

# TELEGRAM

OUTGOING

AMERICAN EMBASSY  
BRASILIA, D.F.

Foreign Service of the  
United States of America

*Pal 15*

Charge:

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
Nov 25 1968  
Classification

Control: 3211

Date: November 25, 1968

ACTION: AMEMBASSY RIO DE JANEIRO

IMMEDIATE 1476

Brasília 3211

1. At his request, Emboffs Low and DeWitt called on Chairman Foreign Affairs Committee Padilha. Latter emphasized speaking entirely in private capacity as friend of Embassy and USGovernment. Said he was not "man of the Palace", that he had had closer ties with former government, *but that* Nevertheless, ~~the~~ thought he understood present ~~group~~ *well.*

Following publication in Sunday's Diario de Noticias of Politis story on reported invitation by Nixon to Lacerda, Furtado, ~~Kut%~~ Kubitschek, etc. to advise him on Alliance for Progress ~~money~~, ~~Rask~~ Padilha had received many calls and inquiries. Said of course he did not credit the story with validity, but in view of known close contacts between Politis and Lacerda, many were concerned about it. He therefore thought it would be wise for Embassy to communicate with the GOB informally, *explaining* ~~ing~~ them that the story had no basis in fact. Alternatively, he

Drafted by: SLow/fws/11/25/68

Approving Officer:

Concurrence:

DECLASSIFIED  
Authority NND53155

CONFIDENTIAL  
Classification

# TELEGRAM

OUTGOING

Foreign Service of the  
United States of America

Charge:

CONFIDENTIAL

Classification

Control:

-2-

Date:

said perhaps someone in Nixon's staff in New York might want to set the record clear. Low commented that social columns filled largely with <sup>fake</sup> ~~fake~~ were <sup>appearing</sup> ~~appearing~~ all the time and that it hardly seemed worthwhile to deny each one, but Padilha repeated that he thought this should be handled as a special case.

2. Padilha supposed that this report might be based on misunderstanding by Politis of Lacerda comment concerning his conversation with Nixon in which latter may have said something <sup>about being</sup> like he was always interested in views of prominent Brazilians.

3. While this may be the case, origin of story could be quite different. From this vantage point, I recommend article and <sup>to it</sup> reaction be reported promptly to Washington in order inform Department and Nixon staff and inquire whether story might have any basis in recent activity. *Padilha report of*

LOW

Drafted by:

Approving Officer:

Concurrence:

DECLASSIFIED  
Authority NNDE3155

CONFIDENTIAL

Classification