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SUBJECT: VISIT OF BRAZILIAN NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE TO US

1. DURING THE PERIOD 16 AUGUST - 9 SEPTEMBER, SIXTY-FIVE (65) MEMBERS OF SUPERIOR WAR COURSE OF ESCOLA SUPERIOR DE GUERRA WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL MAP-SPONSORED ORIENTATION VISIT TO PANAMA CANAL ZONE AND US AT INVITATION OF DOD. THE GROUP WILL BE IN WASHINGTON AREA 2-6 SEPTEMBER.

2. THE ESCOLA SUPERIOR DE GUERRA, COMPARABLE IN ACADEMIC LEVEL AND SCOPE TO US NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE, IS BRAZIL'S HIGHEST LEVEL INTER-SERVICE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION DEVOTED TO THE STUDY OF POLITICO-MILITARY AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL SECURITY PROBLEMS. ITS INFLUENCE IN BRAZILIAN NATIONAL POLICY CONTINUES TO GROW. STUDIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS EMANATING FROM SCHOOL RECEIVE SYMPATHETIC ATTENTION OF BRAZIL'S PRESIDENT AND NATIONAL PLANNERS, MOST OF WHOM ARE THEMSELVES GRADUATES.

3. VISITING GROUP WILL INCLUDE APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN (15) MILITARY AND CIVILIANS OF GENERAL OFFICER RANK AND EQUIVALENT, HEADED BY COMMANDANT, BRAZILIAN ARMY GENERAL AUGUSTO FRAGOSO. REMAINDER ARE SENIOR OFFICERS OF THREE MILITARY SERVICES AND DISTINGUISHED CIVILIANS FROM GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS. GROUP WILL BE ALMOST EVENLY DIVIDED BETWEEN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN MEMBERS.

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4. DURING SIMILAR VISIT LAST YEAR, GROUP WAS RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON. THIS SPECIAL AND PERSONAL ATTENTION LEFT DEEP AND LASTING IMPRESSION ON VISITORS, AFTEREFFECTS OF WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO REDOUND TO THE ADVANTAGE OF US INTERESTS IN BRAZIL. IT ALSO SERVED TO PLACE IN PERSPECTIVE DEGREE OF IMPORTANCE AND LEVEL OF ATTENTION WHICH THIS VERY INFLUENTIAL NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION MERITS. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THIS YEAR'S GROUP TO MEET FOR A FEW MINUTES WITH PRESIDENT JOHNSON WOULD BE PARTICULARLY PRODUCTIVE. SPECIAL POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE IS ATTACHED TO THIS FIRST PRESIDENTIALLY SPONSORED SENIOR GROUP OF ESG SINCE CHANGE (15 MARCH) OF NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION. THEIR VISIT PROVIDES EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE BEFORE NATIONALLY INFLUENTIAL FORUM IMPORTANCE WHICH US ATTACHES TO PRESIDENTIAL AGREEMENTS REACHED AT PUNTA DEL ESTE IN APRIL AND TO LATIN AMERICAN PROBLEMS IN GENERAL.

5. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT PRESIDENT JOHNSON BE REQUESTED TO CONSIDER RECEIVING THE GROUP DURING THE WASHINGTON VISIT. TUTTILL

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