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to have employment for the workers during the off-season.

There are also two corrals and stables. Attached to the stable is a store A-66 for drugs, UNCLASSIFIED insecticides. Recently designed pits serve to treat manure fertilizer.

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Acres from this property, Deputy Sampaio has two other plots of land. INFO: The Amembassy, Rio de Janeiro and Brasilia areas, it is said, on which he has his ranch house there are some three hundred head of cattle at present. These are primarily a cross between the "zebu" and Dutch dairy cattle. Dr. Sampaio has been promoting this mixed breed successfully.

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Panama Grass

## MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION with

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Date of Conversation: January 16, 1964

Place: Deputy Sampaio's Ranch, near Amargosa, Bahia. Deputy Sampaio's ranch is located in the Amargosa area, which is a small town. Deputy Sampaio is a member of the local agricultural society and is active in the promotion of agriculture and industry in Bahia.

During a trip to the interior of the State of Bahia in the Paraguacu River Valley area January 16 - 19, in the company of Mr. Charles Wiggin, Jr., of USAID/Recife, on invitation of COELBA (state electric company) President Frederico Zuercher, the night of January 16-17 was spent at the farm of Deputy Clemens Sampaio. This farm is a few miles distant from Amargosa, and is devoted to cattle.

Deputy Sampaio bought the property some five years ago. During the last three years, because of the dry weather, little was done to improve the area. However, a ranch-style house was built and quarters for twenty workers' families were also constructed nearby. Five new workers' houses have been constructed; each has a modern bathroom, and there is a good plot of garden ground for vegetable and fruit production attached to each house. Each family has been provided with a radio.

Another unit of five additional houses is to be built shortly. A small manioc flour factory, feed mill and sawmill was erected

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to give employment to the workers during the off-season.

There are nice new corrals and stables. Attached to the stable there is a store room for drugs, vaccines, and insecticides. Scientifically designed pits serve to treat manure fertilizer.

Aside from this property, Deputy Sampaio has two other plots of farmland in the neighborhood, totalling altogether several thousand acres, it is believed. On the farm on which he has his ranch house there are some three hundred head of cattle at present. These are primarily a cross between the "zebu" and Dutch dairy cattle. Sr. Sampaio has been promoting this mixed breed successfully.

### Pangola Grass

Deputy Sampaio said that he has been planting pangola grass, about which he learned during his visit to the United States about two years ago. The grass is doing very well and he has made available transplants to a number of his farmer neighbors, who have also found it very good.

### Farm Credit

The local (Amargosa) manager of the Bank of Brazil was visiting Deputy Sampaio the evening we arrived. Deputy Sampaio said that as a result of the manager's activities, credit by the Bank of Brazil, which has eleven branches in Bahia, had expanded greatly in the Amargosa area. Sampaio was very critical of the state credit facilities for agriculture and indicated complete lack of confidence in either the State Development Bank or the FUNEAGRO enterprises designed to promote the development of agriculture and industry in Bahia. These agencies lack resources at the present time and are unable to make a dent in the area of agricultural production, according to the Deputy. He was quite enthusiastic, however, about the possibility of help from the Federal Government through the Ministry of Agriculture. He is the rapporteur of the budget committee for the Ministry of Agriculture in the Chamber of Deputies and stated that as a result of his efforts the budget for the Ministry of Agriculture this year surpasses that of any of the military establishments, something unheard of heretofore. He expects that as a result of this the Ministry of Agriculture will be able to help farmers obtain credit for agricultural machinery, seeds and farm equipment generally in an unprecedented manner. He has on his farm three tractors which were acquired at very reasonable prices through Federal sources. Besides regular farm use, these tractors have helped build roads on the farm and on neighboring farms. The Deputy said this has made it easier for him to trade with his neighbors, exchanging manioc flour for sugar cane and other cattle ration materials, for example.

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Deputy Sampaio referred to SUDENE in terms of disgust. He took delight in describing how he had taunted Celso Furtado during the latter's testimony on SUDENE activities before the Federal Chamber of Deputies. He considered SUDENE worse than the Communists because it is disguisedly subversive and is building itself into a super-power.

Brizola

The radio program conducted by Deputy Leonel Brizola is heard assiduously by the people in the Amargosa area, according to Deputy Sampaio. Brizola and the Reporter ESSO are the most listened to programs, and are the subjects of conversation when rural people meet, he said. The Deputy believes Brizola is having a profound influence in the rural areas of Bahia, and that he is "catechizing" the people in preparation for an eventual political move. (In the area of Andaraí, in the upper regions of the Paraguaçu Valley, we did not get the same reaction to the Brizola broadcasts. There was indication that little attention was given to him by town or country people there.)

Family

Deputy Sampaio has three daughters and one son, ages ranging from about 12 down to three. His wife is a rather large and plain woman, who seems to attend purely to domestic affairs.

General Impression

I formed a favorable opinion of Deputy Clemens Sampaio as a result of my contact with him. Although he is the leader of the PTB party in Bahia (soon to be merged with the PR), he seems to have fairly conservative views. His own approach to farm problems and his interest in his own properties could be called moderately liberal if not conservative. He is dynamic but rather narrow gage in my view. He seems favorably disposed to the United States. Although it is known that his visit to the United States under Department auspices did not go smoothly, he gave no hint of resentment. On the contrary, he seemed to retain a favorable impression of his experiences there.

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