

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : The Ambassador

FROM : POL - Richard E. Johnson

SUBJECT: Guest List for Luncheon January 5

DATE: Dec. 29, 1970

The following will be attending luncheon at my house on January 5 in addition to the two of us and John Mowinckel (all four speak good English):

Professor Cândido Mendes de Almeida: Cândido Mendes is one of the senior Brazilian intellectuals best known in the United States. He is the head of Rio's Cândido Mendes Faculties, the equivalent of a university, but lacking in the physical science faculties necessary to qualify as one. In this capacity he maintains close contact with many prominent American educators and intellectuals. Last year, for example, he sponsored a Brazil-US symposium on political science which was attended by Professors Samuel Huntington and Karl Deutsch of Harvard, among other prominent Americans. He is also a very important Catholic layman, having served as Chairman of the Papal Commission on Justice and Peace (concerned, among other things, with evidences of torture) and various other bodies linked with Brazil's National Council of Bishops. Cândido Mendes is a free-thinking, active, independent liberal. He has an emotional dedication to the promotion of close links between the US and Brazil, which he views as essential for the preservation of such intellectual freedom as continues to exist in this country.

Alberto Dines: Dines is the Chief Editor of Jornal do Brasil, responsible for the make-up of the newspaper's editorial pages. He is a bright young man with a stubborn journalist's concern for the maintenance of press freedom, which leads him to be quite critical of the military on occasion. At times, he says, his editorials have resulted in summons for interviews with the local military police authorities. These don't seem to trouble him greatly, however. The Government quite likely appreciates the almost uniformly favorable tone of Jornal do Brasil's editorials on the Medici Administration. Dines' professionalism won him the Maria Moors Cabot journalism award for 1970 from Columbia University which he journeyed to New York to accept during October.

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Deputado Emilio Nina Ribeiro: You met Deputado Ribeiro briefly after the last movie showing at the Embassy. He is a young, enthusiastic and intelligent Rio politician, a young man from a family of considerable means who sees politics as an opportunity to crusade for a variety of progressive causes (population control, elimination of pollution, pay-as-you-go education). These tendencies make him an admirer of many things American, and of all the Guanabara politicians, Ribeiro is probably the closest to the Embassy. For a number of years he was a member of the state legislature, at the same time gaining considerable prominence as a spokesman for the younger generation in the ARENA Party. A major factor in this popularity was the series of television programs which he used as vehicles for conducting his various crusades. Lately he has earned considerable publicity in taking on the telephone company for what he regards as unauthorized rate increases. In the November 15 elections Ribeiro won a seat in the Federal legislature with the highest ARENA vote total.

Minister Heitor Pinto de Moura: To the best of my knowledge Minister Pinto de Moura is the only Brazilian diplomat assigned to Rio outside the Guanabara branch office of Itamarati. He serves as Foreign Affairs Advisor at the Superior War College, with the title of Deputy Commandant. Prior to his present tour he had a long stay in The Hague, and he remains attached to Western Europe. A soft-spoken, thoughtful man, Pinto de Moura has been helpful to the Embassy as a friendly and objective critic of US policy. Books and international politics are his hobbies, and he writes some highly theoretical articles on various aspects of foreign affairs for Jornal do Brasil's Sunday Supplement.

NOTE: Re attached statement that Minister Heitor Pinto de Moura may be only Brazilian diplomat assigned to Rio outside Guanabara branch office of Itamarati, for your information Vilar de Queiroz, who is head of international affairs and Delfim Neto's right-hand man at the Ministry of Finance, is also a Brazilian diplomat with the career rank of "Ministro" on loan to the Ministry of Finance from Itamarati in Rio from Itamarati.

Jim Clark

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