMS WITH NEIGHBORS. HOWEVER, HE BELIEVES
THAT BRAZIL MUST PROTECT ITS LEGITIMATE SECURITY INTERESTS
IN THE LONG-NEGLECTED NORTHERN AREA AND THAT SOME LONG-
TERM BUILDING UP OF FORCES STATIONED THERE IS CLEARLY
INDICATED. THE EMPHASIS WILL BE ON ENGINEER CONSTRUCTION
ELEMENTS AND JUNGLE-WARFARE TRAINED INFANTRY, HE SAID, BUT
THE ARMY STAFF IS ALSO CONSIDERING THE TRANSFER TO THE
NORTHERN BORDER AREA OF A HORSE CAVALRY REGIMENT FROM
SOUTHERN BRAZIL. HE CITED THE PAMPAS-LIKE TERRAIN IN
THE AREA AND THE ABSENCE OF ROADS, AS AN INDICATION OF
THE PAUCITY OF MEANS WITH WHICH THE BRAZILIANS MUST
CONTEND IN THE AMAZON REGION. GENERAL MURICY USED THE
OFFICIAL MAP WHICH WAS ATTACHED TO THE MANEUVER REPORT
FROM THE AMAZON MILITARY COMMAND. IT WAS A USAF
NAVIGATION CHART WITH THE ADDITION OF GROUND ROUTES AND
LOCALITIES.

4. (C/NF) COLONEL MILTON PEDRO DE CARVALHO, THE
BRAZILIAN MILITARY ATTACHE IN CARACAS, WAS IN THE ARMY
MINISTRY ON 19 FEB AND GENERAL MURICY READILY ADMITTED
THAT HE HAD BEEN CALLED TO RIO FOR INTER-AGENCY
DISCUSSIONS ON THE ISSUE.

COMMENT: (C/NF) WHILE PLAYING DOWN THE SITUATIONS IN
ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, CHILE, PERU, AND URUGUAY, GENERAL
MURICY DISPLAYED GENUINE CONCERN OVER THE VENEZUELA-
GUYANA PROBLEM AND SAID THAT IT "IS OUR BIGGEST
HEADACHE TODAY WITH RESPECT TO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES."
BECAUSE OF THE REMOTENESS OF THE REGION, MOST OTHER
OFFICERS DO NOT ATTACH SIMILAR CONCERN TO ITS POTENTIAL
FOR SECURITY PROBLEMS. THIS COULD CHANGE RAPIDLY WITH
THE IMMINENT ARRIVAL IN RIO OF GENERAL RODRIGO OCTAVIO
WHOSE RECENT PROMOTION TO FULL GENERAL HAS BROUGHT A
STAFF ASSIGNMENT AS CHIEF OF WORKS AND PRODUCTION. HE
IS A RESPECTED AND LISTENED-TO PROFESSIONAL WHOSE

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ACCOUNTS OF THE SECURITY PROBLEMS OF THE AMAZON WILL
COMMAND LARGE AUDIENCES.
THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH THE POLITICAL
COUNSELOR, GP-3,
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