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FOR ARA ASBT SECY VAKY FROM SAYRE

EO 12065 GDS 3/1/85 (SAYRE ROBERT M) OR-M

TAGS OVIP MONDALE WALTER F BR

SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT BRAZIL- MONDALE/FIGUEIREDO MEETING
REF BRASILIA 1735 -#97

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. I RAISED WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY THIS MORNING QUESTION OF INFORMING PRESS BEFOREHAND OF MEETING BETWEEN MONDALE AND FIGUEIREDO. FOREIGN MINISTRY STATES AT LEAST HALF DOZEN VICE PRESIDENTS ARE COMING AND THIS POSES SERIOUS PROBLEM. I NOTED THAT THESE VICE PRESIDENTS FROM CHINA, SOVIET UNION, ROMANIA, ETC., ARE NOT COUNTRIES WITH WHICH BRAZIL IS ALLIED UNDER OAS, RIO TREATY, GATT, ETC., AND IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE MAKE DISTINCTIONS. FOREIGN MINISTRY DID NOT THINK IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE MAKE DISTINCTIONS BECAUSE OF BRAZILIAN RELATIONS WITH THESE OTHER COUNTRIES.

3. I SAID THAT IT SIMPLY WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR US TO KEEP MATTER FROM PRESS. IF WE DID NOT SAY MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE US AND BRAZILIAN PRESS WOULD PLAY IT UP AS APPARENT PROBLEM IN US/ BRAZILIAN RELATIONS WHICH WAS NOT CASE. IT WOULD CREATE SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR BOTH US AND BRAZIL AND UNDERMINE VERY PURPOSE PRESIDENT CARTER HAD IN MIND IN SENDING VICE PRESIDENT TO BRAZIL.

4. FOREIGN MINISTRY SAID THEY WERE FOLLOWING US FORMULA. WHEN BRAZILIAN VICE PRESIDENT VISITED US HE FIRST CALLED ON VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE WHO TOOK HIM TO SEE PRESIDENT CARTER. FOREIGN MINISTRY SAID THIS HAPPENED DURING CHAVES VISIT BUT I GATHERED THIS WAS ARRANGEMENT WHEN BRAZILIAN VICE PRESIDENT SANTOS ATTENDED PANAMA CANAL TREATY CEREMONIES. BECAUSE FOREIGN MINISTRY REFERRED TO CHAVES VISIT, I SAID THAT I DID NOT THINK THIS WAS ANY CONSCIOUS

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FORMULA AND THAT HAD CHAVES SOUGHT MEETING WITH PRESIDENT WE WOULD
HAVE TRIED TO WORK OUT MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER. (HAVING
SAID THIS, HOWEVER I KNOW THAT SITUATIONS ARE NOT COMPARABLE BE-
CAUSE WE HAD ONLY TWO DOZEN DELEGATIONS FOR PANAMA CEREMONY (HEREAS
BRAZIL HAS INVITED 130 AND SO FAR HAS ABOUT 80 SPECIAL DELEGATIONS.)

5. FOREIGN MINISTRY PROMISED TO GET BACK TO ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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