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TO THE WHITE HOUSE

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TO: SECRETARY KISSINGER EYES ONLY SENSITIVE
FROM: [REDACTED] BRASILIA 20005
SAW PRESIDENT MEDICI FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR

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[REDACTED] HE
WAS VERY CORDIAL AND RELAXED. HE SAW ME AT HIS FARM WEARING SLACKS
AND A BRIGHT GREEN SPORT SHIRT.
HE EXPRESSED WARM APPRECIATION TO PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY
FOR HAVING SENT ME TO SEE HIM. I CONVEYED YOUR MESSAGES.
MEDICI WAS DELIGHTED THAT THERE IS NO IMPENDING CHANGE IN OUR
POLICY TOWARDS CUBA AND SAID THAT BRAZIL FELT WE DID NOT NEED
CUBA UNTIL LATTER GAVE SOME INDICATION OF HAVING ABANDONED
INTERVENTION IN AFFAIRS OF NEIGHBORS.
MEDICI SAID THAT BRAZIL WISHED PERON WELL AS HE WAS ALMOST
LAST HOPE FOR ANY KIND OF ORDER IN ARGENTINA. HE FELT IT WISE
FOR ME TO SEE HIM AND VELASCO AND WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT
I WOULD SEE PINOCHET. HE SAID THAT BRAZIL WAS COMMITTED TO CHILE
GOVERNMENT'S SUCCESS AND HAD DONE AND WOULD DO EVERYTHING
POSSIBLE TO HELP THEM. HE WOULD LIKE TO COORDINATE ASSISTANCE
TO CHILEANS WITH US TO AVOID DUPLICATION.
MEDICI EXPRESSED CONCERN AT PERUVIAN RECEIPT OF SOVIET ARMS
ORIGINALLY INTENDED FOR ALLENDE. SAID U.S. AND BRAZIL MUST CONCERT
TO AVOID ANY CONFLICT.
I TOLD MEDICI THAT LATIN AMERICANS SHOULD NOT EXPECT SECRETARY
KISSINGER TO PULL ANY RABBITS OUT OF HAT AT MEXICO CITY BUT USA
WAS SINCERELY DESIROUS OF ESTABLISHING NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH
NEIGHBORS BASED ON JUSTICE NOT SIZE OR STRENGTH. MEDICI PRAISED
GENEROUS U.S. GESTURE TO PANAMA AND HOPED IT WOULD BE UNDERSTOOD
AS SUCH BY THE PANAMANIAN.
I SAID WE LOOKED FORWARD TO CLOSER RELATIONSHIP AND EXCHANGE OF
INTELLIGENCE WITH BRAZILIANS. PRESIDENT HAD CHOSEN EXTRAORDINARILY
ABLE AMBASSADOR WHO ENJOYED HIS TOTAL CONFIDENCE AND THAT OF
SECRETARY OF STATE. PRESIDENT MEDICI SAID AMBASSADOR CRIMMINS
ABSOLUTELY FIRST CLASS AND EASILY MOST ABLE AND DISTINGUISHED
FOREIGN DIPLOMAT IN BRAZIL IN RECENT YEARS.

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MEDICI PRAISED STRONG U.S. ACTION IN MIDDLE EAST AND ABILITY TO MATCH AND SURPASS SOVIET AIRLIFT FOLLOWED BY SECRETARY'S ABLE BRINGING OF ARABS AND ISRAELIS TOGETHER. HE SAID THAT LEBANESE FOREIGN MINISTER HAD GIVEN HIM LONG, WRONG ACCOUNT OF MIDDLE EAST EVENTS. MEDICI ALSO PRAISED U.S. INCREASE OF DEFENSE BUDGET WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY PURSUING NEGOTIATING TRACK. SAID SOVIET THREAT STILL SERIOUS AND BRAZILIANS AWARE OF IT. MAJOR CLOUD WAS RISE IN OIL PRICES BUT "SECRETARY KISSINGER WAS WORKING ON IT AND IF HE WAS WORKING ON IT THERE WOULD BE RESULTS." BRAZILIANS WERE KEENLY LOOKING FORWARD TO SECRETARY'S VISIT. PRESIDENT MEDICI CONTRASTED DISORDERLY SITUATION HE FOUND ON ASSUMING THE PRESIDENCY WITH CURRENT TRANQUILLITY IN BRAZIL. ONLY REAL SHADOW WAS THREAT OF WHAT MUCH HIGHER OIL PRICES WOULD MEAN TO BRAZIL. MEDICI SAID HE HAD BEEN VERY LUCKY IN ACHIEVING WIDESPREAD CONSENSUS OF BRAZILIANS AND COULD WITH CLEAR CONSCIENCE PASS ON GOVERNMENT TO HIS SUCCESSOR. IN RETIREMENT AS IN PRESIDENCY HE WOULD REMAIN FRIEND AND ADMIRER OF THE U.S. AND BELIEVED DEEPLY THAT SURVIVAL OF FREEDOM WAS TIED TO POWER AND RESOLVE OF THE U.S. AND ITS COURAGEOUS PRESIDENT WHOM HE FELT WOULD PREVAIL OVER THE LITTLE MEN WHO WERE TRYING TO BRING HIM DOWN. FULLER REPORT ON MY RETURN.
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