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SUBJECT: GENERAL ALGER VISITS RIO DE JANEIRO

1. GENERAL JAMES ALGER, NEW CHAIRMAN OF IADB, VISITED RIO DE JANEIRO AUGUST 26-29. MADE COURTESY CALLS ON MINISTERS OF ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE AS WELL AS OTHER OFFICIALS BOTH AS RETIRING COMMANDER USARSO AND AS NEW CHAIRMAN IADB. HEMISPHERE DEFENSE FUTURE OF IADB, AND COUNTER INSURGENCY TOPICS WERE TOUCHED UPON IN THESE CONVERSATIONS AS MIGHT WELL BE EXPECTED BUT ON INFORMAL BASIS WITH NO FIRM OPINIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS BEING MADE ON EITHER SIDE.

2. NEWSPAPERS HAVE PLAYED UP VISIT TO BUENOS AIRES AND OTHER CAPITALS AS WELL AS HERE AS AN EFFORT TO INSTITUTIONALIZE IADB IN OAS AND STIMULATE IAPF. SEVERAL REPORTS STATE MINWAR LYRA TAVARES SAID IAPF IS MATTER FOR DIPLOMACY TO RESOLVE BUT HINT HE FAVORS SUBJECT THAT GOVERNMENT MUST DECIDE.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH IT WAS TO BE EXPECTED THAT GENERAL ALGER'S VISIT WOULD RESULT IN SPECULATION AS TO THE IAPF

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AND REGIONAL DEFENSE MEASURES IN THE LIGHT OF CURRENT TENSIONS, NONE OF THE PRESS COMMENTS HAVE BEEN EXTRAVAGANT IN THEIR DISTORTION OF THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT. A FACTUAL RELEASE WAS ISSUED BY EMBASSY.

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