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E.O. 12065: RDS-3 5/3/02 (MOTLEY, LANGHORNE A.) OR -M

TAGS: OVIP (FIGUEIREDO, JOAO)

SUBJECT: FIGUEIREDO VISIT: HANDLING OF FALKLANDS ISSUE

1. ~~(C)~~ - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. IN U.S.-BRAZIL DISCUSSIONS OF THE FALKLANDS CRISIS DURING PRESIDENT FIGUEIREDO'S VISIT, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR U.S. SIDE TO EXPRESS UNDERSTANDING OF THE BOX THAT BRAZIL IS IN WITH REGARD TO ITS NEED TO MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS WITH ITS NEIGHBOR. U.S. SIDE SHOULD ASK FOR SIMILAR UNDERSTANDING OF U.S. POSITION.

3. GOB IS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE CRISIS AS REGARDS FACTORS BEARING ON BRAZIL'S OWN SECURITY: THE EFFECTS ON ARGENTINE DOMESTIC SECURITY AND THE POSSIBILITY OF A SERIOUS INCREASE OF SOVIET INFLUENCE IN ARGENTINA. U.S. INTERLOCUTORS SHOULD BE PREPARED ACCORDINGLY.

4. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL, WE BELIEVE, TO WORK THE FOLLOWING THEMES INTO A TOAST OR OTHER PUBLIC STATEMENT:

A. U.S. RECOGNITION OF THE STRONG, SPECIAL TIES THAT DERIVE FROM OUR EARLIER ASSOCIATION IN CARRYING OUT OUR COLLECTIVE SECURITY RESPONSIBILITIES.

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

B. THE COMMEMORATION OF V-E DAY ON MAY 8, BOTH IN THE U.S. AND BRAZIL, REMINDED PEOPLE IN BOTH COUNTRIES OF OUR SUCCESS IN A GREAT CAUSE. MOTLEY

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