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TO: AMERICAN EMBASSY RIO DE JANEIRO
FOR: COL. MOURA FROM LT. COL. CALLERO
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1. RECEIVED CALL SATURDAY NIGHT FROM FAIRLY SENIOR OFFICER PRESIDENCIA WHO SAID WANTED TALK AMERICAN FRIEND. THEN PROCEEDED DESCRIBE HOW AGENCIA NACIONAL, AN ORGAN OF ~~THE~~ BRAZILIAN REVOLUTION, HAD AGREED TO VOICE AMERICA REQUEST SET UP NET RETRANSMIT APOLLO SHOT ANNOUNCEMENTS. IN MIDDLE OF BROADCAST APPEARED NEWS ANNOUNCEMENT DICTATORSHIP IN BRAZIL. MAN IN CHARGE NET CUT VOICE AMERICA OFF AIR. (CHECK KENT USIS FOR DETAILS) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

~~FOR DETAILS XXXX~~

2. IN ~~A~~ HALF HOUR PASSIONATE QUASI-MONOLOGUE MADE FOLLOWING INTERESTING REMARKS:

A) ACT OF VOICE AMERICA BREACH OF FAITH. BRAZIL IS MAKING A REVOLUTION, TRYING TO MAKE DEMOCRACY WORKABLE. NOT FUNCTION OFFICIAL ORGAN US GOVERNMENT TO CRITIZE BRAZIL IN BROADCAST TO LATIN AMERICA.

B) TOLD HIM REACTION IN US APPEARS VERY UNFAVORABLE EVENTS BRAZIL WITH LOSS OF HUMAN RIGHTS, CONCERN FOR FUTURE,

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ETC. REPLIED US PRESS CAN SAY WHAT WANT BUT WHAT US
THINK IF OFFICIAL ORGAN BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT BROADCAST
TO US LIKE PEKING AND MOSCOW THE PLIGHT OF AMERICAN
NEGRO. (COMMENT: SUBJECT NEGRO IN US APPEARING
FAVORITE WHIPPING BOY WHEN MENTION ~~LOSS~~^{LOSS} HUMAN RIGHTS
IN BRAZIL.)

C) AS FOR FUTURE, WHAT CHANCE BRAZIL HAVE IF EVERY
EFFORT UNDERMINED BY HOSTILE JOURNALISTS AND LEFTIST
FOREIGN PRIESTS ORIENTED AGAINST THEIR OWN POPE IN AN
INTENSELY CATHOLIC NATION (HE IS NON-PRACTICING). BRAZIL
MUST TAKE STRONG ACTIONS.

D) ONLY RICH NATION SUCH AS US CAN AFFORD A SIX-
MONTH LONGSHOREMAN STRIKE. A STRIKE LIKE THAT WOULD
SET A DEVELOPING NATION BACK THREE YEARS. BRAZIL MUST
PROTECT HER WORKERS UNDER LABOR LAWS. DEMOCRACY MUST
TAKE A DIFFERENT FORM IN DEVELOPING COUNTRY.

E) THE PEOPLE ARE HAPPY. THEY FAVOR WHAT HAPPENED.
WHY DOESN'T ~~THE~~ US EMBASSY WITH ALL ITS KNOW-HOW
~~PERFORM A~~ RESEARCH ON PUBLIC ATTITUDE AND ~~IT~~^{IT} WILL SEE FOR ITSELF.
~~THEMSELVES.~~

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3. CONVERSATION WAS STRICTLY PERSONAL BUT I PROMISED PASS ON HIS REMARKS TO WHICH HE NOT OBJECT. HE CLOSED CONVERSATION WITH MERRY CHRISTMAS AND INVITE TO LUNCH. HOWEVER, MUST PONDER AT WHAT POINT BRAZILIAN SUPER SENSITIVITY TO US CRITICISMS WILL BEGIN STRAIN ON GOING ^{US} RELATIONSHIPS WITH SUPPORTERS OF REVOLUTION.

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