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SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT: SCENARIO FOR PARTICIPATION AT DINNER, RIO DE JANEIRO MARCH 13

REF BRASILIA 1722-82

1. EVENT: AMBASSADOR'S DINNER IN HONOR OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

2. DATE AND TIME: MARCH 13, 8:00 P.M.

3. LOCATION: RIO DE JANEIRO, COPACABANA PALACE HOTEL

4. SETTING: THIS DINNER WOULD BRING TOGETHER A CROSS SECTION OF THE BRAZILIAN ESTABLISHMENT WHICH IS CONCENTRATED IN SAO PAULO AND RIO. (BRASILIA IS STRICTLY GOVERNMENT.) ALL THE GUESTS WILL BE CONCERNED WITH THE MAJOR EVENT OF THE WEEK--THE ADVENT OF THE FIGUEIREDO ADMINISTRATION. SOME OF THEM WILL BE WONDERING HOW THE UNITED STATES VIEWS BRAZIL'S NEW POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC LIBERALISM. THE BUSINESSMEN WILL BE WORRIED ABOUT INFLATIONARY PRESSURES, A SLOWING DOWN OF BRAZIL'S GROWTH, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DISLOCATIONS CAUSED BY THE FLOODS AND A WEAKENED ABILITY TO EXPORT FACED WITH HUGE FOREIGN DEBT AND HIGHER OIL PRICES. THEY WILL BE WONDERING WHETHER THE US CAN HELP STABILIZE THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE DOLLAR. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE CONCERNED MOSTLY WITH THE COMING PERIOD OF INTENSE DOMESTIC POLITICAL ACTIVITY WHILE CULTURAL FIGURES MAY BE MOST INTERESTED IN THE AFTERMATH OF PUEBLA.

5. TALKING POINTS: THE VICE PRESIDENT SHOULD TRY TO HAVE CONVER-

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SATIONS WITH CLAUDIO BARDELLA, MARCUS PATINI DE MORAES, JULIO MESQUITA NETO, OTAVIO ERIAS, ADOLFO BLOCH, AND CANDIDO MENDES DE ALMEIDA. BARDELLA WAS TWICE NAMED BRAZIL'S MOST OUTSTANDING BUSINESSMAN (77 AND 78). HE IS ARTICULATE AND REASONABLE. ASK HIM ABOUT THE NEW GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL TO REDUCE DIRECT PARTICIPATION IN THE ECONOMY. ASK HIM WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT CAN MANAGE INFLATION IN VIEW OF HIGHER OIL PRICES AND

INCREASED SOCIAL PRESSURES. WHAT IS LABOR GOING TO DO? PRATINI DE MORAES (PRAH-TEE-NEE DI MORE ICE) IS HEAD OF THE BRAZILIAN SECTION OF THE BRAZIL-US BUSINESS COUNCIL. HE IS A FREQUENT VISITOR TO THE US. THE VICE PRESIDENT SHOULD ASK HIM ABOUT CHANGING ATTITUDES TOWARD FOREIGN INVESTORS AND THE MULTINATIONALS. HE WILL ALSO BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS TRADE QUESTIONS AND WILL BE PRESSING ON OUR CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES TOWARD THE MIN.

THE MEDIA PEOPLE, MESQUITA (MESS-KEE-TAH), ERIAS (FREE-US) AND BLOCH WILL HAVE BEEN COVERING THE FLOODS, SO IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO ASK THEM ABOUT THE EXTENT OF DAMAGE AND DISRUPTION OF THE ECONOMY. WILL THE HOMELESS RETURN TO THE COUNTRYSIDE? WILL TRANSPORT PROBLEMS HANDICAP GROWTH AND EXPORTS? THEY WILL ALSO WANT TO DISCUSS FOREIGN POLICY AND MAY QUESTION THE VICE PRESIDENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND CHINA.

CANDIDO MENDES IS A CATHOLIC PHILOSOPHER WHO WOULD BE PLEASED TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THE VICE PRESIDENT HAS ABOUT THE PUEBLA CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE PARTICIPATED. HE COULD ALSO EXPLAIN THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH IN BRAZILIAN POLITICS AND WOULD ALSO BE INFORMATIVE ON THE INADEQUACIES OF BRAZIL'S EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM. THE VICE PRESIDENT COULD ASK HIM WHETHER THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM IS PREPARING PEOPLE FOR A MORE DEMOCRATIC, MORE INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY.

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