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SUGGESTIONS OF STAFF INTELLIGENCE GROUP

(NOTE: Please take 3 below as a check list. I wrote it just to assure myself that the coverage was adequate. I am obviously not in position to know if any of these points should be treated.)

Relative to Brazil - Section III.

1. Marginal comments mostly minor and to do with a division into sub-sections obviously needed. Ones I have aren't right, but can be adapted.
2. The chapter in general seems somewhat generalised, dealing chiefly with the fact that Brazil has everything to gain and nothing to lose through promoting hemisphere and world peace. Sometimes seems as if the paper went to great lengths to say rather simple and obvious things, but perhaps not.
3. Though I perceived possible gaps in the treatment, UK is disposed of in rather long historical background as having been once a factor in Brazil but no more. Is this enough to say about UK? Would think that British Empire would necessarily be a factor in thinking of almost any country like Brazil and that Brazil-UK relations might deserve a word.

Picture one gets of USSR is that there is a minimum of trade and a maximum of Red scare, adding up to no relations of any consequence and limitless vistas of favorable policy in this regard. Is this whole picture?

Likewise ERP. Evident that Brazilians would like ERP better if they get in on it, but is there any chance that their desires in this respect and perception of an exceptional opportunity to chisel on US, might lead them to non-cooperation with ERP which might have any significant effect on it?

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As to UN, are there any possible exceptions to what seems to be the general rule that Brazil will follow US lead in matters of consequence? Would it be a good idea to indicate Brazil's leanings in principal matters before GA now such as Palestine, Indonesia, etc?

Not being Spanish, suppose Brazil isn't part of Hispanidad; if so, what would be their outlook on Franco who might pop into the picture again some time? Are there any sentimental or other ties to Portugal which would be worth mentioning?

Section IV.

All suggestions are penciled on text. Someone should go over them and see that no context is ruined. Think personally this comprehensive treatment is good and ought to have been followed in more SR's.