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SUBJECT: GUIDANCE ON US POSTURE

1. DEPARTMENTAL SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED WEDNESDAY AID PROGRAMS IN BRAZIL ARE "UNDER REVIEW." GOB SEEMS TO THINK THIS MAY BE BLUFF BUT WASHINGTON IS SERIOUS AND REACTED NEGATIVELY TO DELFIM'S STATEMENT THAT EVEN QS WOULD NOT AFFECT USAID, A STATEMENT NOT COORDINATED WITH US.

2. WE ARE NOT HAPPY ABOUT RECENT EVENTS. THIS IS BASIC POLICY WHICH ALL USG PERSONNEL INSTRUCTED TO OBSERVE. WE SHOULD NOT AGREE WITH OFFICIAL GOB JUSTIFICATIONS OR INDICATE RESIGNATION TO RECENT CHANGES. AT SAME TIME WE MUST AVOID DIRECT CONFLICT, PREACHING OR MORALIZING WHICH COULD PROVOKE EXTREME RESPONSES. THIS APPROACH WILL CALL FOR DISCRETION, TACT AND FIRMNESS.

4. PRESS STATEMENTS SHOULD BE AVOIDED. PRINCIPAL OFFICERS IN THEIR DISCRETION MAY APPROACH INFLUENTIAL BRAZILIANS PRIVATELY TO EXPLAIN OUR REACTION. IF AID QUESTION RAISED US PRESS, PUBLIC, AND CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES MAY BE MENTIONED. AS FACT LIKELY MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR US TO COLLABORATE WITH GOB.

5. MINIMIZE WITHOUT GIVING OFFENSE ALL PUBLIC CONTACT USG CIVILIAN OR MILITARY ELEMENTS WITH BRAZILIAN MILITARY WHICH COULD BE CONSTRUED BY LATTER OR GENERAL PUBLIC AS SUPPORT.

6. USAID TAKING NO INITIATIVES WITH GOB, BUT PLANS MEET CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS. TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND FOOD FOR PEACE CONTINUING, PENDING COUNTERPART RELEASES BEING PROCESSED BUT WILL BE SPACED OUT OVER A FEW WEEKS. MAJOR PROJECT LOANS AND \$50 MILLION TRANCHE ON 1968 PROGRAM LOAN IN SUSPENSE PENDING FURTHER GUIDANCE. TECHNICIANS AND PEACE CORPS SHOULD MAINTAIN NORMAL CONTACTS AND RELATIONS.

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