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sought concurrence in visit by Admiral Storr and

SUBJECT: Brazilian 200-Mile Territorial Sea Claim
Commander Lynch, setting forth purposes. I also made

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strong request that GSB postpone promulgation of
1. Foreign Minister Gibson unfortunately fully engaged
fishing regulations until after meeting takes place.
with Peruvian delegation headed by Foreign Minister,
3. Secretary General was under aware of my wish to see
and in view his unavailability until Wednesday, I saw
Foreign Minister at his earliest convenience, and said
Itamaraty Secretary General today. Secretary General
he thought this would be possible on Wednesday, although
had been present at Meyer's and my visit with Foreign
Gibson's schedule provided no time to fit in meeting
Minister reported Rio's 1660, although he was not at
before then. Secretary General would, when he met
Medici meeting.

with Foreign Minister at Palace this evening, brief
2. I reviewed substance conversations with Medici and
him fully on our conversation and emphasizing importance
Gibson, particularly their assurances they do not
which we stretch to visit by Admiral Storr. Although

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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 then. Secretary General would, when he met with Foreign Minister at Palace this evening, brief him fully on our conversation and emphasize importance which we attach to visit by Admiral Shear. Although

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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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