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Country Director  
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Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Jack:

Many thanks for your recent letter enclosing the final version of the CASP.

We have just had a meeting this afternoon to discuss how to handle the foreign military sales items in Decision Memorandum No. 37. We feel that to tell the Brazilian military authorities bluntly that we did not offer them an FY 69 FMS program because we did not like their politics would add a large and very unnecessary irritant to our relations, and that the spirit of the decision can be met and, in fact, has already to some extent been met, by more suave means.

The preliminary information on this subject which you so helpfully furnished us, plus the stance we have adopted in the last several months on all such matters, has enabled us to convey to the Brazilian authorities, including the military, the fact that their political situation is creating problems for us in our ability to cooperate with them. If any Brazilian military authority asks about FMS, we have agreed that we will refer to the problems of the last few months, suggest that we will be glad to discuss the subject with him to whatever extent he may be interested, but urge that specific requests to Washington be postponed until after President Costa e Silva has announced the reopening of Congress.

With FY 69 already gone, it seems of questionable utility to make specific reference to the program for that year.

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Few Brazilians are clear about just how our fiscal activities work, so it is our plan to fuzz up any discussion of specific FY authorizations. This would avoid having to make it clear that a year has, in fact, been missed, at least until we can have a clearer idea of the future for this program with Brazil.

Sincerely,

William Belton  
Deputy Chief of Mission

Dear Bill:

I appreciate very much your kind letter of July 22 with your invitation to take you in Rio for the Principal Officers meeting to be held August 26 - 28. Unfortunately, we are scheduled to occupy the house we have rented at the end of August, which will necessitate my presence here with the postboys and to help get the family settled. Once settled, and with the kids off to school again, I would be in a position to make my first visit to Brazil. I have been thinking in terms of three weeks at the end of September and early October. How does this strike you?

It is unfortunate that I cannot arrive on time for the Principal Officers meeting, but I would expect to visit several of the posts, at least Rio Paulo, Brasilia, Recife and possibly Bahia and Belen during my stay.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Robert W. Dean  
Brazil Country Director

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