

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

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TO:

The Secretary

FROM:

ARA - William D. Rogers

Your Meeting with Brazilian President Geisel Friday, February 20, 10:00 AM

PARTICIPANTS

US

The Secretary
Ambassador John Hugh Crimmins, Jr.
William D. Rogers, ARA
Jose de Seabra (Portuguese
interpreter - standby)

BRAZIL

President Ernesto GEISEL
PHONETIC: GUY-sel
ADDRESSED: Mr.
President
Foreign Minister Antonio
SILVEIRA

CHECKLIST

- -- Express our regret that prior bicentennial visit commitments make it impossible to schedule President Geisel's visit for May, and our hope that mutually convenient dates can be found in the August-October timeframe.
- -- Express satisfaction at the President's appointment of such a distinguished diplomat as Ambassador Pinheiro for the Washington post and indicate you are looking forward to working with him.
- -- Emphasize that we welcome Brazil's growing economic power and political influence, and elicit his views as to Brazil's world role.
- -- Explain that <u>detente</u> is not directed to freezing the <u>status quo</u> and keeping down new powers.
- -- Reiterate our willingness to consider consumer-producer commodity arrangements on a case-by-case basis -- and your satisfaction at being able to announce in Brasilia the President's intent to submit the International Coffee Agreement to the Senate.

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