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1. AT THE END OF A LONG CONVERSATION ON SUNDAY WITH ROBERTO CAMPOS, HE GAVE ME HIS PERSONAL VIEW OF MAGALHAES PINTO'S CURRENT OBJECTIVES. HE STATED THAT MAGALHAES PINTO IS SEEKING A SUBJECT OF CONTROVERSY BETWEEN BRAZIL AND THE UNITED STATES. HE ESPECIALLY WISHES A CONTROVERSY WHICH HE CAN BLAME ON THE CASTELLO BRANCO GOVERNMENT. IF HE CAN FIND SOME SUCH ISSUE, HE HOPES TO EXPLOIT THE WIDESPREAD FEELING IN BRAZIL OF EXCESSIVE AMERICAN INFLUENCE (PERHAPS MORE BRIEFLY DESCRIBED AS ANTI-AMERICANISM) AND ALSO TO DAMAGE HIS POLITICAL OPPONENTS OF THE CASTELLO CAMP. IN CAMPOS' VIEW THIS IS WHY MAGALHAES PINTO IS STIRING UP SO MUCH POLITICAL DISCUSSION ON THE NUCLEAR ISSUE AND ALSO THE REASON THAT HE IS TOYING WITH THE DOUBLE TAXATION TREATY. CAMPOS, CURIOUSLY ENOUGH, DOESN'T SEEM TO BE AWARE OF THE F-5 ISSUE.

2. IF CAMPOS IS CORRECT ABOUT MAGALHAES PINTO'S TACTICS, THEN MAGALHAES MUST BE DROOLING IN ANTICIPATION OF A RIGID US POSICON "AFTER OCTOBER 1" ON SUPERSONIC AIRCRAFT. MAGALHAES PINTO IS VERY WEAK VIS A VIS BRAZILIAN MILITARY WHO ARE WATCHING HIS PERFORMANCE CAREFULLY AND SKEPTICALLY. IF THE US IS UNABLE TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING ON THE F-5 THIS FALL, THIS MIGHT OFFER MAGALHAES A MOST ATTRACTIVE POLITICAL ISSUE. HE, BY SUPPORTING THE DECISION TO BUY THE MIRAGE, COULD STRENGTHEN HIS WEAKEST POLITICAL FLANK. AFTER ALL, THE NUCLEAR ISSUE, HAS, OVER RECENT WEEKS BEEN CONSIDERABLY DEFUSED AND THE DOUBLE TAXATION TREATY CAN ONLY ARTIFICIALLY BE ESCALATED INTO A HOT PLITICAL ISSUE. TUTHILL

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