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In the course of a luncheon conversation with Deputy Oceano CARLEIAL (UDN-Alagoas) on September 3, Carleial observed to Embassy officers that he would soon be taking a trip to Portugal and its African Provinces at the invita-(by pouch) tion of the Portuguese government. He said he will travel in a group consisting of the following deputies:

Brazilian Congressmen to Visit Portugal and its

Anis Badra (PDC-Sao Paulo) Altino Machado (PTB-Acre) Arnaldo Cerdeira (PSP-Sao Paulo) Mario Braga Ramos (UDN-Parana) Iven Luz (PRF-Parana)

(by pouch) Recife S. Paulo

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They are to leave in mid-October and will be away for about one month, visiting continental Portugal first and then Angola, Mozambique and possibly other points in the African Provinces. The entire trip apparently is to be at the expense of the Portuguese government.

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COMMENT: Carleial indicated that his was not the first group of deputies to visit Portugal and the Provinces. Assuming that the Portuguese objective in arranging the visit is to build up understanding for the Portuguese position on its African Provinces within the Brazilian

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Congress, the group seems well chosen. All are, in varying degrees, of conservative views and may well be impressed with the positive aspects of the Portuguese regime.

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