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15. SUMMARY: (C/NF) This report forwards a briefing of the current reaction to the extension of Argentine waters claim of 200 miles. It further indicates the action now being taken by Uruguay and the problems faced. A joint State-Defense message was sent covering this material on 16 August 1967.

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1. (C/NF) (Background developments and problems with Soviet fishing ships in Uruguayan waters are contained in references (b) through (f).) On 14 August 1967

then contacted the Chief of the Uruguayan Naval General Staff offering assistance but indicating the necessity for all background material on the problems being faced. Permission was granted for

2. (C/NF) At first notice that Argentina intended to extend its territorial water limits to 200 miles, a board was appointed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs to study the effect on Uruguay and to recommend necessary action. The board was composed of the following: Dr. POLLERI (Currently Amb. to Panama), Dr. Alvaro

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ALVAREZ (Currently assigned in Bonn), Dr. Carlos Maria VELAZQUEZ (Currently Amb. to England), Dr. PRATT (Currently Amb. to Peru), Capitán de Navio Jose Miguel ALVAREZ (Retired), and Capitán de Fragata Roman OROZCO Rodriguez. Before anything could be determined, four members of the board were given new assignments and a new board was formed composed as follows: As Head of the Board - Capitán de Navio Jose Miguel ALVAREZ (Retired) and members Dr. BRUM, Dr. LESSA, Dr. Motta AVELLANAL and Capitán de Fragata Roman OROZCO Rodriguez. Source indicates ALVAREZ "is a nice old fellow looking for a position in the Foreign Ministry". BRUM, LESSA and AVELLANAL are reported as knowing little of international law. BRUM is pushing for extension of the limits. AVELLANAL is supporting the Uruguayan Navy stand (see below) at the present time.

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3. (C/NF) With little knowledge of international law, with the exception of OROZCO, the board is faced with some truly difficult questions caused by several factors: the new Argentine 200 mile limit, biannual movement of fish off the Uruguayan-Argentine coast and continued working of the Soviet fishing fleets off the Uruguayan coast.

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4. Prior to increase in the Argentine limit, agreements between Uruguay and Argentina were as roughly indicated in diagram (1). Also shown on that diagram is the primary fishing area on the coastal shelf. During winter, the fish school roughly is located in the area indicated. In the summer the fish move south off the coast of Argentina. With the increase in the Argentine limit, two problems have developed. First, freedom of navigation into the Rio de la Plata is restricted from the south and second, the ability of Uruguay to fish the summer area is restricted. (See diagram (2).)

5. (C/NF) Since the Argentine 200 mile claim went into effect, the Soviet fishing fleets have concentrated in the area off Cabo Polonio on the Uruguayan coast. At the rate the fish are being caught Uruguay fears the fish herd are, or will be, endangered from overfishing. Additionally, some of the Soviet ships have been sighted fishing within the Uruguayan 12-mile limit.

6. (C/NF) An additional problem remains. How does Argentina figure its boundary with Uruguayan waters? If the boundary is to be decided (as was the centerline of the Rio de la Plata) from points on each coast, then the result of the increase of the Argentine limit and the curve of the Uruguayan coast, could project the boundary line somewhat northward of the extension of the Rio de la Plata center line. (See diagram (3).) Actually this would mean little.

7. (C/NF) Due to lack of information concerning the Argentine claim (nothing has been published, a fact established by contact with ALUSNA Buenos Aires) and the manner it might effect the boundary with Uruguay, and with members of the current board having little knowledge and background in international law, a fear has arisen that Argentina might well claim as its waters all waters within 200 miles of its coast, leaving Uruguay with only its 12 miles offshore for fishing rights. The fear is represented by diagram (4). A second fear is that Brazil might also increase its limits to 200 miles thus cutting Uruguay off from free access. (See diagram (4).) This, in both cases is directly contrary to recognized law, however, due to lack of knowledge and a fear of what might happen, the board is pushing for Uruguay to extend its limits.

8. (C/NF) The following possible actions were being contemplated according to source:

- a. Agreements with Argentina with respect to Uruguayan interests in transit through waters claimed by Argentina and with respects to reciprocal fishing beyond 12 miles from coasts.
- b. That Uruguay maintain the 6-mile territorial limit but extend the exclusive fishing limit.
- c. That Uruguay extend its waters to 200 miles in keeping with Argentina, Chile, Peru and Ecuador.
- d. That a conference be held of the Foreign Ministers of Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil to reach an agreement on transit and fishing rights without the necessity of Brazil or Uruguay modifying existing limits.

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9. In order to combat this fear and lack of knowledge, it has been requested by message (Joint State-Defense of 16 August 1967) that recommendations, references and arguments be forwarded to back present Uruguayan Navy stand to maintain the present Uruguayan territorial limits of 6 miles and 6 miles exclusive fishing rights.

10. [ ] that while talks had been started between Brazil and Argentina concerning fishing rights, nothing firm has been decided to the best to their knowledge. The fact that Argentina has published nothing indicating the spirit of the decree as concerns the boundary with Uruguay, has caused all types of expectations by members of the Board. Further discussions by Embassy Officials with Uruguayan Foreign Ministry officials have indicated a strong trend toward the 200 mile limit.

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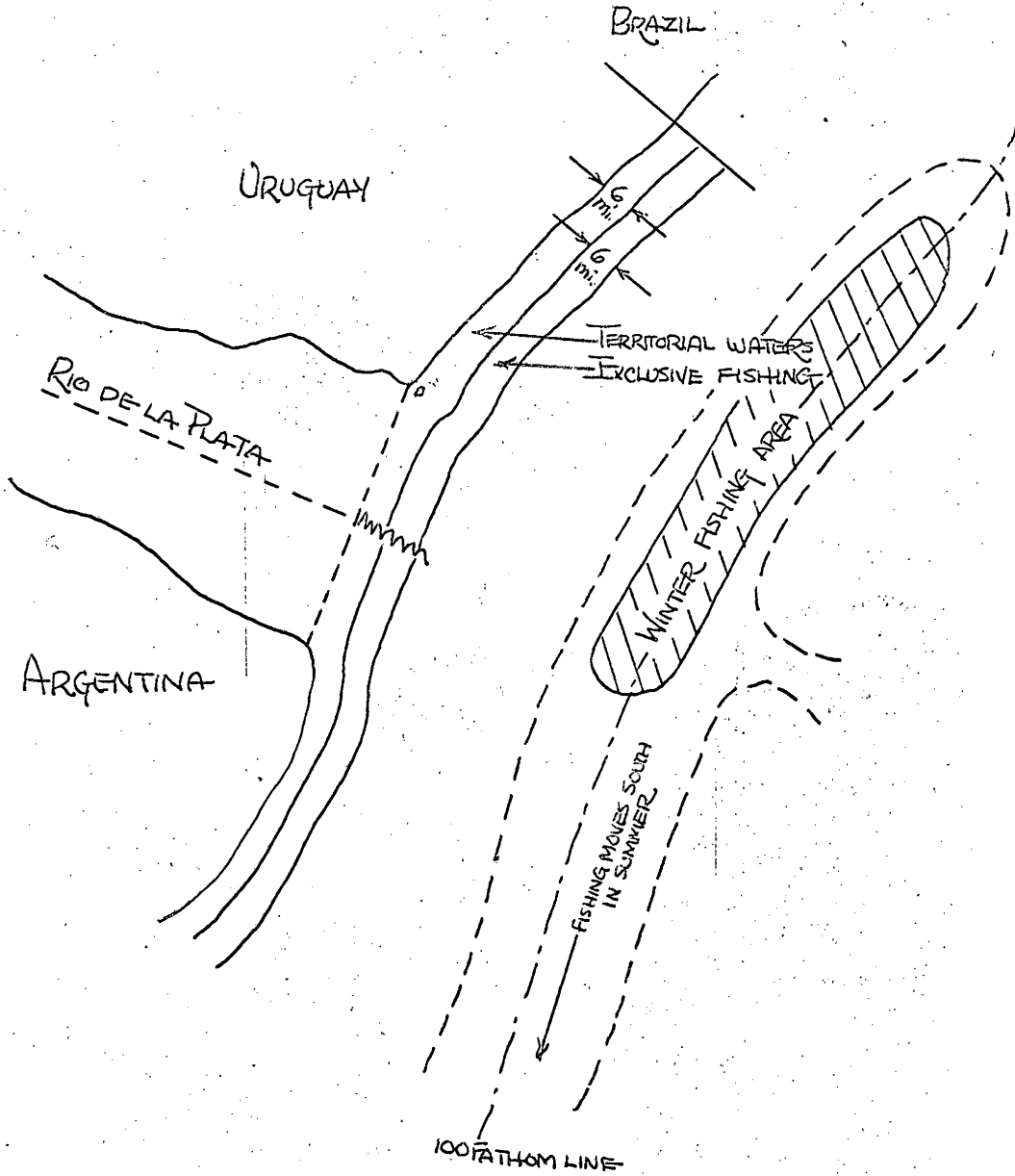
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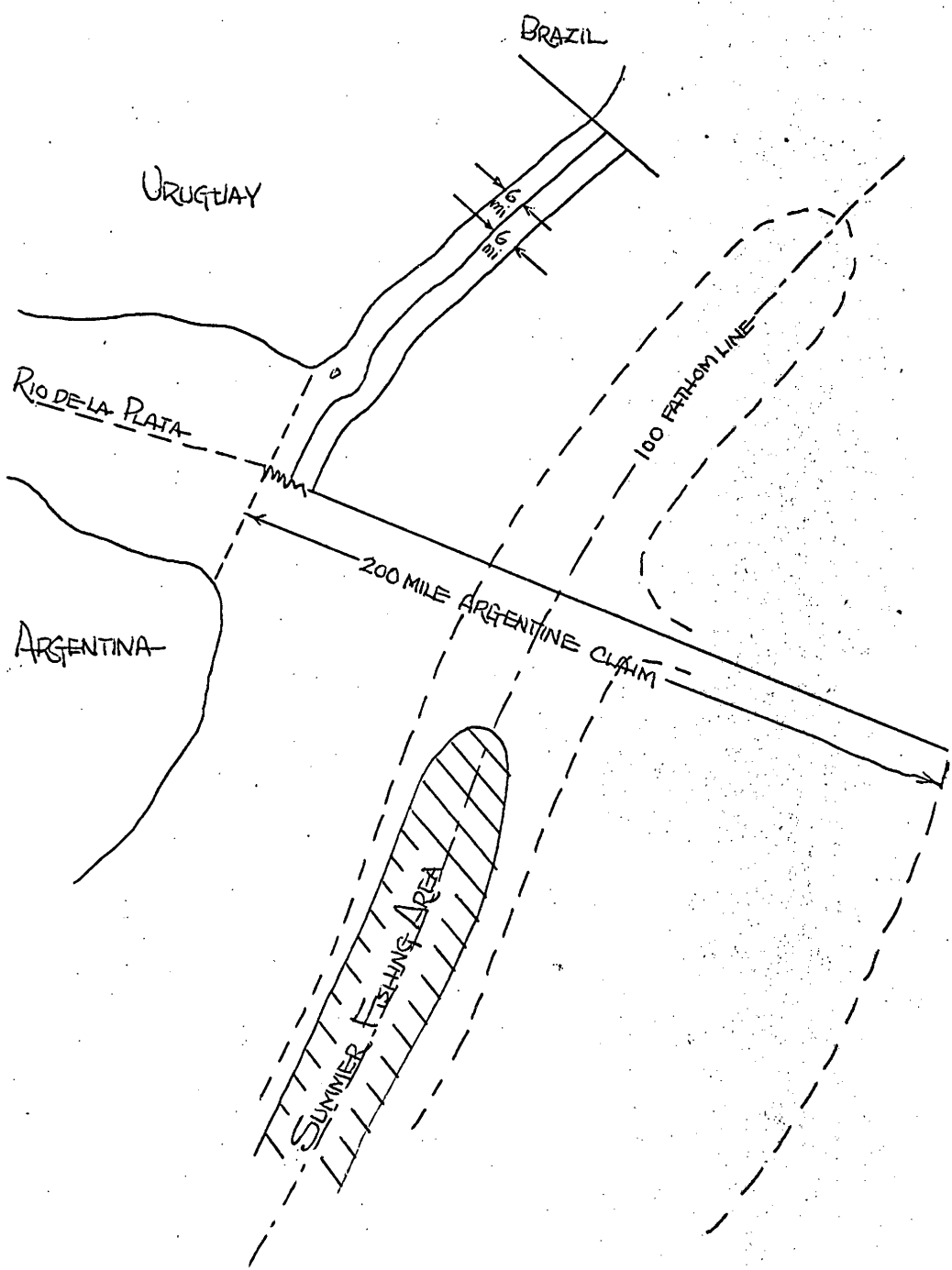
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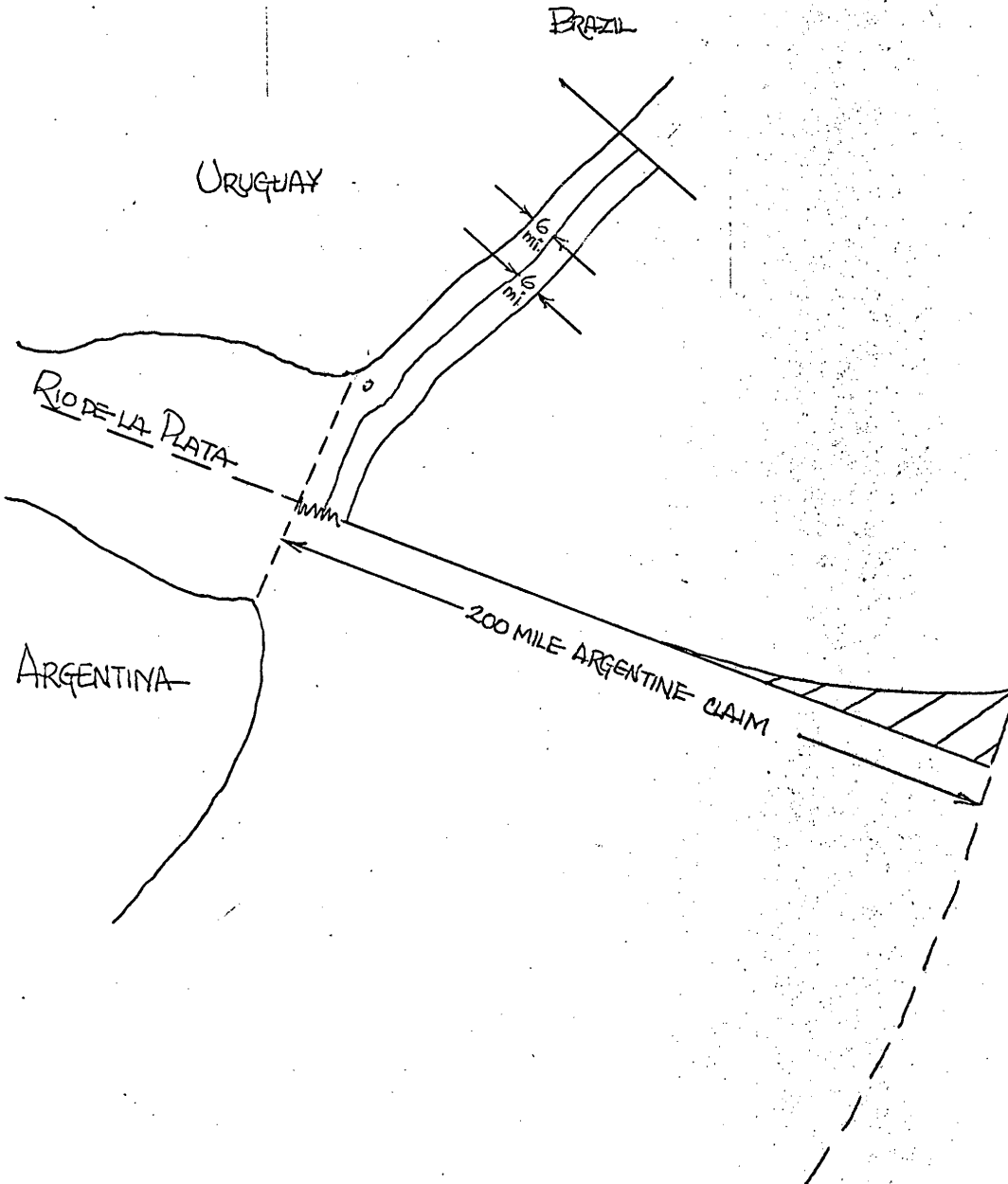
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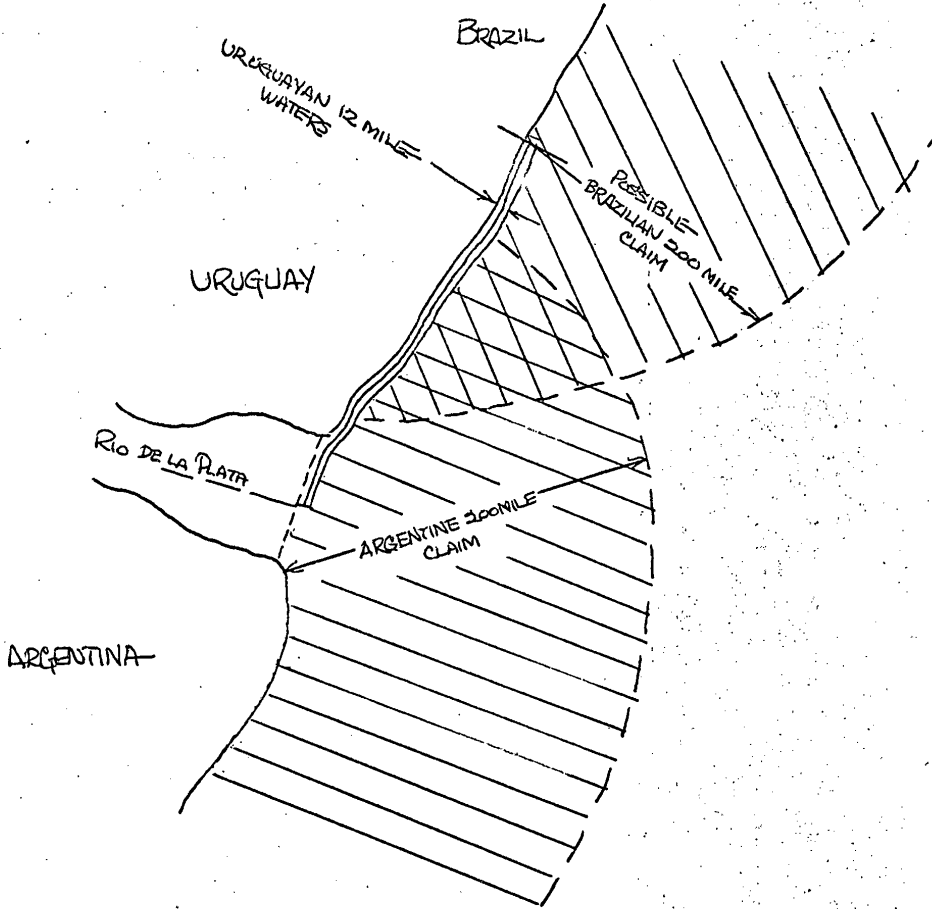
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