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Anti-American Circular Distributed at Goiania University

1. Forwarded herewith are 3 copies of a ten-page mimeographed circular entitled "Some Aspects of Imperialism in Amazonia", which was being distributed among students on the campus of the Federal University of Goias in Goiania on April 26, 1967. Under the pretext of being a scholarly study (beginning with 3 pages of statistics) of the region of Amazonia and alleged American influences therein, the paper concentrates on the anti-birth control line currently receiving heavy treatment in the Brazilian press, Congress and religious circles.

2. The major theme of the circular is that "North American Imperialism" has begun a sinister, long-range plot to "internationalize" and take over Amazonia, and that its principal weapon is a birth control campaign that will lead to the depopulation of the area and its inevitable occupation by foreigners. As proof of this thesis, the unknown authors of the piece cite several alleged instances of American interest in the area, including: (a) USAID links with Brazilian development agencies such as SUDAM (Superintendency for the Development of Amazonia) and the Banco da Amazonia; (b) the construction by unnamed persons of more than 2000 clandestine airfields in Amazonia in 1964 alone; (c) aerial photomapping and other scientific studies by various American organizations; (d) the creation in Houston, Texas

Enclosure:

3 copies "Some Aspects of Imperialism in Amazonia"

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of a "Center for Amazonian Studies" to plan for the utilization of Amazonia as an alternate source of raw materials in case of an atomic war; (e) the "infiltration of the region by evangelical missions" and the Peace Corps; (f) the sale to the United Fruit Company of a large area in the state of Pará; (g) the purchase of land (whose selection was made with the aid of aerial photomapping) in northern Goiás by 142 Americans; (h) the internationalization and creation of a free zone at the port of Manaus; and (i) the initiation of a birth control campaign in northern Goiás and Maranhao by American Presbyterian and Anglican missionaries.

3. The latter allegation is given major attention in the last four pages of the circular, which cites the names of several doctors and nurses and, specifically, the Pathfinder Foundation of Boston (1575 Tremont St., Boston, Mass. 02120), as the prime-movers of the campaign. It states that "Mothers Clubs" had been organized to propagandize family planning and that studies, including experimental use, of the intra-uterine device were already underway.

4. The circular, which is dated April 15, 1967, is believed to have originated among medical students of the Federal University of Goiás. Reportedly there are only three mimeograph machines in Goiania on which it could have been reproduced: one at the University, one in the mayor's office and one in the state governor's office.

5. Comment: There is a striking amount of similarity in the language used in the circular and by other voices that have been heard in the current anti-birth control campaign. Some of the phrases used by critics such as deputy Jose Maria Magalhães (MDB, Minas Gerais) are exactly the same. The interesting thing is that the circular was distributed before these criticisms.

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