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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER
 FROM: Arnold Nachmanoff
 SUBJECT: Request by Brazilian Foreign Minister Delfim Neto for an Appointment

As you know, the Brazilian Minister of Finance Antonio Delfim Neto has indicated a desire to meet with you when he is in Washington next week to discuss the soluble coffee issue. Foreign Minister Gibson told you Monday that Delfim had some new proposals to make for a "political solution" to the problem. You told Gibson that your schedule was very tight, but you would see if it were possible to meet with Delfim.

Alex Kafka, Brazil's representative in the IMF called me this morning to ask if an appointment could be set up with you some time between Sunday afternoon and Tuesday evening, when Delfim will be in Washington. Kafka indicated that Delfim understood your schedule was very tight and would understand if you could not receive him, but wanted to make a try in any event.

You will recall that the State Department has indicated that they do not feel it would be appropriate for you to meet with Delfim--they are obviously concerned about letting the soluble coffee negotiations get out of channels. If you do agree to see Delfim, there will undoubtedly be some bruised feelings at State.

In view of your meeting earlier this week with Gibson, I do not think it is necessary for you to meet with Delfim Neto. Both the Brazilians and State have the message that we want to work out a cooperative settlement of the soluble coffee problem-- it is now a matter of negotiating technical measures to achieve this result.

Incidentally, Alex Kafka, who indicates that he has known you for many years, asked me to convey his personal regards to you.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you authorize me to tell Kafka that your schedule will not permit a meeting with Delfim Neto next week.

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Approve

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Disapprove

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