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EO 12065 GDS (REBELIA JOSEPH) OR P
 TAGS OVIP (MONDALE WALTER E)
 SUBJECT: (U) VICE PRESIDENT'S INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT TO THE PRESS

1. (LOU) THE FOLLOWING IS A DRAFT INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT FOR USE BY THE VICE PRESIDENT WHEN MEETING WITH THE PRESS FOLLOWING HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH PRESIDENT FIGUEIREDO AND VICE PRESIDENT CHAVES. WE HAVE TAILORED THE STATEMENT TO THIS EVENT SINCE IT WILL ATTRACT MORE PRESS ATTENTION TO THE VICE PRESIDENT THAN ANY OTHER. SHOULD HE HAVE OTHER OCCASIONS TO VOLUNTEER REMARKS TO THE PRESS HE COULD DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING AS APPROPRIATE PLUS OTHER BRIEFING MATERIAL.

2. (LOU) TEXT: I HAVE JUST HAD VERY USEFUL AND INFORMATIVE CONVERSATIONS WITH PRESIDENT FIGUEIREDO AND VICE PRESIDENT CHAVES. I CONVEYED TO THEM MY PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES, AS WELL AS THOSE OF PRESIDENT CARTER. I EXPRESSED OUR STRONG DESIRE AND CONFIDENCE THAT THE TRADITIONAL CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS WILL CONTINUE. WE DISCUSSED SEVERAL MATTERS OF INTEREST TO OUR GOVERNMENTS. (AS APPROPRIATE, VICE PRESIDENT COULD MENTION THAT BILATERAL AND GLOBAL ISSUES WERE INCLUDED OR SAY WHICH OF THESE TWO CATEGORIES RECEIVED MORE STRESS.) IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR ME TO GO INTO DETAILS, BUT I THINK I CAN SAFELY SAY THERE WAS A CONSIDERABLE DEGREE OF HARMONY IN OUR VIEWS. IT WAS EXTREMELY VALUABLE TO HAVE MET WITH THE PRESIDENT AND THE VICE PRESIDENT AT THE VERY OUTSET OF THEIR ADMINISTRATION. THE US ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH BRAZIL. THIS COUNTRY IS TAKING--IN MANY RESPECTS HAS ALREADY TAKEN--A POSITION OF LEADERSHIP IN THE WORLD. WE WELCOME THIS DEVELOPMENT AND WISH THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL EVERY SUCCESS.

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NOW I'LL BE HAPPY TO TAKE A FEW QUESTIONS. END TEXT.

3. (C) ^{#97} THE FOREGOING IS FRAMED IN TERMS OF PRESENT GOB PLANNING (BRASILIA 1735) THAT VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE WOULD FIRST MEET WITH CHAVES, WHO WOULD THEN ACCOMPANY HIM TO THE MEETING WITH FIGUEIREDO. ASIDE FROM THE COURTESY ASPECT OF MENTIONING CHAVES' NAME, THIS REFERENCE HAS THE ADDED PURPOSE OF DRAWING HIM INTO THE PICTURE AS THE CIVILIAN ELEMENT AT THE TOP OF THE BRAZILIAN EXECUTIVE BRANCH.

4. (LOW) ^{#60} IN ADDITION TO Q AND A MATERIAL SUPPLIED IN BRASILIA 1549, QUESTIONS FOLLOWING THE MEETINGS WITH FIGUEIREDO AND CHAVES MAY FOCUS ON WHAT THE LATTER SAID TO VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE. WHILE NOTING THAT IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO DISCUSS IN DETAIL THEIR COMMENTS, THE VICE PRESIDENT COULD CHARACTERIZE THEM GENERALLY. E.G., IN TERMS OF REFLECTING SIMILARITY OF OUTLOOK WITH HIS OWN--SEE TEXT ABOVE--AND THEIR POSITIVE TONE AND THE ENCOURAGEMENT

WITH WHICH THE VICE PRESIDENT VIEWS US-BRAZIL RELATIONS AS A RESULT.

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