



EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CONFIDENTIAL
Brasilia, Brazil

JML

1. REL
~~2. CR~~
March 9, 3 1973 3. O.M.
~~4. CR~~

OFFICIAL INFORMAL

5. EP ~~cc: LW~~

The Honorable
Stanley M. Cleveland
Deputy Chief of Mission
American Embassy
Brasilia

February 15, 1973
DM

R 2/18/73

Dear Stan:

Thanks for your letters of February 15 and 28. I was much interested in Alex Watson's report on his conversation with Rafael Medici.

I am afraid, however, that I cannot throw any light on the gentleman of whom I had not heard. I know Roberto reasonably well and Sergio only slightly. Alex's report on Otavio Costa's problems conform to what he himself told me. Of course, Otavio, being Geisel's man in the presidency, would not likely be fired under these circumstances. The immediate question politically seems to us to be: "Has Medici, or has he not, made a definite commitment to Ernesto?" We were interested that both the Ambassador and Diego, when they were here, were of the view that the matter was still open. We are still hoping for some bio information from you on the various candidates.

With regard to your request that the various offices in this building recognize the shift from Rio to Brasilia, we will do our best to see that this is done. Certainly, anything that is cleared through here would show it, but it is always possible that occasional slips will occur.

Sincerely,

Stephen Low, Esquire
ARA-LA/BR - Room 4906
Department of State
Washington, D.C.

Stephen Low
Director
Office of Brazilian Affairs

P.S. As Diego has undoubtedly told you, Lincoln Gordon has no significant addition to make to a bio on Orlando Geisel.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
CONFIDENTIAL
GDS

DECLASSIFIED
Authority NN064364