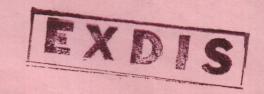


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- 1. Foreign Minister Gibson unfortunately fully engaged with Peruvian delegation headed by Foreign Minister, and in view his unavailability until Wednesday, I saw Torelan Minister at his explient convenience. Itamaraty Secretary General today. Secretary General os thought this would be possible on Waddesday, althou had been present at Meyer's and my visit with Foreign Minister reported Rio's 1660, although he was not at Souratary Sonoral would, when he not Medici meeting. Minister of Pelace this evening, brief
- I reviewed substance conversations with Medici and Gibson, particularly their assurances they do not which we ettech to visit by Admiral Shoot

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intend decree on 200-mile territorial sea to prejudice our security interests, and stated again our great concern re dangers which Brazilian position would have in this regard. Emphasizing urgency of matter, I sought concurrence in visit by Admiral Shear and Commander Lynch, setting forth purposes. I also made strong request that GOB postpone promulgation of fishing regulations until after meeting takes place.

3. Secretary General was made aware of my wish to see Foreign Minister at his earliest convenience, and said he thought this would be possible on Wednesday, although Gibson's schedule provided no time to fit in meeting before them. Secretary General would, when he met with Foreign Minister at Palace this evening, brief him fully on our conversation and emphasize importance

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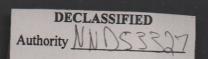
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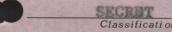
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he was noncommittal, his general attitude was not discouraging.

- 4. SecGen volunteered that although Peruvian Foreign
 Minister had hoped Brazilian announcement of decree
 covering regulations would take place during his visit,
 this would not RPT not be done. He thought my request
 would be taken as added reason for postponing announcement,
 It seemed clear to me from his remarks, however, that
 not only developments within Brazilian Government but
 also discussions with other members of 200-mile club
 have proceeded to point where GOB will probably not
 consider any substantial delay.
- 5. I will report further as soon as I have seen the Foreign Minister.

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