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1. (S)

[REDACTED] AND IS RELIABLE, WELL INFORMED, INTELLIGENT,
AND FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD THE U.S.
DISCUSSED WITH ME THE MATTER OF FOREIGN
REACTIONS TO THE 13 DECEMBER TIGHTENING UP
UNDER INSTITUTIONAL ACT NO. 5 (IA-5)

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IN SAO PAULO JUST AFTER CHRISTMAS TO ASSESS
THE IMPACT ABROAD OF IA-5. HE SAID THAT THE
ELEVEN OLONELS DECIDED OUT OF HAND THAT THEY
DID NOT CARE WHAT THE REST OF LATIN AMERICA
OR EUROPE THOUGHT. THEY DID CARE WHAT THE US
PRESS AND THE US GOVERNMENT THOUGHT, BUT THEY
BELIEVED THAT BRAZILIAN SOLUTIONS HAD TO BE
FOUND FOR BRAZILIAN PROBLEMS AND THAT IA-5
WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED DESPITE THE ESSENTIALLY
NEGATIVE IMPACT IN THE UNITED STATES.

2. (S) SOURCE WAS ASKED WHETHER HE AND HIS
COLLEAGUES HAD CONSIDERED THE LIKELIHOOD OF
EXCESSES UNDER IA-5 PLACING THE U.S. GOVERNMENT
IN A POSITION OF HAVING TO DEPLORE
PUBLICLY THOSE ACTIONS AND PERHAPS EVEN
TAKING APPROPRIATE MEASURES IN THE ECONOMIC
ASSISTANCE FIELD TO DEMONSTRATE ITS UNHAPPINESS.
HE REPLIED, WITH SOME EMOTION, THAT
THE CONTINGENCY OF ECONOMIC SANCTIONS HAD
BEEN DISCUSSED, AND THAT IT HAD BEEN AGREED
THAT, IF SUCH WERE TO OCCUR, IMMEDIATE COUNTERACTION

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WOULD BE TAKEN AGAINST AMERICAN BUSINESS INTERESTS IN BRAZIL. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE OFFICERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING WITH HIM AS MODERATES WHO SINCERELY HOPED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT IMPOSE PENALTIES ON BRAZIL, BECAUSE THE CURRENT MOOD OF THE BRAZILIAN OFFICER CORPS COULD GENERATE IRREVERSIBLE NEGATIVE REACTIONS WHICH COULD SEVERELY DAMAGE LONG-TERM BRAZILIAN-US RELATIONS.

3. (S) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THAT OFFICERS WITH WHOM THAT SOURCE MAINTAINS DAILY CONTACT HAVE REFLECTED ESSENTIALLY SAME POSTURE WITH RESPECT TO ACTIONS THEY WOULD RECOMMEND TO THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT IN THE EVENT OF US ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE REPRISALS OVER IA-5.

COMMENT: (S) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OFTEN ARE ACCUSED OF OVER-IDENTIFICATION WITH THE U.S. BUT HAVE INDIVIDUAL RECORDS OF STEADFAST PRIVATE AND PUBLIC GESTURES DESIGNED TO PROMOTE BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. GP-3
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