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TAGS OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY) PGOV, BR US  
SUBJECT: BRIEFING MATERIALS FOR PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT TO  
BRAZIL- PRESS GUIDANCE - EUSTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR MRS. CARTER  
REF: A. 77 BRASILIA 8610, B. BRASILIA 1533

1. WE WILL FORWARD THE NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS IN MRS. CARTER'S  
MEETING WITH THE PRESS AND SCENARIO DETAILS FOR THE EVENT AS SOON  
AS ARRANGEMENTS ARE FIRM LATER THIS WEEKEND OR MONDAY.

2. MEETING MIGHT BEGIN WITH REMARKS BY MRS. CARTER ABOUT THE  
GENERAL APPROACH OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION TO RELATIONS WITH LATIN  
AMERICA, WITH EMPHASIS ON PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE ASPECTS. THIS COULD  
LEAD INTO REFERENCE TO PARTNERS OF THE AMERICA PROGRAM AND THE  
GEORGIA-PERNAMBUCO PROGRAM SPECIFICALLY (NOTE: THE PERNAMBUCO  
PARTNERS ASKED FOR A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER DURING HIS  
STAY; THIS HAS PROVEN IMPOSSIBLE BUT THEY WOULD APPRECIATE SOME  
REFERENCE TO THEIR PROGRAM BY MRS. CARTER).  
THE ROLE OF THE PEACE CORPS HERE COULD ALSO BE MENTIONED IN THIS  
PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE CONTEXT. (AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 165 PEACE CORPS  
VOLUNTEER SERVING IN TEN BRAZILIAN STATES AND THE FEDERAL DISTRICT,  
MANY OF THEM IN THE COMPARABLY UNDERDEVELOPED NORTHEAST).  
MRS. CARTER MIGHT ALSO VOLUNTEER SOME MENTION OF HER IMPRESSIONS  
OF HER LAST VISIT HERE--INCLUDING TALKS WITH PRESIDENT GEISEL--  
AND REFER TO HER PLEASURE AT BEING ABLE TO RETURN. IN THIS CONTEXT,  
SHE COULD SPEAK OF HER MEETING THE PREVIOUS AFTERNOON WITH MINISTER  
OF HEALTH AND HER INTERESTING DISCUSSION OF BRAZILIAN AND US APPROACH  
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TO THE MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEM.

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3. AS FOR QUESTIONS WHICH MIGHT BE RAISED, MRS. CARTER MIGHT WELL GET A QUESTION ABOUT HER MEETING WITH THE TWO AMERICAN MISSIONARIES IN RECIFE DURING HER VISIT LAST YEAR, INCLUDING A QUERY AS TO WHOSE IDEA IT WAS. WE SUGGEST SHE REPLY AS FOLLOWS: I MADE THE DECISION TO SEE FATHER ROSEBAUGH AND MR. CAPUANO ENTIRELY ON MY OWN. THEY REQUESTED A CHANCE TO SPEAK WITH ME AND I FELT THAT, AS THE WIFE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, I HAD AN OBLIGATION TO MET WITH THE TWO AND DISCUSS THE TREATMENT THEY HAD RECEIVED DURING AND AFTER THEIR ARREST.

4. GIVEN THE SHORT TIME ALLOWED FOR PRESIDENT'S CONFERENCE, EMBASSY EXPECTS THAT SOME QUESTIONS WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE BE PUT TO HIM WILL BE PUT TO MRS. CARTER. THESE ARE COVERED IN REFTELS.

5. IN ADDITION, MRS. CARTER MIGHT WELL BE ASKED SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SCHEDULE IN BRAZIL AS FOLLOWS:

--Q. WHY IS YOUR HUSBAND PLANNING TO MEET WITH CARDINAL ARNS AND WHAT WILL HE DISCUSS WITH HIM?

A. JIMMY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY, AND PRIVILEGE, OF SHARING THE SPEAKERS PLATFORM WITH CARDINAL ARNS WHEN THEY WERE HONORED FOR THEIR HUMANITARIAN WORKS BY THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME LAST SPRING. CARDINAL ARNS IS DEEPLY CONCERNED WITH MANY ISSUES, INCLUDING HUMAN RIGHTS, THAT ARE OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE NOT ONLY TO JIMMY'S ADMINISTRATION, BUT TO ALL MANKIND. JIMMY LOOKS FORWARD TO RECEIVING HIS THOUGHTFUL OPINIONS, AS HE DOES THOSE OF OTHER BRAZILIANS WITH WHOM HE WILL BE MEETING DURING THE COURSE OF HIS VISIT HERE.

--Q. PRESIDENT CARTER WILL BE MEETING IN RIO WITH A NUMBER OF BRAZILIANS FROM OUTSIDE THE GOVERNMENT. HOW WERE THE PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MEETING SELECTED?

A. BRAZIL, LIKE THE UNITED STATES, IS AN ENORMOUS

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COUNTRY WITH A COMPLEX, VARIEGATED SOCIETY. WE FELT THAT WE COULD INCREASE OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CURRENT SITUATION IN BRAZIL AND THE DESIRES AND WISHES OF THE BRAZILIAN PEOPLE BY MEETING WITH PEOPLE FROM NON-OFFICIAL CIRCLES AS WELL AS THROUGH OUR CONTACTS WITH MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT. SO WE DECIDED TO INVITE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE TO MEET WITH JIMMY IN RIO, PEOPLE IMPORTANT IN VARIOUS FIELDS, FOR INFORMAL EXCHANGES JUST PRIOR TO OUR DEPARTURE.

--Q. WHY IS PRESIDENT CARTER MEETING WITH GENERAL FIGUEIREDO?

A. GENERAL FIGUEIREDO WAS AN INVITED GUEST AT PRESIDENT GEISEL'S DINNER PARTY, AND THE TWO HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONVERSE BRIEFLY THERE.

--Q. WHY ISN'T PRESIDENT CARTER GOING TO MEET WITH SENATOR MAGALHAES PINTO?

A. JIMMY DID IN FACT MEET WITH SENATOR MAGALHAES PINTO JUST ONE HOUR AGO, WHEN WE ENTERED THE CONGRESS BUILDING. BUT THE LIMITATIONS OF OUR SCHEDULE, THE SHORT TIME WE WILL BE IN BRASILIA, PREVENTED US FROM CONVERSING AT LENGTH WITH MANY PEOPLE WHOSE THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS WE VALUE HIGHLY.

6. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS HAVE SUGGESTED THE POSSIBILITY OF THE FOLLOWING

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS:

--Q. WHAT IS YOUR OPINION ABOUT THE RECENT ARREST OF 11 PERSONS IN THE STATE OF PARANA? DO YOU THINK THAT IS FURTHER PROOF OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN BRAZIL?

A. I DO NOT FEEL THAT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR ME TO COMMENT ON THIS MATTER.

--Q. HAVE THE RESULTS OF PRESIDENT GEISEL'S RECENT VISIT TO GERMANY IN ANYWAY AFFECTED THE OUTCOME OF YOUR HUSBAND'S VISIT HERE?

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A. NO. JIMMY CAME TO ENGAGE PRESIDENT GIESEL IN A CANDID DIALOG ABOUT OUR PERSPECTIVES ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES. THE MEETING YESTERDAY PROVIDED THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THAT KIND OF DIALOG; WE HAVE EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THEY WILL CONTINUE IN THE SAME VEIN TODAY.

JIMMY WANTS TO EMPHASIZE THAT WE ENJOY CLOSE RELATIONS, INDEED WARM RELATIONS, WITH BOTH BRAZIL AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

NOTHING THAT TRANSPIRED DURING PRESIDENT GEISEL'S HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL VISIT IN ANYWAY CHANGES THAT ROCKBUND TRADITION OF FRIENDSHIP THE US AND BRAZIL AND GERMANS AND AMERICANS ENJOY.

--Q. WOULD YOU CARE TO COMMENT ON THE SELECTION OF GENERAL FIGUEIREDO AS SUCCESSOR TO PRESIDENT GEISEL?

A. IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR ME TO COMMENT ON THE PERSONALITIES INVOLVED IN YOUR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. WE LOOK FORWARD, HOWEVER, TO CONTINUING THE DIALOG WE HAVE ENJOYED WITH PRESIDENT GEISEL, WITH HIS SUCCESSOR. I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE LONGSTANDING AND TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL WILL PERMIT THE SAME FRANK AND CANDID EXCHANGE OF IDEAS WITH THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF BRZIL AS IT HAS WITH PRESIDENT GEISEL.

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